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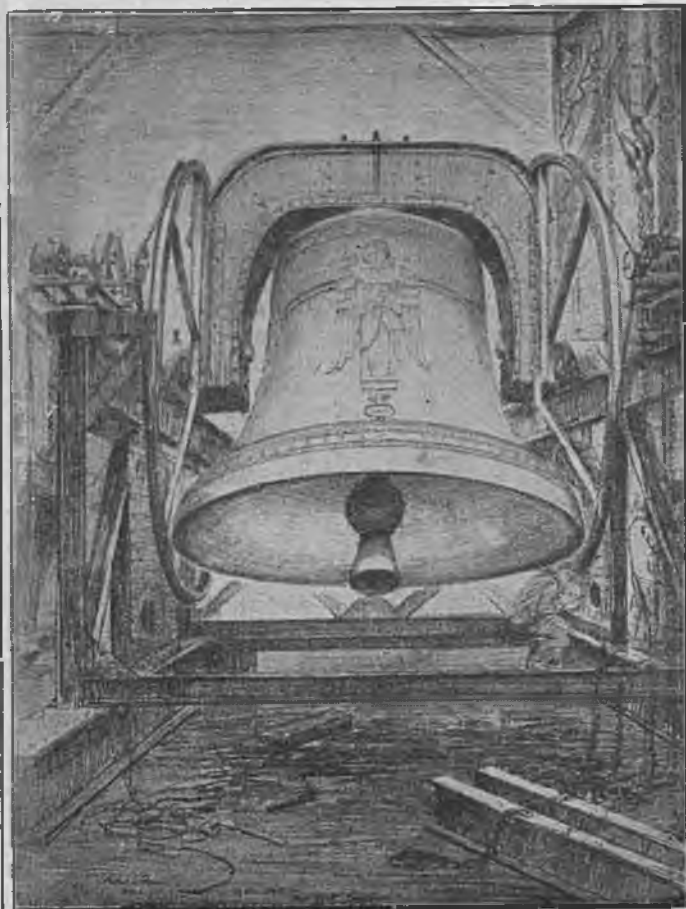
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### THE LIVERPOOL MEETING.

Another Central Council meeting has come and gone, and ringers will examine the proceedings to see what has been done. Many of those who read the reports of the meetings are apt to judge the results from the standpoint of their own particular interests. This view often leads to the idea that there has been little business transacted, because only those things which make an individual appeal stand out conspicuously in the retrospect. For this reason there may be a good many ringers, and some members of the Council among them, who will not look upon the Liverpool meeting as one of the most interesting of the series or productive of results equal to some other similar gatherings. And yet, on the broader view, while the meeting lacked any great controversial development, we think it will be found that the proceedings were not entirely devoid of usefulness. For instance, definite steps were taken to come to grips with the question of the Council's constitution and a special committee appointed to go into the whole question, after the Standing Committee's vague and half-hearted attempt at revision had been rather badly muddled in its presentation to the Council. Then the difficulties which had held up the publication of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' were smoothed out by a compromise which the Standing Committee had arranged, although at one point it looked as if their efforts in this direction were to be upset by a member of the Methods Committee. If the compromise robbed the meeting of a certain liveliness of debate, it made possible the immediate completion and the early issue of a long awaited and valuable publication. In addition, steps were taken to put in hand the next book of the series, which is to comprise the Triples Methods, and this, in itself, should prove of great practical use to ringers, and should encourage and extend the variety of seven-bell methods rung. Again, for the benefit of ringers, it was decided to prepare a work on the variation of compositions, which, in the absence of a register of these productions—which was generally considered to be impracticable—will be a guide and help especially to young composers venturing into, for them, an unknown field. And last, but not least, we may mention the action of the Council in setting the national seal to the scheme which has been promoted by 'The Ringing World' for the commemoration of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman. Other matters were discussed and decided, and the routine business of the Council transacted, and if these things were humdrum and unexciting, the work done was nevertheless useful. The Liverpool meeting touched the affairs of the Exercise at many points; it may not have been of

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outstanding interest, but it was well worth while. For those of the members, however, who found the proceedings duller than they would have liked, there was ample compensation in the manner of their reception and entertainment both by the Lancashire Association and the Lord Mayor of the city. Rarely, if ever, have the Council been so hospitably treated and their comfort so carefully studied.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... .. Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 6
KEITH HART ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 8
ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 9
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 5	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. Tenor

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

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. Treble	*FRED HAWKES ... .. 6
*ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 7
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 9
*HAROLD F. MARTIN ... .. 5	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich Royal by the rest, on the bells, and for the association.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

CHARLES H. SONE ... .. Treble	CYRIL W. A. BROWN ... .. 6
HARRY BAKER ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 7
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 8
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... .. 4	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... .. 9
WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 5	ALBERT RALFE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal of Erin Caters for the association and the Guild. First peal of Erin for all the band, and rung without any previous practice.

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MAURICE SMITH ... .. Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 8
*GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 9
JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* 150th peal. First peal of Royal on the bells, and first peal of Surprise Royal in the county.

BRISTOL.—On St. George's Day, at St. Ambrose's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: B. C. Worsdell 1, S. Riches 2, A. Knight 3, G. S. Wiltshire 4, A. T. Maggs 5, T. Marsh 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, J. Cox 8. First quarter-peal (in the method) by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 6th and tenor.

APPLETON, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tuesday, May 26, 1931, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

# A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK C. WHITE ... Treble	CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
†SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.  
\* First attempt at Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung on the eve of Mrs. G. Holifield sen.'s birthday.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

# A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

CHARLES EDWARDS ... Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 6
WALTER LAGO ... 2	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL ... 8
*WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 4	ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 9
EDWARD V. RODENHORST ... 5	HENRY J. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.  
\* 150th peal. Arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. H. Hughes, who had been churchwarden for nearly fifty years. The interment took place during the afternoon.

NOTTINGHAM.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

# A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM THORNLEY ... Treble	NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... 6
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 2	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3	ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
FRANK BRADLEY ... 4	GEORGE WEST ... 9
SAMUEL PINDER ... 5	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by WALTER AYE. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.  
\* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a thanksgiving for the recovery from a serious illness of Mr. H. R. Cobbin, the Ringing Master at St. Peter's. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells, and believed to be the first of Bob Royal on tower bells in the county.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,

# A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*HENRY WILLIAMS ... Treble	*FREDERICK W. MARSHALL ... 6
*MISS LUCY WILLOUGHBY ... 2	REGINALD A. WATTS ... 7
*MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 3	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 8
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 4	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 9
WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... 5	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.  
\* First ten-bell peal. Ringers of 4 and 9 are from Plymouth, the remainder are members of the Cathedral company. Rung within the octave of Whit Sunday. It was regretted that Alan R. Pink (Dorking) was prevented from taking part owing to being hurt in a motorcycle smash on Whit Monday.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

# A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*JACK D. BELL ... Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... 6
ROBERT G. BLACK ... 2	FREDERICK J. TITE ... 7
*BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 3	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 8
HARRY BAXTER ... 4	JOHN J. TAYLOR ... 9
†ARTHUR H. TAYLOR ... 5	ARTHUR TOMPKINS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.  
\* First peal on more than six bells. † First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the fifth.

WALTHAMSTOW.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

# A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble	†ADAM DEAS ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	WILLIAM PYE ... 7
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 3	CHARLES T. COLES ... 8
*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... 9
*JOHN G. NASH ... 5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal 'inside.'

# EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

# A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS BALDWIN ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... 5
JESSE GILLET ... 2	GEORGE CONDIK ... 6
JOHN AUSTIN ... 3	ERNEST E. DAVIS ... 7
FRED PAULSON ... 4	HAROLD E. AUSTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Fred Paulson and H. E. Austin, who were on a visit from Matlock, were elected hon. members before starting the peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, May 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

# A PEAL OF CLARENDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
GEORGE WHITING ... 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... 6
LESLIE C. WHITING ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
GEORGE PRYKE ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.  
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and to the credit of the Suffolk Guild. L. C. Wightman and the conductor have rung a different Surprise peal on each bell in this tower.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
ROLAND BIGGS ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... 7
FRED BIGGS ... 4	FRANK CORKE ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by W. WELLING.

WILLESLEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

# A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKASTER ... Treble	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	WILLIAM PYE ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	HARRY KILBY ... 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung on the 21st birthday of E. C. S. Turner.

IPSWICH.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES SMITH ... .. Treble	ERNEST BLONFIELD ... .. 5
*CLAUDE WOODWARD ... .. 2	JAMES ROSE ... .. 6
WILLIAM KINSEY ... .. 3	GEORGE MORE ... .. 7
JAMES DURRANT ... .. 4	HARRY WELHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by J. ROSE.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 5
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 2	JAMES BETTS ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

HENRY HARRISON ... .. Treble	*FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
*WILLIAM THORNLEY ... .. 2	ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
*SAMUEL PINDER ... .. 3	FREDERICK SALTER ... .. 7
*FREDERICK BROWN ... .. 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\* First peal of Oxford. First as conductor in the method. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

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

MIDDLETON'S.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Treble	WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 5
LESTER GRAY ... .. 2	WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 7
JOHN BROWN ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK LORD ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 2	*JACK BRAY ... .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	HAROLD WALKER ... .. 7
†HAROLD MARCON ... .. 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM E. WATHEN ... Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 5
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 2	JOHN W. WARD ... .. 6
ALBERT A. FLEMING ... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 7
CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich, the band being made up by Mr. W. E. Wathen.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

*WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
*H. JIM RALPH ... .. 2	*HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 6
JESSE B. TYLER ... .. 3	*WILLIAM J. FRY ... .. 7
†EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 4	EDWARD L. G. COWARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by E. G. L. COWARD.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. First touch of Major as conductor. The ringers of 6 and 7 were elected members of the Guild before commencing the peal.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 5
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6
FREDERICK JAMES STEELE ... 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 7
ARTHUR NEWALL ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. F. J. Steele, of Stretford, Manchester, it being also his 50th peal.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

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

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR NEWALL ... .. Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 5
EDWARD HARRISON ... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6
FREDERICK JAMES STEELE ... 3	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR ... .. 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4	ARTHUR TILSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

These two peals were arranged for Messrs. Steele and Peglar.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*ERNEST P. PALMER ... .. Treble	†RONALD W. R. PICTON ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ... .. 6
HARRY L. LONG ... .. 3	RICHARD G. BELL ... .. 7
HERBERT G. MILTON ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal and first attempt. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, May 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS ANNIE POTTER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK GRUNDY ... .. 5
JOHN POTTER ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 6
NORMAN BERRY ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 7
WILLIAM JONES ... .. 4	BRADSHAW KNIGHT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER (No. 10). Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD

Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Norman Berry, grandson of the late James Henry Ridyard, of Worsley. First peal of Stedman on the bells by a lady ringer and quickest peal ever rung on the bells.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Tuesday, April 28th, for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Manchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. Potter 1, Miss Annie Potter (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, B. Welsby 3, Jas. Denner 4, John Denner 5, M. Berry 6, John Potter 7, A. Burton 8.



## SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*NORMAN PATTERSON ... .. Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... .. 5
THOMAS STEPHENSON ... .. 2	JOHN J. LEIGHTON ... .. 6
FRANK AINSLEY ... .. 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 7
DAVID VINCENT ... .. 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. John Naisby, the oldest surviving change ringer of Sunderland, who attained his eightieth birthday on the 17th inst.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 27, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 2	JOHN CLARK ... .. 6
WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 3	EDWIN H. FOSTER ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged for W. Heath, of Cardiff, who commenced ringing at Bridstow.

## WITLEY, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 28, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 4	RAYMOND OVERY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

## NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

## THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Thursday, May 28, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

P.C. NORMAN BAGWORTH ... Treble	P.S. GEORGE SHIPP ... .. 5
INSPR. WILLIAM BOTIRILL ... 2	P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... 6
EX-P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY ... 3	P.C. EDWARD ILOTT ... .. 7
P.S. GEORGE SCHLEUTER ... 4	P.C. THOMAS BANNISTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by P.C. THOS. BANNISTER

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Police Sergeant Albert Lawrence, on completing 26 years' service in the Hertfordshire County Constabulary. The remainder of the band are all members of the Metropolitan Police Guild.

## SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE W. SIMPSON ... .. Treble	SYDNEY E. ANDREW ... .. 5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	RICHARD SMITH ... .. 6
JOHN T. BROWN ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 7
GEORGE W. MILLS ... .. 4	JOHN G. AMES ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES

Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Jarvis, churchwarden, on the eve of his 95th birthday.

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on May 9th, 1,440 Bob Minor, rung in an attempt for a peal: C. Davis (Blagdon) 1, C. Field 2, E. Tossell 3, G. Gilling (Churchill) 4, J. Tossell 5, W. Webb (Ubley) (conductor) 6. Ringers of 2, 3 and 5 from Compton Martin.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of twelve 120's of E. Morris' arrangement and thirty 120's with ten different callings.

THOMAS WISE ... .. Treble	ROWLAND ADAMS ... .. 3
*FRED BENFIELD ... .. 2	GEORGE PARKER ... .. 4
ISAAC BENNETT ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DILLEY ... .. Treble	LEWIS BYWATERS ... .. 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5
STANLEY H. WALLIS ... .. 3	HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. J. Adams, on his induction as Vicar of this parish. The tenor ringer's 25th peal.

## MARHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*HUBERT BIRD ... .. Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 4
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5
†FRED MATTHEWS ... .. 3	EDWARD BARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.'

ILMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten callings. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*FRANK TOFFLEY ... .. Treble	*HAROLD BISHOP ... .. 4
JOHN PERKINS ... .. 2	HORACE TERRY ... .. 5
*PHILLIP TERRY ... .. 3	FREDERICK KINCHIN ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

\* Proposed as members before starting for peal.

## MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES ... .. Treble	ERNEST BENNETT ... .. 4
JACK TIPPER ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 2	*JACK WADMSLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung as a birthday peal to the ringer of the 4th. \* First peal in three methods. This is only the second peal which has been rung on these heavy-going bells.

## PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*B. EVERTON ... .. Treble	S. L. POCOCK ... .. 4
L. WARD ... .. 2	L. G. JORDAN ... .. 5
T. M. JORDAN ... .. 3	E. A. HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. G. JORDAN.

\* First peal. All the ringers belong to Peckleton.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wednesday, May 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,*  
**AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.**  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire in 14 different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.) in G.

CÆSAR DAVIS ... .. Treble	JOHN HOUSE ... .. 4
JEFFERY TOSSELL ... .. 2	HAROLD BLACKER ... .. 5
ERNEST TOSSELL ... .. 3	FRANK GOODLIFFE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKER.

\* First peal in two methods 'inside.' † First peal and proposed a member before starting. First peal in two methods on the bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

COVENTRY.

### THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

*On Thursday, May 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*  
**AT 45, ENGLETON ROAD, RADFORD.**

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

ERNEST SIBLEY ... .. 1-2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 7-8
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Sibley.

LINCOLN.

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*  
**AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE.**

#### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK LORD ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 3-4	HAROLD MARCON ... .. 7-8
HAROLD WALKER ... .. 9-10	

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Witness: H. LESLIE PASK.

LINCOLN.

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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#### A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

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FRANK LORD ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 3-4	HAROLD MARCON ... .. 7-8
HAROLD WALKER ... .. 9-10	

Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

Witness: MRS. J. BRAY.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

### WOOLWICH RINGERS ORGANISE A FETE.

On Whit Monday the ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Woolwich, held a fete and gala in the grounds of the Royal Military Repository with the object of raising the money for the recasting of the church bells.

The opening ceremony was performed by Canon A. M. Pickering (Rector of Woolwich), who was supported by Messrs. B. Aldridge (Master of the ringers), C. Palmer (secretary of the fund) and G. Acott (churchwarden of St. Mary's).

Musical selections were rendered by the Deptford Central Hall band, and displays were given by Miss Cassidy's dancing troupe.

There were various competitions, and the culminating event was a fireworks display by Messrs. C. T. Brock.

### SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### SEVENTH ANNUAL RINGING COMPETITION.

The competition organised by the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, which takes place annually on the Saturday nearest Empire Day, was held at the tower of St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth, Breconshire, on Saturday, May 23rd. The fine peal of six bells were well rung, whilst the Union Jack flew gracefully at the mast on the tower. The Guild was fortunate in that Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, was once more able to fill the role of adjudicator, and his duties were carried out in a most satisfactory manner. The order of ringing, and the points obtained by the several bands, out of a possible of 240, were as follows:—

Nenth ... ..	221
Llanelli, Carmarthen ... ..	207
Cadoxton ... ..	217
St. Mary's, Brecon ... ..	200
Gorseinon ... ..	230
Cefn Coed ... ..	214
Talgarth ... ..	240

Talgarth therefore won the shield, despite the fact that there was a handicap of nine points for the local tower.

There was a company of about eighty ringers present, and all were entertained to a cold luncheon and tea at the Parish Hall. Dr. Gwyn Davies, the Vicar of Talgarth, presided over the gatherings.

Mr. Fussell, in delivering his adjudication after tea, complimented the ringers on such a good muster, and remarked that the standard of ringing was well up to the average of past competitions. The teams were fairly efficient in the methods rung, and kept a fairly good compass. He had much praise for the way the Talgarth band had set about their task in the competition. In the raising of the bells there was no clipping, the changes were rung beautifully with 'hand' leads kept well open, whilst the falling of the bells was well done—the whole a highly satisfactory performance.

Prior to Mr. Fussell's adjudication, Dr. Gwyn Davies extended a very hearty welcome to the ringers to the parish of Talgarth, and expressed the hope that a return visit would not be long delayed. The adjudication over, Mrs. Gwyn Davies very kindly presented the shield to the captain of the Talgarth band (Mr. W. D. Griffiths), also certificates to the captains of Talgarth, Gorseinon (Mr. D. J. Williams) and Nenth (Mr. Harry Boyce) bands. The three captains made suitable acknowledgment, and thanked Mrs. Davies.

The thanks of the ringers were heartily accorded the Vicar, Mrs. Davies, and all the ladies who were responsible for the catering, by Minor Canon H. Gomer Davies (Brecon).—Dr. Gwyn Davies responded on behalf of himself and all who had assisted to make the gathering such a success.

Much credit is due to the parishioners, for through their efforts a sum of £22 2s. 6d. had been collected by various means to meet the expenses connected with the gathering. Warm thanks to Mr. Fussell for the manner he carried out his duties concluded a very happy meeting.

### DEPTFORD BELLS HEARD AGAIN.

After remaining silent, with one or two exceptions, for about three years, the fine old bells of St. Nicholas', Deptford, were rung for the Whitsun service on Sunday morning.

The revival of the bells, which came as a surprise to the people living in the neighbourhood, was due in a large measure to Mr. George H. Daynes, of Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich, who is a churchwarden of St. Nicholas' and a keen ringer. He has taken over the task of teaching a new band of ringers the art of change ringing, and Whit Sunday was their first attempt with the bells open.

Mr. Daynes is being assisted by two members of the church, Miss Jessie Colgate, a lady ringer, and Mr. William Marriott, of Deptford, and every endeavour will be used to ensure that this historic peal is regularly rung, especially for Sunday services.

### GIRL'S FIRST 720.

Miss F. Humphrey, of Folkingham, Lines, who is only 14 years of age, rang her first 720 of Bob Minor recently, when she took part in an extent rung at St. Andrew's Church. Miss F. Humphrey 1, Mrs. P. Humphrey 2, A. Scott 3, H. Gibbard 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, C. Wilkinson 6.

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**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.****SUBSTANTIAL GRANTS TO BELL RESTORATION.**

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Northampton on Whit Monday, and the proceedings were of an enjoyable and successful character. The Guild service was conducted at St. Peter's Church by the Rector, the Rev. E. V. Martin, who also gave a much appreciated address. Over eighty sat down to lunch at the Plough Hotel. The Master, Mr. F. Wilford, presided, and was supported by the Revs. R. C. Thursfield, J.P., E. V. Martin, C. J. Watkins, W. H. Fearis, C. H. L. Hopper, and E. C. Channer, Messrs. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), R. G. Black (secretary), and the following branch secretaries: Rev. R. Howes, Messrs. H. Baxter, T. Tebbutt and W. C. Moore.

The Master gave a hearty welcome to a party of ringers of the Oxford Guild, who were on an outing and ringing in Northampton during their short stay. It was pleasing to see among the other visitors Mr. J. Flint and party from Bolsover, and Mr. O. Sippetts, of Crawley, Sussex.

The report, which was adopted, shows an increase in membership and in funds. There are now 119 towers in union with the Guild, 107 honorary members, 731 ringing members, and 187 non-resident life members, a total of 1,025. There are now nine branches of the Guild. The Central Fund shows a balance on the year of £24 17s. 8d., and was worth at the end of the year £86 13s. 2d.

The Belfry Repairs Fund has a balance of £118 6s. 10d., an increase for the year of £8 2s. 6d. Nine applications for grants from this fund were received, and sums amounting to £62 13s. were granted to Moulton, St. Giles', Northampton, St. Edmund's, Northampton, Harpole, Wicken, Yaxley, St. John's, Peterborough, Corby and Stanwick.

A grant of £5 was also made towards the restoration of St. Benet's, Cambridge, from the Central Fund Account in connection with the Stedman Commemoration.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Northampton.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the various clergy for the use of their bells, and to the Rector of St. Peter's for his address, to the Northampton Branch committee for arrangements made for the meeting, and to the Master for presiding.

All the officers were re-elected with thanks for their past services.

One new rule was passed, viz.: 'That this Guild be affiliated to the Central Council and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.'

Good use was made during the day of the various bells, and some good ringing was enjoyed by the members assembled up to London and Bristol Major and Cambridge Royal.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.****RE-ISSUE OF INSTRUCTION BOOK CONTEMPLATED.**

The 57th annual general meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Plymouth on Whit Monday, when the bells of St. Andrew's, Charles, Emmanuel and Stoke Churches were well employed by members from Bridgerule, Combe Martin, Exeter, Ilfracombe, Kelly, Liffon, Littleham, Marland, Plymouth and Withycombe. A short service was held in St. Andrew's Church, conducted by the Vicar (Ven. Archdeacon Daukes), who, in an address of welcome, mentioned that St. Andrew's bells, when recast 100 years ago, were said to have been augmented with metal from cannon captured from the Spanish Armada, and he thought it rather a pleasing idea that our own and our enemies' metal should be joined in ringing the message of the gospel of peace.

Following the service, luncheon and the business meeting were held at Goodbody's Restaurant, with the Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Guild) in the chair, and the Bishop of Plymouth, the Revs. E. V. Cox, F. W. Moore, G. T. Trewellha (secretary of Truro Diocesan Guild), the general secretary (Mr. T. Laver), and 120 members present.

The annual report and financial statement for the year 1930, as published, were adopted, and the officers of the Guild re-elected, viz.: Rev. E. S. Powell, president; Mr. T. Laver, general secretary; and Mr. T. G. Bartlett, general treasurer.

It was resolved that the Guild should be officially affiliated to the Central Council of the Church Bellingers, and should subscribe a donation of five guineas to the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration Fund.

A proposal for the issue of certificates graded according to competency of members fell through for lack of support.

A sub-committee of four was appointed to consider the re-issue of an instruction book for six-bell hands, with power to act if deemed desirable.

For the next annual meeting two places were proposed—Bideford and Oltery St. Mary—and on a show of hands Bideford was selected.

The general secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence and sympathy with Dr. J. Symons (president of Truro Diocesan Guild) on the loss of his wife, also to the relatives of the late Mr. T. J. Stokes, formerly treasurer of the Guild.

The president voiced the appreciation of the meeting at the presence of the Bishop of Plymouth, who was warmly applauded on leaving.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. J. A. Trollope's next article on the history of the College Youths will appear next week, as will also the report of the annual meeting of the Essex Association, which, owing to pressure on our space, is unavoidably held over.

Mr. Charles Channing, who has been a member of the Pitminster, Somerset, band for 25 years, has rung his first peal at the age of 71. He first learnt to handle a bell, when twelve years of age, at the Church of Hatch Beauchamp, Somerset. Most of his ringing life has been spent with call change bands, but he has ever been a consistent and enthusiastic ringer and a valued member of any company to which he has been attached.

Thirty-nine years ago to-morrow the Norwich Diocesan Association rang the celebrated 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham in 10 hrs. 32 mins.

On June 8th, 1906, the Chester Guild rang the 16,800 of Kent at Mottram in 9 hrs. 40 mins.

The opening of the bells at Kent School is a reminder that on June 9th, 1850, the first peal was rung on the American continent, when Henry Haley called Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, Philadelphia.

## ORDERLY RAISING AND LOWERING OF BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I think it is only fair to the many ringers, particularly in the West Country, who take a delight in raising and lowering the bells in peal, and who aim at a high standard in the practice of it, to submit a protest against the suggestion of Mr. F. W. Richardson that any official pronouncement should be sought to discourage it. Rather, one feels bound to ask why rising and falling in rounds is not more universally studied and practised. There is no more beautiful finish to the ringing than a well-struck fall. But, obviously, however perfectly a ringer may be able to handle his bell in rounds or changes, the raising and falling in peal calls for a special concentration and practice.

I do admit that it is preferable for the bells to be raised and let down singly where the band is only likely to produce an unseemly jangle in peal. My object, however, in writing is to advocate strongly that ringers should be urged to master the art of raising and lowering in peal instead of being given an impression that the Exercise looks upon the practice with disfavour, and officially seeks to maintain it as the exception rather than the rule.—Yours faithfully,

C. CAREW COX.

## RUNG WITH FIVE GENERATIONS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—That a person should ring with five generations of a family must be so rare an occurrence that it is deserving of record. An instance occurred at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on Tuesday evening, May 19th, when Mr. Robert H. Brundle rang rounds with Miss Phyllis Tillet, aged twelve, daughter of Mr. John F. Tillet. This makes the fifth generation of the family that Mr. Brundle has rung with, namely, John Nauntou, Sam, Fred J., John F., and Phyllis Tillet. The first Tillet, Sam, was son-in-law of John Nauntou.—Yours truly,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

## THE GREATE BELL OF BREAGE, CORNWALL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was interested in your extract from a book, 'Breage in the Eighteenth Century,' which is being prepared by Canon G. H. Doble, regarding the above. This bell was supposed to weigh about 25 cwt., and was, as you remark, dated 1771. It had the inscription, 'The people desire many bells, but one sufficeth God.' There was also a smaller bell of the same date. The statement, however, that this 'Greate Bell' was recast into a peal of six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1928 is not correct, as these two bells were recast by these founders into a chime of eight, tenor 6 cwt. 0 gr. 10 lb., note C. It is a great pity that such an interesting bell should have been lost for ever to be replaced by a chime.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS.

## SUFFOLK GUILD.

A general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Halesworth on Whit Monday, when upwards of sixty members and friends attended from Beccles, Earl Soham, Stowmarket, Wrentham, Framlingham, Sibton, Bungay, Norwich, Diss, Loddon, Redenhall, Badingham, Ufford, Leiston, Blaxhall, Benhall, Blyford, Henstead, Huntingfield, Wissett, Maldon, Chediston and London, twenty-six towers being represented. The bells were available throughout the day, and ringing also took place at Chediston, Wissett, and Wenhamston, methods from Bob Major and Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major being rung. Tea was provided at the Swan Hotel, when fifty-two sat down, but some difficulty was experienced owing to the fact that only about twenty-six had sent in their names.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Orford, of Halesworth, was voted to the chair, and it was decided to hold a meeting at Beccles on August Bank Holiday. Several new members were elected, and thanks were accorded to the chairman for presiding, to the various clergy for the use of the bells, and to Mr. F. C. Lambert, the energetic district secretary, who made all arrangements for the day.—The chairman and Mr. Lambert suitably responded.

Members then again visited the tower, and the bells were going until a late hour.



## THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

FUND NEARLY £275.

We publish below the second list of donations and promises for the furtherance of the scheme to commemorate this year the tricentenary of Fabian Stedman. A sum of nearly £275 has been reached—a magnificent achievement as the result of about a month's work. But at least £350 will be needed—more could be well and usefully expended—and it will require all the effort of the Exercise to raise the balance so that the work can be completed before the summer is out. Time is pressing and individuals and bands who wish to be identified with the scheme should lose no time in sending in their contributions. It is only when the money has been secured that any definite steps can be taken to put the work in hand—that is why we ask ringers to forward their donations *now*. Contributions should be sent to:

The Editor,  
'The Ringing World,'  
Woking, Surrey,

and will be acknowledged in these columns. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) is treasurer of the fund.

The management of the scheme will now be in the hands of a committee, and a letter has been addressed by the President of the Central Council to the Rector formally asking for permission to carry out the proposals and inviting the appointment of representatives to act on the committee with the representatives of the Council.

### SECOND LIST OF DONATIONS AND PROMISES.

The following further donations and promises have been received since the publication of the previous list:—

	£	s.	d.
Already published	199	1	6
The Central Council	10	10	0
Devon Guild	5	5	0
Essex Association	5	5	0
Chester Diocesan Guild	5	5	0
Peterborough Diocesan Guild	5	0	0
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association	3	3	0
Hereford Diocesan Guild	3	3	0
North Wales Association	2	2	0
Irish Association	2	2	0
Oxford Diocesan Guild, Witney and Woodstock Branch	1	1	0
Arklow Society, Ireland	10	6	
Ely Diocesan Association, Wisbech Branch	9	0	
Mr. E. H. Lewis, Brasted, Kent	3	3	0
Mr. E. P. Thomas, Worcester	3	3	0
Mr. A. A. Hughes, Whitechapel Bell Foundry	2	2	0
Mr. A. J. Wright, Reading	2	2	0
Mr. F. E. Dawe, Woking (further donation, making £3 3s. in all)	1	1	0
Canon H. J. Elsec, Bolton	1	1	0
Major J. H. B. Hesse, Haslemere	1	1	0
Rev. C. C. Marshall, Far Headingley, Leeds	1	1	0
Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Ordsall, Notts	1	1	0
Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis, O.B.E., Edinburgh	1	1	0
Mr. W. Yeend, Cheltenham	1	1	0
Mr. Theodore Pritchett, King's Norton	1	1	0
Mr. W. A. Wooler, Wortley, Sheffield	1	1	0
Mr. W. Willson, Leicester	1	1	0
Miss I. L. Hastie, Guildford	1	1	0
Mr. G. R. Pye, Chadwell Heath	1	0	0
Mr. H. A. Hopkins, Whitstable	10	6	
Mr. W. P. Cross, Windsor	10	6	
Mr. W. Pickworth, Southgate	10	0	
Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Clapham, S.W.4	10	0	
Mrs. C. D. P. Davies, Tewkesbury	10	0	
Rev. H. T. Parry, Bigby, Lincs	10	0	
Mr. J. Evans, Hughenden	10	0	
Mr. F. W. Perrens, Coventry	10	0	
Mr. E. Howarth, Blackpool	10	0	
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, Gravesend	10	0	
Mrs. Broome, Bath	5	0	
Miss I. H. Roe, Bath	5	0	
Mr. J. W. Parker, Sunderland	5	0	
Mr. H. W. Wilde, Pulford, Chester	5	0	

	£	s.	d.
Mr. J. Bennett, Forest Hill, S.E.23	5	0	
Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake	5	0	
Mr. W. Pye, Leytonstone, E.11	5	0	
Mr. G. Lindoff, Dublin	5	0	
Mr. F. Bennett, Brighton	2	6	
Mrs. F. Bennett, Brighton	2	6	
Mr. T. Fitzjohn, Scarthoe, Lincs	2	6	
Mr. C. F. Sutcliffe, Brighouse	2	6	
Mr. R. Matthews, Stourbridge	2	6	
Mr. W. Melville, Guildford	2	6	
Mr. G. J. Norris, Heene, Sussex	2	6	
Mr. E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon	2	6	
Mr. F. A. Mitchell, Milton-next-Gravesend	2	6	
Mr. C. Glenn, Dieppe, France	2	6	
Mr. S. Burdett, Desborough	2	6	
Mr. A. Tailley, Desborough	2	6	
Mr. E. G. Hibbins, sen., Cambridge	2	0	
Mr. W. Haigh, Etchingham, Sussex	2	0	
'North Notts Ringer'	2	0	
Mr. E. G. Hibbins, jun., Cambridge	1	6	
Mr. H. Barcombe	1	0	
Total	£274	18	6

### A SUSSEX DISTRICT'S DECISION.

At a meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association, held at Rudge on Saturday, a resolution was unanimously passed that the Division should do all in its power to support the Tricentenary Fund by an appeal to the individual towers.

### CHILDREN AND STEDMAN.

At the village church of Kington Magna, Dorset, the custom was established by the present Rector's grandfather of observing Whit Sunday as a Sunday School anniversary, and having recitations and sacred song rendered by the children at the evening service. This year occasion was taken to bring the Stedman Tricentenary to the notice of the village congregation. At one point in the proceedings six boys with handbells took their stand on the chancel steps, three of whom recited in order the following paragraphs:—

(1) England has been called the 'Ringing Isle.' It is only in the British Isles that scientific ringing is regularly practised. Just 300 years ago a famous change ringer was born at Cambridge.

(2) His name was Fabian Stedman. He used to ring at St. Benet's Church. The same bells are still hanging in the tower.

(3) He composed a very musical method. It is called, after his name, 'Stedman's Principle.' On six bells it begins like this.

The opening changes of a course of Stedman Doubles were then rung, a little boy of seven being entrusted with the covering bell, after which the remaining three boys repeated Scriptural references to the golden bells on Aaron's robe.

### RINGER'S MOTOR-CYCLE ACCIDENT.

Mr. Alan R. Pink, of Dorking, Surrey, was involved in an accident on Whit Monday in Cornwall. He had attended the annual meeting of the Devon Guild at Plymouth, and was proceeding to St. Merryn to meet the Truro Cathedral ringers, who were on their annual outing, when it appears he ran into the back of a car which pulled up rather quickly. He was unfortunately badly cut and bruised, especially on one leg below the knee, and is at present at the home of his parents, Rosewastis, St. Columb, Cornwall. It will be several days yet before he will be able to return to Dorking.

Mr. Pink was to have taken part in the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Truro Cathedral on May 29th, and the band have to thank Mr. R. A. Watts for filling the vacancy at short notice.

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## THE BELLS AT KENT SCHOOL, U.S.A.

### RINGERS PRESENT AT THE DEDICATION.

The dedication of the new bells at Kent School, Kent, Connecticut, U.S.A., referred to in our last issue, took place on Saturday, May 2nd, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Fathers' Association. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. H. Sill, headmaster, and was broadcast by means of a megaphone from the belfry.

The bells, a ring of ten, tenor 25 cwt., in the key of D, are hung for ringing in the tower of the School Chapel. They are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Humphrey as a thankoffering for God's blessing on their son. When the family were travelling to England two summers ago their boat ran aground within sight of land. It happened that their son was taken ill, and an operation was necessary that could only be performed if he were taken ashore immediately. The accident made this possible.

The ceremony began with the Lord's Prayer, followed by other prayers for blessing on those who ring the bells and those who hear them, and terminated with the Benediction of the bells themselves.

Immediately following the Benediction, the bells were rung by a band from Groton School, Mass., and Boston, and including Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

The ringing consisted of call changes on the ten, and touches of Grandsire Triples conducted by Mr. Isaac Attwater, who has been appointed ringing instructor to the school. The arrangements for the

moving greater appreciation of the science and art of change ringing. Father Sill, who presided over the first part of the meeting, temporarily appointed various members of the school to positions on the Guild, which, on the advice of Mr. A. A. Hughes, is to be called 'The Kent School Guild of Bellringers.'

Father Sill then left the meeting in the charge of Mr. Sturgis and Mr. Hughes. Mr. Sturgis addressed the meeting on the advantages and attractions of change ringing, and added that if any member of the group should ever visit England and enter a tower where change ringing was practised, he would be certain of a most hospitable welcome, especially if he said he came from America.

Mr. Hughes also spoke, and extended, on behalf of the College Youths, a hearty welcome to anyone visiting London, and also promised to introduce them wherever it might be most convenient.

The Guild afterwards elected the visiting ringers as honorary members.

A school concert was held later in the auditorium, and some courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells were most enthusiastically received.

The following morning a well-struck touch of 840 of Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells, conducted by Mr. Attwater.

Mr. Attwater's pupils are very keen indeed, and have made wonderful progress in the short time they have had for practice. Everything, so far, points to this installation being a live factor in promoting interest in scientific change ringing in New England.



THE BELL TOWER AT KENT SCHOOL, WITH THE CHAPEL AND CLOISTERS.

ringing were made under the direction of Mr. Warren Sturgis, of Groton School, who is well known to ringers in the City of London. The visiting ringers were: From Groton School, S. Warren Sturgis, Master, J. Bingham, W. Sturgis, S. Kelly and D. Carpenter, students; Boston, W. Bashford, J. Goodhead, J. Laker, J. Henson, R. Newton and A. Matthews; London, England, A. A. Hughes.

The following ringers attached to Kent School were also present: J. Park (Master), I. Attwater (instructor), D. Perkins, O. Hammond, J. Elser, H. Jackson, J. Fuller, W. Pickard, A. Field, S. Towle, W. Langford, E. Cressy, C. Goodbody, I. Frenay, S. Ogilvy, W. Watson, L. Baldwin, B. Hall and D. Damrosch.

### THE FORMATION OF A RINGERS' GUILD.

Immediately following dinner, with many guests and parents present, Father Sill held a school meeting, and, after speaking of the special occasion, read a letter of congratulation from Mr. W. T. Cockerill on behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The following cablegram from Lord Rothermere was also read:—

'My sincere congratulations to Father Sill, yourselves, and all at Kent School, and wishes for infinite pleasure from the ringing of the bells.'

Subsequently, a meeting of all ringers present was held in the headmaster's study, to organise a Guild to enable them to unite in pro-

The bells are tuned on the five-tone harmonic principle, and are an exceptionally fine peal. They are hung in the most modern type of fittings, and massive steel framework, and perfect satisfaction was expressed by all with the 'tone' and 'go.'

The tower is well and strongly built in stone, and is ideally situated on the banks of the Housatonic river.

The bells were heard by a large audience, and everyone was enthusiastic in their admiration of the tone and the effect in change ringing. The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and the erection was supervised by their bell hanger, Mr. John Thomas.

### FAREWELL TOUCH AND PRESENTATION.

A 'date' touch of 1,932 Grandsire Triples was rung in the tower of St. Mary's, Tenby, on Thursday, May 21st, by: Miss R. Cecil Williams 1, R. H. Jenkins 2, W. Smith 3, T. Yeomans 4, T. Griffiths 5, Rev. F. A. Oswell 6, H. L. Jenkins 7, J. H. Williams 8. Composed by H. L. Jenkins, conducted by Rev. F. A. Oswell.

After the touch, the captain, Mr. R. H. Jenkins, presented the Rev. F. A. Oswell with a silver inkstand in the shape of a bell on his leaving for the diocese of Monmouth, as a mark of the ringers' appreciation of his five years' association with them in the tower.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S MEETING AT LIVERPOOL.

### A CIVIC RECEPTION.

The second session of the fourteenth Council (39th annual meeting) was held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Whitsun Tuesday. The business was transacted in the Council Chamber by permission of the Lord Mayor, and the following representatives were present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. T. Faulkner.  
 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. Hunt.  
 Bedfordshire Association: Messrs. A. E. Sharman and A. King.  
 Cambridge University Guild: Messrs. E. H. Lewis and E. M. Atkins.  
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. C. A. Clements, Messrs. G. A. Taylor and H. S. Brocklebank.  
 Devon Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell.  
 Dudley and District Guild: Mr. S. J. Hughes.  
 Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake and Mr. T. R. Dennis.  
 Essex County Association: Messrs. G. R. Pye and E. J. Butler.  
 Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. C. Hazleden, G. Grover and A. H. Pulling.  
 Hertford County Association: Mr. W. Ayre.  
 Kent County Association: Messrs. T. Groombridge, E. Barnett, sen., and F. M. Mitchell.  
 Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.  
 Lancashire Association: Canon H. J. Elsee, Messrs. W. H. Shaker, G. R. Newton and A. Tomlinson.  
 Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. Law James, Rev. H. T. Parry, Messrs. G. Chester and R. Richardson.  
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. W. Jones and J. Phillips.  
 London County Association: Messrs. F. E. Dawe and A. D. Barker.  
 Middlesex County Association: Messrs. C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, W. Pickworth and G. W. Fletcher.  
 Midland Counties Association: Rev. R. P. Farrow, Messrs. E. Denison Taylor, J. H. Swinfield and W. Willson.  
 Norwich Diocesan Association: Mr. A. L. Coleman.  
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. F. Hopgood and J. Evans.  
 Oxford Society: Mr. W. G. E. Collett.  
 Oxford University Guild: Mr. H. Miles.  
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. F. Law, T. Tehbutt and F. Wilford.  
 St. Clement's Youths: Mr. G. H. Cross.  
 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.  
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards and Mr. C. H. Jennings.  
 Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. H. Knight and T. J. Elton.  
 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.  
 Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee.  
 Surrey Association: Messrs. C. Dean and C. H. Kippin.  
 Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Association: Mr. A. J. Pitman.  
 Warwickshire Guild: Messrs. F. W. Perrens and H. Argyle.  
 Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Williams.  
 Worcestershire and Districts Association: Mr. R. G. Knowles.  
 Yorkshire Association: Rev. C. C. Marshall and Mr. P. J. Johnson.  
 Hon. members: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. C. F. Johnston, H. W. Wilde, W. A. Cave, J. A. Trollope, E. W. Elwell, J. S. Goldsmith, A. A. Hughes, and E. A. Young (hon. secretary).

Thus thirty-six associations were represented by 71 members, and ten hon. members were present, making a total attendance of 81.

### THE LORD MAYOR'S CIVIC WELCOME.

Precisely at eleven o'clock the Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Alderman Edwin Thompson), accompanied by the Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. David), entered the Council Chamber and took the chair amid applause. He was supported by the president of the Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis), the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. Alex. Young) and the hon. librarian (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn).

The Lord Mayor, in welcoming the Council to Liverpool, said he was brought up to the old saying that small boys were to be seen and not heard. It seemed to him that campanologists were fated always to be heard and not seen (laughter). There was no body of people in the world who, in his opinion, got less recognition for the work they did than campanologists. It was, he admitted, one of the professions about which he knew lamentably little, but whenever he paid a visit to the belfry as a boy the thing that astonished him most was how the people ringing the bells were not pulled up to the ceiling (laughter). It gave him very much pleasure, as Lord Mayor of Liverpool, to welcome them to the Town Hall, and he was glad to have the privilege of being able to lend them that Council Chamber for their deliberations. Continuing, the Lord Mayor said it had been his privilege to see the largest bell in the world, that at the Kremlin in Moscow, and also the other great bell in that city, which weighed 126 tons. One of the most beautiful sounds which one could hear, however, was a really good peal of bells on the English countryside, while another was the chiming of the carillon at Bruges. English bells, well rung, had always struck him as one of the most beautiful

of musical sounds that one could hear, and he wished they had more appreciation of bellringing in this country than they had. He hoped by their deliberations that day, the art of bellringing might be a little better known in Liverpool than it was at the present time, and if they could do anything to encourage Liverpool to adopt bellringing more than it had done in the past, their meeting that day would be well spent. He welcomed them most sincerely, and wished them every success (applause).

### ECHOES OF A VANISHED WORLD.

The Bishop of Liverpool said he was grateful for the opportunity allowed him to take a share in the welcome extended to the Council, and at the same time to give some expression to the gratitude that all churchpeople and, indeed, many others, felt to them for their part in the service of administering the 'sacrament of sound.' That gratitude, he felt, was generally taken for granted, and, indeed, in the fellowship of the Church they were not exacting in the giving and receiving of thanks, but there were occasions when it should be recognised, and that, he thought, was one of them. It was in their minds yesterday, when they were listening to the music the ringers were drawing from the tower of St. Nicholas', and which, floating high and strong above the clanging of the trams and the hooting of motor horns, fell upon their battered ears like the echoes of a vanished and quieter world. It was the privilege of ringers to maintain a peculiarly English tradition, and to adopt and even extend it in the changed circumstances and needs of to-day. He was particularly interested in two of the subjects which, he understood, would find places in their deliberations. The first was the care of bells and the education of churchwardens and others in administering that care. Churchwardens were men of goodwill, but they were very busy men, and, for the most part, they were, if he might say so without insult, ignorant in this matter—and so was he, and so were most people. Any suggestions which the Council could make which would tend to increase the practical care of bells by the clergy and churchwardens, he, for his part, would welcome very much and would, in that diocese, draw special attention to them. In the second place, he believed the Council were going to consider the question of making themselves recognised as churchworkers. 'Some of us,' said the Bishop, 'feel that bellringers stand a little bit outside the fellowship of what we call church work, and I and my brother Bishops are anxious to do what we can to improve their status and to take them into the practical fellowship of the Church. I am eager, therefore, to hear what suggestions you have to make to us upon that point. I hope your conference will exhibit that same harmonious team spirit which is the very essence of your beautiful art' (applause).

### CHANGED TIMES.

The President thanked the Lord Mayor for his welcome to Liverpool and for the use of that beautiful room in which they had met. That was the first time the Council had met in Liverpool, and they appreciated very much indeed the splendid arrangements which had been made for them and in which the Lord Mayor had taken so noble a part (applause). They were very grateful also that the Lord Bishop should have come there to offer his welcome, although they were beginning to feel that they could demand as a right the presence of the Church authorities at their meetings, because during the last 40 or 50 years the position of ringers had entirely changed. Generally they could consider they were looked upon by the Church authorities as effective churchworkers. If often used to be said in the 'bad old days' that ringers would more often make their appearance in church if the Church authorities more often made their appearance in the belfry. They were thankful that in these days they had quite a number of the clergy who were among their best ringers, and a number were there that day (applause). They felt that they could almost demand as a right that the Church authorities should recognise them and come and look them up in the belfry and at their meetings. They were very grateful to the Bishop for coming among them that day, and felt that he had accorded them a great honour. Continuing, Mr. Lewis said he felt very happy that that meeting was in Liverpool, because his own family had been connected with Liverpool for three generations. His greatgrandfathers used to sail their own ships out of the port of Liverpool, and one of them was married in St. Nicholas' Church. He himself had lived in Liverpool for two years. In those days ringing was very dead in the centre of Liverpool. There was no ringing at St. Nicholas' Church, nor was any ringing allowed on the peal of ten bells then in the old pro-Cathedral of St. Peter. What ringing there was was more in the suburbs. The best ringing was probably at Tuebrook and a certain amount in other towers. To-day they were very thankful that that was changed. There was a splendid band ringing at St. Nicholas' in the centre of the town. That was, he thought, largely due to the great strides which Liverpool ringers had made. It was only fitting, therefore, that the Council should visit Liverpool as some recognition of the enterprise of the local ringers (hear, hear). The President concluded by again thanking the Lord Mayor for his civic welcome and the Lord Bishop for his presence.

The Lord Mayor briefly replied, and left the chamber amid applause.

### ELECTION OF A NEW SECRETARY.

The president then took the chair, and, prayer having been offered by the Lord Bishop, the business of the agenda was proceeded with. The first item was the election of an honorary secretary and



treasurer. The President said they would remember that last year Mr. Young expressed his desire to retire, but was persuaded to stay on for another year so that there should not be a change of two officials (president and secretary) at one time. They were very grateful indeed to Mr. Young for holding on, but he was anxious now to retire and, although they had pressed him, they felt they could not press him further, and therefore it was their duty to elect an hon. secretary and treasurer in his place. Only one nomination had been received, and that was Mr. G. W. Fletcher (applause). Before putting that to the meeting, he thought they should express their thanks to Mr. Young for the work he had done since the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies retired. They appreciated his work very much indeed. He had been a most efficient secretary, who had done everything he possibly could to further the interests of the Council.

The vote of thanks was carried with applause, as was also the election of Mr. Fletcher as Mr. Young's successor.

Mr. Fletcher thanked the Council for having given him the great privilege of serving them. They must realise that he could do very little unless he had the support of members, and he hoped he would receive the same support as was given to his predecessors. Would they help him to be a worthy successor to them? ('Yes' and applause).

Mr. E. A. Young said it fell to his lot, with the passing of the years, to say farewell to them as their honorary secretary. He had filled the office for ten years, and he had filled it, as far as he was concerned, with great joy and pleasure. That it had received their commendation was a further joy to him. They had always looked upon him as one of their brother ringers, but in spite of his lack of qualifications and skill in the exercise of their art, he had, perhaps, been able to serve them in other ways, and that had been his reward. He extended to his successor a hearty welcome. Mr. Fletcher would have his support as long as he could give it to him. The office had been held by excellent men before them. Their light came down to them, and in it they felt strength and support. He could only conclude by saying 'Farewell and many thanks' (applause).

The minutes, having been printed, were taken as read and approved.

The President referred to the deaths of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, a former secretary, Canon Baker, one of the first Council, and Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and the members stood in silence for a few seconds as a mark of respect.

Apologies for absence were received from Major J. H. B. Hesse, Rev. W. P. Wright, Messrs. T. Metcalfe, R. G. Black, W. J. Nevard, C. H. Howard, H. G. Bird, W. Storey, W. T. Cockerell, Clark, J. D. Matthews, H. Barton, C. E. Borrett, N. Golden, S. F. Palmer and S. Hillier.

The statement of accounts, presented by the hon. treasurer, showed that the year began with a balance of £54 8s. 11d. The receipts included £14 3s. 6d., contributed towards the cost of publishing the book on 'The Preservation of Bells,' £3 15s. from honorary members, £29 15s. from affiliation fees, £2 8s. 1d. from sale of publications, and £5 from interest. The expenditure, which amounted to £61 15s. 9d., included £52 10s. on account of printing, and £2 14s. 6d. on the Carter Ringing Machine, leaving a balance in hand on general account of £47 14s. 9d.

The accounts were adopted.

#### THE SALE OF PUBLICATIONS.

The Hon. Librarian reported that during the year Mr. A. J. Trollope had presented to the library the result of some of his historical research work. It dealt with the College Youths, 1756-1788, and gave an account of many famous peals and the making of the 'Clavis.' Mr. W. W. Willson had kindly put the matter into typewritten form. There was still a constant demand upon the historical records of the library, and from time to time upon its other possessions. As regards the sale of publications, it had been the best year since 1926-27. For the first time since then he had a profit to show on the year's working, amounting to £2 8s. 1d. Various things might account for that, and he would put first the appearance in the advertisement in 'The Ringing World' of a certain amount of new stock, which people had been waiting for. When orders came in for this, they usually brought an order for one or other of the older books at the same time. The new stock consisted of the revised book 'On the preservation of bells,' and also sheets of certain methods in large type, which were sent to him from the secretary's office with certain other things. These sheets of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge were quickly sold, and with the president's leave he had some more printed. Another reason for their comparative prosperity was the action of the Guildford Diocesan Guild in purchasing outright over two pounds' worth of publications. He trusted this lead might be followed by other societies. It was for members of ringing societies that these works were published, and it was perhaps not realised that, apart from the contents of the library and such things as cards of instruction and methods sheets, his house contained between three and four thousand books for sale. On this point he wished to say that he was approached by the secretary of the London County Association with a view to advertising the Council's publications in the new Rule Book which the association was issuing. He had, of course, to reply that he had no authority to do this. He thought it was a matter that the Council should consider with reference to the future.

The Librarian added that there had been placed in his hands that morning the report on 'The law affecting church bells,' which was

prepared by Mr. Pritchett, the late Mr. Milne and Mr. Elwell. The printing was authorised at the last meeting, and for this they were indebted to the generosity of Mr. Drake. In presenting the statement of account of the sales of publications, showing a profit of £2 8s. 1d., the Librarian said the amount received from the associations who had publications 'on sale or return' was 14s. 3d. With regard to the method sheets, the Librarian said he had been asked by a ringer for Double Norwich printed in the same way. As two plain methods could be put on one sheet, the Standing Committee suggested they should also include Cambridge Court. With regard to the question of advertising in the London County Association's rule book, he did not know what the Council felt about it, but he did not think it was for the Council to advertise in Guild reports; it was rather for the Guilds to help the sale of publications by putting in an advertisement free, as some associations already did. With regard to the action of the Guildford Guild, he hoped it might be generally followed by other societies, because it would enable them to get their publications circulated more than they did and bring out further publications for the benefit of the Exercise.

The President said he authorised the printing of the method sheets, and they seemed to have met with a ready sale.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he spoke with some diffidence, but he wondered why they proposed to print a little known method like Cambridge Court. It was very little practised, and the sheets might become another burden on the Librarian.

The President said it was more economical in printing these sheets to print two plain methods on one sheet, and to add Cambridge Court would probably cost very little more than to print Double Norwich alone, and there was a demand for the Double Norwich. The reasons Mr. Johnson advanced were the very reasons for printing Cambridge Court. It was a method that deserved to be much better known than it was.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith endorsed the remarks of the Librarian with regard to the advantages to be gained by associations purchasing the publications outright. The Guildford Guild looked upon their purchase as an investment of capital for educational purposes. The publications were for the education of ringers, and they would find a more ready sale if they were actually shown to the ringers at meetings. The purchase outright by the associations would reimburse the Council and enable other similar work to be taken in hand. He proposed that a discount of one penny in the shilling be allowed to associations on the purchase at one time of not less than one dozen copies of the Council's publications.—Mr. W. A. Cave seconded, and said the Council would save this in postage.—The suggestion was adopted, and the action of the president in authorising the printing of method sheets confirmed.

The report of the Librarian was then received and adopted.

The Rev. H. Drake said he had written a short article, which was to appear in 'The Ringing World' that week regarding the liability of church authorities to obtain faculties for the moving of bells. If the Council would give him permission, he would like to have these notes reprinted, and he would ask the Librarian to slip them into the copies of the book on 'The law affecting church bells.' He would be happy to bear the cost.

The President said they were grateful to Mr. Drake for his offer, which he was sure the Council would accept with thanks.

This was agreed to.

(To be continued.)

#### SUSSEX ASSOCIATION AND CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The circular of the Central Council, dated July, 1930, which was read to the meeting of the Sussex Association, stated: 'Of course, it is not mandatory, and if one or more societies prefer to differ from the majority of their fellows it would not necessarily mean severance from the Council.' It is obvious, then, that the Council acknowledges the right of the members of the Sussex County Association to decide against the suggested addition to their rules if they prefer to do so. Then why should they be taken to task by the editor of 'The Ringing World,' who also styles the Master's remarks as 'blank nonsense.' The editor, as a representative of the Central Council, ought to have more wisdom.

A. D. STONE,

Hon. General Secretary.

[The Sussex Association has, and doubtless will continue to exercise, the right to decide what it shall do, but 'The Ringing World' also claims a right to comment upon matters of public interest to ringers. The 'blank cheque' argument was described as 'blank nonsense' because, in our view, it was—just blank nonsense.—Ed., 'R.W.']

#### GIFT OF HANDBELLS.

On Whit Sunday, in the tower of St. Mark's Church, Glodwick, Oldham, twenty handbells, formerly belonging to the late Mr. Isaac Schofield, who passed away just twelve months ago in the above tower, were dedicated to his memory by the Vicar (Rev. W. Sellers), who spoke a few appropriate words about Mr. Schofield's life. He hoped the handbells would be a useful asset to the tower, and would be used by the young ringers for years to come.



## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on June 30th, St. Magnus' on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 11th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next monthly meeting will take place at Bolsover (bells 8) on Saturday, June 6th. The Cup Contest will also take place at this meeting. For tea notify without fail Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

**PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH.**—The Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the Memorial Screen at the Parish Church on Saturday, June 6th, at 3 p.m. The rings of ten bells of the Parish Church and the bell foundry tower will be at the disposal of visitors, and, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Briggs, the Rectory Grounds will be open. Tea will be provided in the Fearon Hall.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, June 6th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

**MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting of these associations will be held at Barnet on Saturday, June 6th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 (new caterers), 1s. each. All members and friends of these associations heartily welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Hon. Secs.

**SIBLE HEDINGHAM.**—A monthly practice for Double Norwich and Surprise methods will be held. All ringers invited, first practice commencing at 6.30 p.m., June 6th, and continuing until further notice.—B. W. Pettitt, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringing visitors heartily welcomed.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Canon on June 6th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—Next meeting at Westerleigh, June 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please note alteration of date from May 30th, as this coincides with the annual outing of the St. Stephen's Guild of Ringers.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry on Saturday, June 6th.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The dedication of the new Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham, Newcastle, is fixed for June 6th, and the bells will be opened by a representative band of the association. The Rev. S. Redman, Vicar, invites the members generally on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 2.30 to 4.30 and 6 to 8.30. Tea will be provided at St. Monica's Church Hall at 5 o'clock for whose only who advise me before Tuesday, June 16th.—G. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at West Lavington on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Madeley on Saturday, June 6th. Tea will be provided for all who notify me on or before June 3rd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Northleach on Saturday, June 6th. Bells open at 3.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester, Glos.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on June 6th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be given by the Rector. Business meeting after.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, June 6th. Service 4.30. Tea, in the Church Room, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 6d.). Bells (8) available 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 9 p.m. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Litton Cheney on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Notification for tea to A. Gladwyn, Litton Cheney, Dorchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, June 6th. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**KELSTON, SOMERSET.**—The dedication will take place on Sunday next, June 7th, at 3 p.m., of the ring of 6 bells restored and augmented by Taylor's, of Loughborough.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GUILD.**—A meeting of the above Guild will be held on Wednesday, June 10th, at St. Hilda's, South Shields, in the afternoon, and at Christ Church, North Shields, in the evening.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea at Holt's Cafe at 5 p.m. A good company is requested. Entries for Shield Contest held at Crofton on July 4th should reach me not later than Saturday, June 20th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The dedication of the two new bells at Isleworth, by the Bishop of Kensington, will take place on Saturday, June 13th. Service at 3.30. It is hoped that members and all ringing friends from other societies will endeavour to be present on this auspicious occasion. A hearty welcome to all. Tea will be arranged in the Church Hall about 5.30 for those requiring same at 1s. Please send card by June 10th. Ringing after tea.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec. to the Bell Fund, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service in church and dedication of peal board at 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) at the Railway Hotel at 5.15. Will all those who require tea please let me know by Wednesday, June 10th. Towers open for ringers during the afternoon and evening: Southminster (6), Tillingham (6) and Bradwell-on-Lea (5). Will members please turn up in good numbers and help to make this meeting a success. — A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Western Division. — The next meeting will take place at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., followed by a short service. Tea and meeting. All ringers heartily welcomed. I trust this meeting will be as well attended as it was last year.—C. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Hillock Villa, Aylesbury Road, Tring.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**THE ANNUAL JOINT MEETING** of the Societies in the Southern Area of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 1 o'clock. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at a moderate charge. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Roddis, Revill Villa, Whiston, near Rotherham, by Friday, the 12th? Buses leave Gas Works Offices, Frederick Street, Rotherham, every 35 minutes from 2.20 p.m. and every 15 minutes after 5.30 p.m. — F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 56, Broughton Avenue, Doncaster.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District. —Next meeting to be held at Louth on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 to 4.15 and after meeting to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Appleby's, 7 & 9, Aswell Street, Louth, to whom numbers should be sent by June 11th. All welcome.—H. J. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available 3.45. Tea provided. All ringers are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Hallaton on Saturday, June 13th. The fine peal of 6 bells will be available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please send names to me by June 11th. A bus can be arranged if I have sufficient names in by same date as tea. Please turn up and make it a good meeting.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Crowland on Saturday, June 13th. Usual arrangements. Tea will only be provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, June 10th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—N.E. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Uplowman on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, June 9th.—Fitzwilliam Carter, Withleigh Vicarage, Tiverton.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — N. Dorset Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stourton on Saturday, June 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be arranged if members and visitors will send word by June 11th to Mr. F. Justice, Watnall, Notts, or E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, June 13th (not the 20th, as previously arranged). Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged for those who notify me by the 10th inst. at latest. Please see that this meeting is well attended.—John Leach, Hon. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton-on-Trent.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Central Bucks Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Granborough on Saturday, June 13th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. each and business meeting to follow. Bells available: Granborough (5), North Marston (6). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gilbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.** — Towcester Branch. — The annual festival will be held on Saturday, June 13th, at Wicken, when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will dedicate the bells. 11.30 a.m.: Service and dedication of the bells. 1 p.m.: Lunch (2s. to members of the branch, 2s. 6d. to other ringers). 5 p.m.: Tea (no charge to members of the branch; 1s. to other ringers). Ringers from other districts who wish to have lunch or tea must send their names to the Secretary (Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester), by June 9th.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Crondall on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Castle Inn, 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 10th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District. — Quarterly meeting at Burghclere, Saturday, June 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Highclere Station half a mile from church.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at East Ardsley on Saturday, June 13th. The bells of St. Michael's will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. E. Watson, 56, Bradford Road, East Ardsley, near Wakefield, not later than Thursday, June 11th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, June 10th.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Castle Cary Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton St. David on Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Schoolroom, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late St. James' Society) **AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—June meetings: On 15th and 29th, at 7.30 p.m., practices at St. Clement Danes', W.C.; on 9th, at 8 p.m., practice at St. Mary, Lambeth; also service ringing, 10 a.m., Sunday, 7th, St. Clement Danes'.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Station Road, S.E.5.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17th, at Thaxted. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Old Glossop, Glossop, Derbyshire, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready any time after 2 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Bus leaves front of Woolworth's, Piccadilly, every half-hour. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sowton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. By kind permission of the Rector, the Rectory garden will be open to ringers during the afternoon. Numbers for tea without fail before June 15th to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will take place at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea and general meeting, Lloyd's Café, at 5. Please send word by Tuesday, 16th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 17th? — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Harborne on Saturday, June 20th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 16th?—A. J. Skelding, 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 3.30. Tea (in vicinity) 5. Business and ringing after. A good attendance requested.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch. — The meeting at Capenhurst (6 bells) will be held at Saturday, June 20th (not June 6th). Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will those requiring tea please let me know?—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the Tea Room at 6.30. Nomination of committee man. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea only to all who notify Mr. J. Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Road, Bury, not later than Wednesday, June 24th.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Half fares (maximum 1s. 6d.)—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

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