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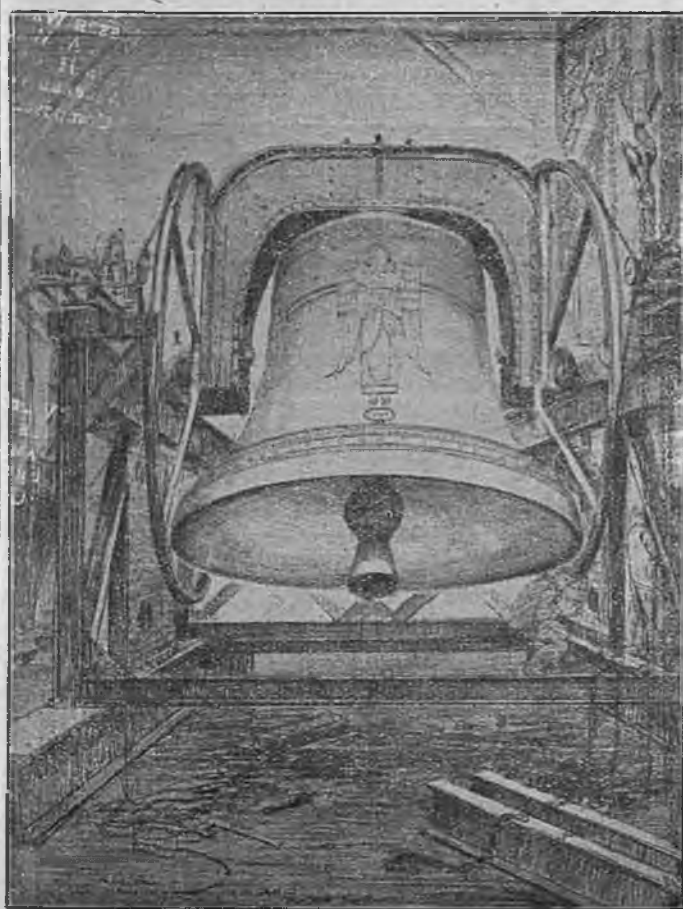
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Of all the things in which it is admitted the Central Council has done well for the Exercise that of its publications probably takes first place. The Council has made available for ringers books which it is most unlikely would ever have been produced by private enterprise. Those who have had any experience of the printing of works for ringers have discovered the risks inseparable from such an undertaking, and it is only a body like the Council, with funds at its command, that can afford to publish books of the kind referred to. Much of what the Council has done has been at a loss, and it has a good deal of capital locked up in stock, some of which moves very slowly if at all. But the Council does this work in the interests of the Exercise; it spends its funds in providing for ringers that which would not otherwise be available for them. The work involved in compiling the books is given as a labour of love, no one makes a profit. The only cost passed on to the purchaser is the actual net cost of printing, and ringers cannot expect to get their text books on better terms than these. And yet the Council's publications do not sell as they ought to do. This may not be entirely the fault of the ringing public. People do not care about buying something which they have not seen; if it be only a book they like to get a look inside it to see what it contains before they part with their money.

It is here that the associations can give valuable aid to the Council. Many of them have considerable sums of money held in reserve. A small portion of this might be usefully invested by purchasing some of the Council's publications for re-sale. Such procedure has several advantages to recommend it. Many more ringers are likely to buy the books if they can see them and have not got to go to the trouble of sending by post for them. In this way the associations would be promoting one of their principal objects, that of furthering the art of change ringing. The purchase outright by an association, instead of obtaining goods 'on sale or return,' makes for more pushful methods and the quicker disposal of the wares. But one of the greatest advantages to be gained is that the Council would be more quickly reimbursed, and thus be able to put in hand other publications which from time to time have to wait until sufficient funds have been accumulated to print them. The associations, in the interests of their own members, as well as those of the Council, ought to act as distributors of the publications, and the Council would not then be left, as we recorded last week, with over 3,000 books in the retail department. Two new publications have just been included in

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the list; the valuable collection of Minor Methods is shortly coming on the market. If the associations will each take up a small share of these editions, and push them among their own members, the whole lot could be cleared in quick time and funds provided for other and equally useful works.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	† EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	† EDWARD H. SPICE ... 8
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 9
EDWIN G. BOESDEN ... 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... 10
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5	HARRY PARKES ... 11
HARRY HOVERD ... 6	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Maximus on tower bells.
† First peal on twelve bells. It is also the first peal of Bob Maximus by all the band except ringers of 1, 2 and 5, and the first peal of Bob Maximus on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 2	JOHN A. WAUGH ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 9
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

First peal of Pudsey Royal by all the band, by the association, and the first rung in a consecrated tower.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS ... Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 6
JOHN HOLMAN ... 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... 7
HAROLD JACKSON ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 8
TOM WILDE ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* ROBERT T. CUMMINGS ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 5
DAVID VINCENT ... 2	ADAM DEAS ... 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal in the method.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*MISS LILLIAN CHAPMAN ... Treble	JAMES C. E. SMIFSON ... 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... 7
JOHN BROWN ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. AYRE.

* First peal and first attempt.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PHILIP J. POCKETT ... Treble	JOHN AUSTIN ... 5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... 2	THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6
ARTHUR SMITH ... 3	GEORGE CONDICK ... 7
JESSE GILLET ... 4	JAMES POCKETT ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

R. HOWARD ... Treble	W. R. NORTH ... 5
C. RUSH ... 2	J. LADLEY ... 6
S. CARTER ... 3	B. PATMORE ... 7
S. ROCHESTER ... 4	J. WELCH ... Tenor

Conducted by S. CARTER.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, May 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S REVERSED.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	HENRY W. WILDE ... 5
WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... 6
LESTER L. GRAY ... 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

The conductor was elected a member of the society prior to starting.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At Immanuel Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JAMES PARR ... Treble	*FRED COCKSHOTT ... 5
FRED READ ... 2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 6
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 3	†JAMES BARNES ... 7
JOHN CAVANNAGH ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Arranged for Mr. J. Barnes, of Oswaldtwistle.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS K. DEACON ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5
LOUIS E. ALLEN ... 2	PERCY L. HARRISON ... 6
C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
LESLIE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	JOHN OLDHAM ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method on the bells.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

PERCY AMOS ... Treble	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 2	WALTER WILLIAMS ... 6
*ERNEST W. TIPLER ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
†CECIL E. CARR ... 4	†PERCY BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 42nd peal on his 42nd birthday. † First of Grandsire Triples. This composition is now rung for the first time, and has 340 calls with only 20 plain leads.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*BENJAMIN PRESTIDGE ... Treble	BENJAMIN BOOTE ... 5
HARRY HILL ... 2	THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ... 6
WILLIAM GREEN ... 3	JOHN GOODMAN ... 7
ANDREW ROUND ... 4	LESLIE PRESTIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal away from the tenor. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Worcester to dedicate the new church of St. John-the-Evangelist, at Dudley Wood.

CAYTHORPE, LINC'S.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Vincent,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Treble	GEORGE FLINTHAM ... 5
HAROLD MARCON ... 2	*H. LESLIE PASK ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JOHN WALDEN ... 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

* First peal in the method.

BROWNEDGE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the R.C. Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	CHARLES HARDACRE ... 5
*HERMON NELSON ... 2	JAMES ARMSTRONG ... 6
*JOHN CHARNOCK ... 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 7
HENRY HARDACRE ... 4	E. ROGER MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells. Specially arranged to enable the 'twins' to ring their first peal.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLIFFORD F. WILSON ... Treble	ALBERT NASH ... 5
MRS. T. C. RYDER ... 2	ARTHUR PANTHER ... 6
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 3	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 7
T. COLIN RYDER ... 4	ARTHUR GILL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by A. NASH.

The full peal of 5,664 contains twelve courses each of 478's, 678's, 648's and 468's. It is now rung for the first time.

STAMFORD, LINC'S.—At All Saints' Church, on Ascension Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor, viz., 720 Oxford Bob, 360 Single Court and 180 Plain Bob: F. Lipscombe 1, G. Slaughter 2, R. W. Daniels 3, J. R. Nichols 4, J. Bluff 5, J. H. Bluff (conductor) 6.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

J. T. Ward's 100th peal and 51st peal of Surprise Major.

BORDEN, NEAR SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

E. DOBBIE Treble	E. G. BOESDEN 5
S. TAYLOR 2	*W. J. WOOD 6
W. J. SPIER 3	S. J. DOBBIE 7
F. G. BRETT 4	W. GORMAN Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BOESDEN.

* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM EDWARD KILBY ... Treble	FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 5
JOHN JAMES LAMB 2	WILLIAM BERRY 6
WILLIAM ALFRED MARTIN ... 3	GEORGE HENRY DAYNES ... 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 4	*HAROLD ASHEY MEAR ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON.

* First peal attempt and elected a member in the tower.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN Treble	JOHN WOOD 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	HENRY WARR 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	ARTHUR HEAD 7
HERBERT DEVONISH 4	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

First peal of Oxford as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to William Burgess.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
ALBERT WIFFEN 2	BASIL RIDGWELL 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
WALTER ARNOLD 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble	THOMAS CALDERBANK ... 5
JOHN BROWN 2	FRED HINDLE 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	JAMES HARRISON 7
J. RICHARD TAYLOR 4	J. ROSKELL Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROLAND KENDALL Treble	*ALBERT PICKLES 5
*WILLIAM BARTON 2	*TOM SMITH 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON 3	†SAM LONGBOTTOM 7
EDGAR WHITELEY 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	ALBERT RELFE 7
HARRY BAKER 4	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Arranged for the ringer of the 6th, this being his first touch in the method.

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HENRY J. SELBY Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
HERBERT J. FORD 4	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Caters. Birthday peal for the conductor.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON Treble	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3	*ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 7
HARRY L. SMITH 4	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' Arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who is a member of the Metropolitan Police.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS POTTS Treble	JACK TIPPER 5
ARTHUR CHALLINOR 2	WILLIAM GAVES 6
†ALBERT V. REES 3	JOHN WORTH 7
ERNEST BENNETT 4	JACK WAUMSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from treble in the method.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Tuesday, May 5th, at St. Peter's, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,931 changes): F. A. Graham 1, F. W. Sharman 2, S. A. Johnson 3, W. A. Skinner 4, G. W. Tillson 5, R. Barrow 6, Ernest Morris (conductor) 7, K. Lawson 8. Rung in honour of the coming of age of H. W. Martin, of the local society.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE WORTHY Treble	†A. SPURDLE 5
*SAMUEL YATES 2	JACK REID 6
MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... 3	RALPH JACKSON 7
*WILLIAM JONES 4	WILLIAM WATSON Tenor

Conducted by RALPH JACKSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Melcalfe, secretary of the association.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	*RAYMOND PHILPOT 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
*RAYMOND OVERY 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday. C. Ernest Smith's 100th peal.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	WALTER LAGO 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	ALBERT WOODVINE 6
EDWARD V. RODENHORST ... 3	*BERTRAM L. JONES 7
GEORGE L. HEWITT 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal away from the tenor. The first peal on the bells. Especially arranged and rung, with the co-operation of the Mayor and Rector of this ancient borough, as a token of loyalty and thankfulness on the birthday of H.M. the King.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*MISS VIOLET E. SHORTER Treble	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 5
*L. REGINALD LATHBURY ... 2	ISAAC CAVILL 6
WILLIAM MORRIS 3	STANLEY F. CLARK 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the 66th birthday of H.M. the King.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 30.

*WILLIAM H. GUTTERIDGE Treble	†JAMES H. LUCAS 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	†EDGAR G. SWIFT 6
PERCY E. JONES 3	†FRANK CORKE 7
EDGAR HANCOX 4	†CHARLES A. NICHOLLS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Easter Day, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion, 720 Kent Treble Bob; Rev. A. C. Moule 1, K. Willers 2, A. Wilson 3, C. W. Cook (conductor) 4, C. W. Woolley 5, F. E. Haynes 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ROBERT A. FOSDIKE Treble	WILLIAM A. MARTIN 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER 6
CHARLES ELLIOTT 3	JIM HURRELL 7
*CHARLES A. BINES 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung on the birthday of H.M. the King. * First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK DIGBY Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
*GEORGE SCHLEUTER 2	WILLIAM MADGWICK 6
THOMAS BANNISTER 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
ERNEST BRETT 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
*ALFRED BAKER 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
WALTER R. FARROW 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 7
*JESSE BAKER 4	J. HOWARD R. FREEHORN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. The fiftieth peal on these bells. This composition, containing the 6th the extent in 5-6 and the 5th home, without the 2nd in 6th's place at course ends, is rung for the first time.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	HENRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

First peal in the method and first peal as conductor, aged 12½ years. The peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to his grandfather on his 69th birthday.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

HANDBELL RINGING IN GLASGOW.

At 66, Ellilhead Street, Glasgow, two quarter-peals of Bob Major have been rung on handbells. On Sunday, May 10th, 1,344 Bob Major, and on Sunday, May 17th, 1,264 Bob Major by: H. Sargent 1, A. Sargent 3-4, Stephen H. Wood (conductor) 5-6, J. Sargent 7-8. First quarter-peals by the three brothers Sargent.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*FREDERICK NEALE Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	*RICHARD A. POST 6
JONATHAN HONEY 3	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

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

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court and two each of Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	JAMES H. MUSSON 4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 2	CHARLES WILKINSON 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY...Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

This was Miss F. Humphrey's first attempt for a peal at the age of 14. First peal ever rung in which mother and daughter have taken part. Quickest peal on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church with the exception of the 3rd ringer.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

H. PERCY SPARKES Treble	JACK ROY 4
WILLIAM H. LLOYD 2	HARRY CHURCHILL 5
BENJAMIN J. BURSTON 3	*CHARLES CHANNING Tenor

Conducted by H. CHURCHILL.

* First peal and members of the local band. First peal on the bells. The tenor ringer is seventy-one years of age. Mr. Channing has been a member of the local band for 25 years.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, Tanner's Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Killammarsh, and College Pleasure.

Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb.

W. WATERHOUSE Treble	F. JACKSON 4
*T. LATIMER... .. 2	S. HELLIWELL 5
FRED BLACKRITH... .. 3	J. THACKRAY Tenor

Conducted by J. THACKRAY.

* 50th peal.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BOOKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM E. COLES Treble	CHARLES W. SMITH 4
HORACE P. GILES 2	ALBERT FLEET 5
MISS BETTY COX 3	HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT FLEET.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge. Thanks are due to Mr. Coles for standing in at the last minute. It was his first peal of Minor and first attempt. First peal as conductor by A. Fleet, and first attempt. The quickest peal on the bells.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-four six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ARTHUR H. FISHER Treble	ALFRED KETCHEL 4
CYRIL S. WEST 2	CHARLES E. BASSETT 5
ARTHUR NORRIS 3	*ALBERT F. PHILLIPS... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal and first attempt. The tenor ringer was elected a member of the Guild, and is a member of the local band.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

JAMES H. LUCAS Treble	EDGAR G. SWIFT 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	*CHARLES A. NICHOLLS 5
PERCY E. JONES 3	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal on six bells.

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CÆSAR DAVIS Treble	JEFFERY TOSSELL 4
CHARLES FIELD 2	WILLIAM WEBB 5
ERNEST TOSSELL 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

The first peal of Minor on these beautiful bells.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

MOSES BILLINGS Treble	CYRIL H. W. SPEED 4
HERBERT PEARSON 2	CHARLES CLAYDON 5
*JACK DIXON 3	HARRY CARTER Tenor

Conducted by M. BILLINGS.

* First peal in five methods.

BRUTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

JAMES H. LAVER Treble	†WALTER J. TILLY 4
*FREDERICK J. REEVES 2	*WILLIAM A. OSBORN... .. 5
PERCY N. G. RAINEY 3	*WILLIAM LUCAS... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER J. TILLY

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal as conductor. Mr. F. Reeves was elected a member before the peal.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

WILLIAM SHARP Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
AMOS SMART 2	*JOSH J. PARTRIDGE 5
JOSEPH SHARP 3	ALBERT MINNEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' A birthday peal for the ringers of 4th and 5th.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Treble	HERBERT W. BISHOP ... 4
*E. LESLIE BOX ... 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 5
*E. JOHN BERRY ... 3	*SIDNEY PALMER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Messrs. Berry and Kynaston were proposed members of the Salisbury Guild before starting.

GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS ... Treble	*ARCHIE FITCH ... 4
*GEORGE BLOOMFIELD ... 2	PERCY L. JOHNSON ... 5
*ENO W. AMBROSE ... 3	THEODORE E. SLATER ... Tenor

Conducted by T. E. SLATER.

* First peal. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal. All are Sunday service ringers.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, May 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At No. 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

The composition contains the 5th and 6th the extent each way.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The committee of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds wish to thank the many readers of 'The Ringing World' for the congratulations and best wishes extended to them in their compilation of the third edition of the Directory.

Many useful suggestions have been received, and, while it is not possible to adopt the majority of these, they are carefully filed for adoption in later editions.

The committee are encouraged by the wishes accorded and by the valuable help of Mr. Fussell, who will edit the Empire Section, and Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, who is contributing 'Short touches for Sunday service ringing.'—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,

Hon. Secretary.

39, Tankard's Close,
St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

GAINSBOROUGH RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The eleventh annual outing of the Gainsborough Parish Church bellringers was held on Whit Monday, the places visited being Market Deeping, Deeping St. James, Oakham and Melton Mowbray. A start was made at 7 a.m., and, after a brief stop at Sleaford, Market Deeping was reached at 10 a.m. Owing to a service at 10.30, the ringing was of short duration, but at Deeping St. James ringing on the glorious ring of six (tenor 19 cwt.) was kept up in various methods until one o'clock. The next halt was made at Oakham, where most of the afternoon was spent in the belfry, where there is a splendid peal of eight (tenor 28 cwt.). At Melton Mowbray tea was served on arrival, after which the ringers climbed the steps to the ringing chamber, and rang touches of Royal and Caters on the peal of ten (tenor 25½ cwt.), while the ladies and non-ringers walked round the gardens and visited the fair. On the homeward journey a call was made at Newark and Gainsborough was reached about 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing.

E. D.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.

A RINGING COMPETITION TO BE ORGANISED.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, held on Whit Monday at Thirsk, was a great success. Members attended from Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Northallerton, Ripon, Sharow, Kirby Wiske, Felixkirke, and Selby, whilst the local band were in full attendance. Ringing was commenced at an early hour, and continued until eight o'clock at night. Everybody voted it to be a good day from every standpoint—even the weather.

A short bright service, conducted by the Rev. H. G. Metcalfe, Vicar of Felixkirke, was held before lunch, and in his address Mr. Metcalfe gave some very interesting details of ringing, much of which was new to his hearers. He mentioned, amongst other things, the founders' window at York Minster, dedicated to bell founders, and gave many instructive facts as to the old Yorkshire founders.

Lunch was held in the Golden Lion Inn, and was attended by some forty members. The annual meeting was held immediately after lunch, at which the president (Mr. J. C. Pollard) presided, supported by Vice-Presidents Stott (Thirsk) and Tingle (Ripon), and the hon. secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe, of Middlesbrough). The company was honoured by the presence of the Vicar of Felixkirke.

The secretary's report on the work of the association during the year was received with acclamation, and the balance sheet accepted nem. con.

The President, in referring to the secretary's report, mentioned the hopes of a better understanding being arrived at with the Yorkshire Association consequent on the Easter meeting at Tadcaster. The report of the Sunday service Ringing Scheme Committee, stating that Middlesbrough had again won the first certificate, and that Whitby had been successful in gaining the second certificate, was read, and the committee were complimented on the enthusiasm with which the scheme had met.

The officers were re-elected, and several new members (including the whole of the newly-formed Kirby Wiske band and Felixkirke band) were elected, and the Vicar of Felixkirke and the Rector of Kirby Wiske were elected hon. members.

The meetings for the next year were reported to have been fixed as follows: September, Kirby Wiske; pre-Lent, Darlington (joint meeting with the Durham and Newcastle Association); Easter Monday, Richmond; and annual Whit Monday meeting, Tees-side.

A discussion took place on the president's suggestion that a ringing competition be held, which was adjourned from the last annual meeting, and it was decided that, at the September meeting of the association, to be held at Kirby Wiske, a ringing competition be held. The arrangements were left in the hands of a committee consisting of the president, secretary Vice-President Stott, and Messrs. Hudson (Sharow) and Pickering (Tadcaster). Several bands intimated their desire to compete.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for their very successful arrangements, and to the Vicar of Felixkirke for his conducting the service and his inspiring address, were passed with acclamation. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the president for the expeditious manner in which the heavy business had been disposed of, and the ringers returned to the tower for further ringing.

During the afternoon a party visited Felixkirke, and touches of Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob Minor, and Bob Minor were rung, much to the pleasure of the villagers.

The ringing at Thirsk was of a very high standard, touches of all the usual methods being obtained with very good striking. Everybody got a ring, and many rang their first touches of new methods under the guidance of more experienced ringers. A special feature of all Cleveland-meetings is that the learner is especially catered for, and this meeting was no exception.

A meeting of the Competition Committee was held in the evening, and details were settled as to the method of organising the competition. It is intended to issue particulars to all towers as soon as possible in order that entries may be made and the necessary practice put in. It may be mentioned here that, with a view to encouraging the Felixkirke and Kirby Wiske ringers, the competition will consist of raising, ringing rounds, and lowering the bells. No change ringing is to be done. The judge will be the ever-popular secretary of the association (Mr. Metcalfe).

Altogether, it was a very successful annual meeting, and every credit is due to the officers for their work in connection with it.

J. C. P.

ONE HUNDRED 720's THIS YEAR.

At Over, Cambs, on Monday, May 18th, at the Church of St. Mary, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. W. T. Ginn 1, M. Ginn 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. G. Gleaves 4 A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6. The conductor's 100th 720 during 1931, and the 1,020th since January 1st, 1925.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, 720 Woodbine: D. Adams 1, G. Whybrow 2, M. Ginn 3, R. Thoday 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, C. Robinson 6. First in the method by 1st, 2nd and 4th ringers.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

The 52nd annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, when there was a large attendance of members from all parts of the diocese, which again testified to the popularity of Chelmsford as the Essex meeting place. In the morning, service was held at the Cathedral, conducted by the Sub-Dean, Canon W. E. R. Morrow, and Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., Master of the Association, read the lesson. The association's form of service, with the special hymns, was used. The address was given by Canon F. W. Galpin, M.A., F.L.S., Rector of Faulkbourne, who, basing his address on the motto in the tower at Hatfield Broad Oak Parish Church (where he was Vicar for 25 years), 'Ears open, eyes wide, feet steady, tongue tied,' spoke in appreciation of the work of ringers.

Luncheon was afterwards held at the County Hotel, the Master presiding over a company of eighty ringers, and being supported by Canon Galpin and Canon Morrow. The annual business meeting followed. The Master reported that Mr. F. J. Pitstow, Saffron Walden, the hon. secretary and treasurer to the association, was unfortunately too ill to attend the annual meeting, and the members would regret his enforced absence very much. Mr. E. J. Butler read the minutes, and, with the assistance of Mr. F. Ridgwell, discharged the secretarial duties of the meeting in the absence of the hon. secretary.

A SUCCESSFUL AND PROGRESSIVE YEAR.

The Master then presented his report for 1930 as follows: Again I am able to report a very successful and progressive year's work. Our membership has increased beyond the record of last year to 1,167, showing an increase of twenty-seven after removing a very considerable number of names from the list for various causes such as deaths, removals and lapses. This steady increase has been general for several years, and is due to the persistency of our district secretaries in their endeavour to extend the influence of the association to all the towers within their areas. Notwithstanding the very frequent meetings, in every district the attendances have been exceptionally good. Castle Hedingham, Ingrave, Little Bromley, Terling, Wickham St. Paul's, Great Totham and Chirshall have affiliated, making a total of 110 towers in union. After referring to the losses by death, the report proceeded: In bell restorations we have to record the ring of eight at Earls Colne, and the musical peal of six at Greensted Green have been rehung. At Coggeshall the once noted tower for peal ringing, the eight bells are to be rehung at an early date. The Cathedral bells have been rehung with ball bearings, and are now in excellent peal ringing order. At Woodford the tower has been strengthened, the bells rehung in a new steel frame on ball bearings and augmented from six to eight. The five bells at Ingrave have been completely overhauled and rehung with new wheels and fittings, and a promising young band has been formed there. The memorial bells at Great Holland, erected to the memory of the late Miss Emma Barron, founder of the Barron Bell Trust, are a very musical peal of eight. The total number of peals rung for the year is 110, exceeding all previous figures. Of these 97 were rung on tower bells and thirteen upon handbells. The peals were rung in thirty-six parishes, and with one exception all in the county. Thirty-four members acted as conductors; four acted for the first time as conductors; eleven rang their first peal; and in 62 cases it was the first peal in the method. Special mention should be made of the peals of Spliced Major in two and four methods; these are the first of their kind by the association and are very fine performances. The peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in twenty-three methods is the largest number of Surprise methods ever rung in one peal. To accomplish such a feat enormous concentration of mind is needed, and the fact that it was rung at the first attempt demonstrates the abilities of all those who took part in it. Mr. W. Keeble, who conducted 45 peals, rang in 54 peals during the year—52 of which were under the heading of our association. Every attempt for a peal by him was successful except one, which was stopped owing to illness near the church. This is certainly a most remarkable achievement. We owe to him a debt of gratitude for his services so freely given. The long list of peals is largely due to his exceptional abilities as a conductor. The peal book has again been written up by Mr. E. J. Butler, the district secretary of the South-Eastern Division. This voluntary work on his part is a considerable financial saving to the association, and we extend to him our warmest thanks.

The statements of accounts shows a very satisfactory financial position. The income from subscriptions and booking fees amount to £71 19s. 4d., and expenses to £54 5s. 4d., leaving a credit balance on the year's working of £17 14s. We commenced the year with a balance in hand on the Bell Restoration Fund of £27 12s. 5d. The church collections at the annual and district meetings amounted to £7 2s. 10d., and interest on War Loan £7 12s. 6d., making a total income of £14 15s. 4d. Grants have been made of £3 3s. each to Boeking and Earls Colne, and £5 5s. towards rehanging the Cathedral bells, leaving a balance in hand of £30 16s. 9d.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Master said the association had had a very satisfactory year's working. The membership had increased, exceeding the record number last year; there were more towers in the union than ever before, and the accounts were in a very satisfactory position. There was a

credit reserve fund from which the bells restoration fund was being assisted, and, after making grants of eleven guineas to assist various restorations, a balance of £30 16s. 9d. remained in hand on that account. But in years to come there might be applications which would exceed the income.

RESTORATION GRANTS.

Mr. Butler presented the report of the general committee, which recommended the following grants to bell restorations: Great Coggeshall and Ford End, three guineas each; Woodford, a further grant of two guineas, making a total of five guineas. It was also recommended to make a grant of five guineas from the general fund to the proposed restoration of St. Benet's bells at Cambridge in connection with the commemoration of Fabian Stedman.

The committee also recommended that the following founder members of the association be made life members: Messrs. B. Keeble (Romford), T. Edwards and T. Watson (Braintree), and W. E. Bearman (Bocking). The Master explained that when the association celebrated its jubilee two years ago, two founder members were made life members, and the names of the above four founder members were overlooked. The committee also recommended that Messrs. H. E. Hammond (Braintree), F. Dale and H. Ewers (Kelvedon) and W. Hobbs (Harlow), who have been members for a long period of years, should be made life members. The report was adopted.

For the election of Master, Canon Morrow took the chair. Dr. Spencer-Phillips, Great Baddow, proposed, and Mr. F. G. Ringe, Brentwood, seconded, that Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., be re-elected Master of the association. There was no other other nomination, and this was carried unanimously. The Master thanked the members of the association for the honour done him, and said he would do his best to carry on the duties of the office for another year. Since the last annual meeting he had accepted another responsible position at Braintree, but that would not in any way interfere with his duties as Master.

Mr. F. J. Pitstow, in his absence, was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. The Master said Mr. Pitstow had suggested a readiness to retire, but the association could not afford to lose his services. Mr. Pitstow belonged to a noted family of ringers at Saffron Walden, and he had made a very efficient officer of the association.—It was decided to send a letter to Mr. Pitstow, regretting the cause of his absence, and hoping he might soon be restored to health again.

The following officers were re-elected: General committee, Dr. Spencer-Phillips, Messrs. W. Keeble, W. Lincoln, T. Faulkner, E. Dench, with the Master, secretary, District Masters, secretaries and auditor; Peal Committee, Messrs. G. Joyce, T. Faulkner, G. R. Pye, W. Keeble; auditors, Messrs. W. H. Theobald and G. W. Faulkner.

The Master proposed that Canon Galpin, Rector of Faulkbourne, be elected an hon. member of the association, and this was carried, as was also the election of Messrs. R. Plumber and N. Belcham, Shenfield, ringing members.

SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL MOTIONS.

Mr. Butler raised the question of the motion to be brought before the Central Council the following day re the ringing of peals of Minor with a covering bell or bells, and peals of Doubles with more than one covering bell, and asked for an expression of opinion from the meeting, as a guidance to the representatives.

After considerable discussion, they were requested to record their votes in favour of discouraging such practices.

It was unanimously decided to incorporate the following in the rules: 'That this association be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers, and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.'

Mr. Ringe (Brentwood) suggested there should be again printed in the report a list of towers of five bells and upwards in the country, and times of practice and ringing for divine service of all affiliated towers, which was discontinued owing to the excessive cost during the war.—This was agreed to.

The Master proposed thanks to Canon Galpin for his helpful address, and mentioned that he had heard 45 out of the last 46 addresses at the annual meetings of the association. He said the ringers would go away fortified and encouraged by the Canon's words.—Canon Galpin suitably replied.—Thanks were also accorded the Cathedral authorities for the service, and the various incumbents for the use of the bells.—Mr. Butler proposed the closing vote of thanks to the Master for presiding.

The bells at the following churches were at the disposal of the association: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), and Boreham (8), and excellent touches were rung in all the standard methods.

WILTON'S OCTOGENARIAN RINGER.

At St. George's Church, Wilton, Taunton, on Sunday, June 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Wyatt 1, A. W. Hayward 2, S. G. Coles 3, H. E. Causley 4, S. A. Wyatt 5, D. F. Sheldon 6, A. J. Wyatt (conductor) 7, H. J. Mogridge 8. This was rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. John Wyatt, who is the oldest member of the Wilton Guild, and father of the ringers of the treble and 7th, and grandfather of the ringer of the 5th.

LINCOLN GUILD'S GAIN.**FIRST RING OF EIGHT IN SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE BRANCH.**

Edenham, a picturesque village in South Lincolnshire, had a red-letter day on Saturday, May 23rd, when the augmented peal of eight bells were dedicated by the Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. In the presence of a large congregation, including the Earl of Ancaster, the people of Edenham, and ringers and friends from the surrounding district, the service opened with the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell.' The lessons were read by the Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Rowlands), after which the Rev. H. Law James, accompanied by the Rural Dean, Canon J. Grinter, and Rev. J. S. Rowlands, proceeded to the west end of the church, and the dedicatory prayers were said, after which two whole pulls were rung on the two new trebles and recast tenor, followed by a few well-struck rounds by the local band.

In the course of his address, the Rev. H. Law James congratulated the people of Edenham on the big work they had completed, and went on to explain the real use of church bells, and said they were not merely hung in our towers to remind us when it was time for service, but chiefly they were put there to remind us of our Lord's resurrection Sunday by Sunday.

During the singing of the last hymn, 'The Church's one foundation,' a collection was made, and amounted to £5 12s. 7d., which went towards the expense of recasting the tenor bell.

The work of augmenting the peal to eight by the addition of two new trebles has been carried out by the Loughborough firm, and they are to be congratulated on the excellent splice they have made. The two new bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—'Come hither and harken all ye that fear God.' Given by the Parishioners, 1931.

2nd.—'Ring we merrily unto God our strength.' Given by the Parishioners, 1931.

The tenor, which was cast by Thos. Norris in 1636, was unfortunately found to have a small crack in the crown, and has been recast with a quantity of new metal added, and now weighs 16 cwt. It bears the following inscription: 'Thos. Norris made me 1636. Recast 1931.'

It was certainly a great day for the Southern Branch of the Guild, as this is the first peal of eight that the branch possesses.

Tea was served in the Vicarage grounds, but was somewhat spoilt by the continuous rain, although it was estimated that over eighty ringers were present, including Mr. J. O. Oldham, representing Messrs. Taylor and Co., and Mr. D. S. Collins. During the evening the bells were again heard to good advantage, and a variety of methods were rung, including Cambridge Surprise Major. The bells were lowered in peal at 9 p.m., when a very happy day ended.

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The May meeting was held at Bickenhill, and was well attended, members being present from Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Clifton, King's Norton, Lillington, Solihull and Warwick. The six bells of the old 12th century church were kept going in various methods until 5.30 (720 of London Surprise being the longest length), when a halt was called for tea. This was a sumptuous meal prepared by ladies of the parish.

The Vicar (Rev. G. Hood) presided over a gathering of some 25 members and friends, and after tea said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild once more, as the last visit encouraged the local ringers to progress. He expressed the wish that the Guild would provide an instructor to enable them to gain an insight into the art of change ringing.

Mr. J. H. W. White (Ringing Master) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his splendid welcome, and to the ladies for the tea they had provided. Referring to the request of the Vicar for an instructor, he said he felt he could not undertake the task himself, but he had no doubt that the Guild would arrange for a younger man to visit Bickenhill weekly or fortnightly to instruct the ringers, but he stressed the point that all the ringers must turn up for practice unless prevented by illness, in order to make the visits worth while for both instructor and instructed.

Upon returning to the belfry, ringing was resumed until about 7.30, when the bells were lowered in peal, thus ending a very pleasant meeting.

An incident of the afternoon will not be forgotten by those who witnessed it. One of the visiting ringers endeavoured to enter the churchyard on a motor-cycle, up a few steps and through a latched gate, the latter, by resisting, suffering most. Memories of Bickenhill will return to him when the bill for repairs arrives.

HONOURING A CENTENARIAN.

On Tuesday evening, May 19th, in honour of the birthday of the Rev. D. R. Norman, a former Rector of St. Mary's Church, Stafford, who on that day attained the great age of 103 years, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Stafford, by the following members of St. Mary's band: W. Cowan 1, R. J. Warrilow 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, A. E. Garbett 4, W. H. Jones 5, G. Booth 6, H. F. Evans 7, W. G. Curtis 8, J. Warrilow (conductor) 9, W. A. Riddington 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Although the size of 'The Ringing World' is increased by four pages this week, we regret that the appearance of Mr. Trollope's next article on the College Youths has again to be postponed. Other contributions are also unavoidably held over.

Work on the restoration of Yeovil bells has been begun. The frame is to be strengthened and partly reconstructed, and the bells are to be retuned. They are now at the Whitechapel Foundry.

There will shortly be a new ring of eight bells in Guildford Diocese. A faculty has been granted for the provision of a light peal at Grayshott, in the picturesque Hindhead district, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank now have the work in hand. Up to the present Grayshott has had three bells only.

The attempt for the long peal of London Surprise Major at Warham, on Saturday, came to grief through a trip in the 12th course, after an hour and 40 minutes' ringing.

The earthquake shock which occurred early on Sunday morning damaged the tower at Hemmingford Abbots, Hunts, and consequently the meeting of the Ely Association, which was to have been held there on Saturday, has been cancelled.

Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glemsford, who is so well known in Suffolk ringing circles, last Saturday rang his first peal as conductor. He called a peal of Minor from the tenor at his parish church, and is the third generation of his family to ring this bell to a peal.

The Early English Parish Church of Kilsby, near Rugby, has just been saved from collapse. Cracks and fissures appeared in the walls, the pillars began to lean and plaster fell from the roof. The diocesan architect was called in, and expressed the opinion that the church would collapse in three weeks unless something was done. The walls have been shored up with stout timbers set in concrete, and it is estimated that the restoration will cost £4,000. Kilsby has a ring of five bells.

What is believed to be the first peal ever rung in which mother and daughter have taken part together was scored on Whit Monday at Folkestone, Kent, when Mrs. Phillis Humphrey and her daughter Frances (aged 14) rang in a peal of Minor in four methods. Miss Humphrey only learnt to handle a bell four months ago.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung on May 23rd, and recorded as having been rung at St. Barnabas', Liverpool, was actually rung at St. Barnabas' Church, Bromborough, Cheshire.

BRISTOL RINGER'S CAR SMASH.

FAMILY OF FOUR TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

Mr. Percy Williams, of 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, who was last year's Master of Bristol United Guilds, and members of his family were involved in a serious motor accident on Saturday. Near the Fairland Hill cross-roads, between Bristol and Portishead, the car he was driving was run into by another coming out of a side turning. Mr. Williams' car was struck in the rear wheel, causing it to spin round and topple over on its side. Mr. Williams received injuries to his head, ribs, right arm and right leg. Mrs. Williams was seriously injured about the head, left arm and shoulder, and Mr. Donald Williams, their 18-year-old son, and Miss Esme Williams, aged 20, their daughter, received cuts and bruises about the legs, and suffered from shock. All were removed by ambulance to Bristol General Hospital. Mr. Williams and the son and daughter, after careful medical examination and attention, were allowed to go home, but Mrs. Williams' injuries necessitated her detention.

Mr. Williams' car was wrecked. The occupants of the second car escaped serious hurt.

The injured are progressing satisfactorily, and Mr. Williams desires to express gratitude to the many friends who have made kind inquiries.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF WISBECH AND MARSHLAND BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at Wisbech on Saturday, May 23rd. Despite the inclement weather, a large number of ringers attended from Shouldham, Finesham, Wallington, Marham, Long Sutton, Over, Willingham, Leverington, Newton, Elm, Somersham, March, and Chatteris. The members also visited the towers of Leverington and Newton, where very good ringing took place, the methods rung being Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble and Cambridge Surprise.

Service was held at Wisbech, the Guild's special form being used, and an inspiring and eloquent address given to the ringers by Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, general secretary of the association.

At the business meeting, over which the general secretary presided, the following officers were elected: President, Archdeacon Ward (Rector of Kilgay); Ringing Master, Mr. Alfred E. Bacon; committee, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Messrs. Buckenham, Croft, Abrams and Smith.

Several new members joined the association, and Ely and Littleport were proposed for the next meeting.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY. ST. BENET'S CHURCH COUNCIL ACCEPT THE SCHEME.

With the admirable response which is being made to the appeal, promoted by 'The Ringing World,' for funds for the restoration of the bells of St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, to commemorate the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman's birth, preliminaries are now in hand for the carrying out of the scheme.

The formal application, addressed by the President of the Central Council to the Rector, for permission to carry out the work, has been considered by the Parochial Church Council, and the offer has been gratefully accepted by them. The matter has now gone forward to the Ely Diocesan Advisory Committee.

In the meantime four members of the Parochial Church Council have been nominated to act with the committee of the Central Council to carry out the details of the scheme.

The raising of the money remains to be completed. Time is the essence of this part of the project, if the work is to be finished by the end of the summer. No order can be placed until the necessary funds are forthcoming, and ringers who wish to be personally associated with this national memorial to the real founder of their art, and bands who desire to make collective contributions, should send in their donations at once to:—

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey.

All contributions will be acknowledged through these columns, and the third list will appear in our next issue.

Last Saturday the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, at a meeting at Sleaford, voted ten guineas to the fund. Other associations who have made grants, since the last list was published, are the Sherwood Youths, the Halifax and District Association, the Dudley and District Guild, the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, the North-West District of the Surrey Association and the Romney Marsh and District Guild. The last named also made a collection on the occasion of the ringers' party held to celebrate the 94th birthday of Mr. C. Slingsby, the oldest member, and a sum of £2 was the result.

THE USE OF GUILDS' FINANCIAL BALANCES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—At a certain district meeting held recently the restoration of a peal of bells in a small village was discussed. The tower is unaffiliated; in fact, very little ringing has been done there for years, and, consequently, it follows that there is no band of ringers. However, the parishioners have been working hard for some years to raise funds to restore the peal of five bells, and to add an additional one. A motion was carried that the Central Committee of the Guild should be asked to assist, and as a gesture of practical sympathy it was proposed that a guinea should be sent from the district funds, which have risen substantially every year, but it was finally decided that the guinea should only be subscribed on condition that the Rector gave the assurance that his band would join the Guild if and when the band is formed. This, considering that the parish had never sought help from the Guild, and probably did not know of its existence, seems to me a most niggardly and humiliating way of showing sympathy, and it has forced upon me the thought of what can be the purpose of building up unnecessary balances in Guild finances in general. It is well known that some associations have accumulated hundreds of pounds, and even use it for investment, but I am completely at a loss to understand what the ultimate aim can be. This is a plain simple question, honestly propounded. It affects the well-being of every Guild in the kingdom, and it would be extremely helpful if some experienced officials could be induced to offer a little enlightenment. For myself, I cannot think the limit has been reached in propaganda methods, and certainly a more lively interest ought to be taken wherever restoration work is contemplated.

—Yours faithfully,
PLAIN BOB.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.

JOINT MEETING AT BARNET.

The first meeting at Barnet after the underpinning of the tower and the rehanging of the bells, took place on Saturday last, and, appropriately enough, was jointly held by the two associations of which the local ringers are members. The moving of the bells so that the ropes of the 7th and 8th are now away from an inconveniently placed clock case, make it a much easier job to ring these bells, and is an improvement much appreciated by ringers.

Ringing commenced a few minutes after the advertised time, and throughout the afternoon was in charge of the District Master of the Middlesex Association (Mr. A. W. Coles), who, as usual, gave everybody an opportunity of ringing just what they wanted from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major of the four methods variety.

Owing to the absence of the Rector on holidays, no service was held, consequently tea was served at 5 p.m. Mr. W. Pickworth presided, and was supported by Messrs. W. Nash and C. T. Coles (secretaries), W. Pye, A. W. Coles, G. R. Pye and a good company.

Mr. C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association), in welcoming the many ringers present, explained that it had been the original intention to hold this meeting at Hadley, in Middlesex, but as that tower was at present under repair, a quick change had to be made, and Barnet was chosen for the meeting. Thus he was placed in the position of being able to welcome Hertfordshire ringers to Hertfordshire. There was something appropriate in this, however, as Barnet was virtually the birthplace of this district of the Middlesex Association. It was in 1899 that a deputation waited on the then Rector of Barnet (Dr. Barrett), and as a result the Middlesex Association was formed. This association, by amalgamation with the S. and W. Middlesex Guild, ultimately became the present county organisation.

Mr. W. Nash (Hertfordshire Association) said that they of Hertfordshire were glad to be present, and he thanked Mr. Coles for his welcome. He added that they were all working with one object, and the two associations would always work together for the good of ringing. As regarded next year's joint meeting, he suggested that this should be held at St. Albans. If it was decided to hold a meeting there in the summer of next year he was sure they would have a good time.—Mr. Nash's suggestion, being taken as a proposal and duly seconded, was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. Pickworth (Middlesex Association) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. W. E. Moll) for the use of the bells, and to Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Eldred, and friends for arranging an excellent tea. This was carried with acclamation.

Some handbell ringing, Bristol and Cambridge Surprise, by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mayne and Messrs. W. and G. R. Pye, followed, and afterwards a further visit was made to the belfry. The attendance during the afternoon and evening reached well above fifty, a few arriving after tea to help swell the total.

BUGLERS OF THE CHURCH.

Addressing the spring meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Eynsham, the Vicar of Tackley (Rev. E. J. Lee) described bellringers as the buglers of the church.

At the business meeting, when among those present were four undergraduate members, the Rev. F. R. Marriott, who presided, thanked the Vicar of Eynsham and the organist (Mr. W. Bond) for their help in the service, and the ladies of Eynsham (under Mrs. Owen) for providing tea.

The Secretary reported a balance in hand of £19 4s., out of which it was agreed to contribute £1 1s. to the Fabian Stedman memorial.

Three honorary and five ringing members were accepted, and Mr. Everts, appealing for more hon. members, pointed out that their subscription was devoted to the Diocesan Bell Restoration Fund.

Replying to a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. John Monk, the Rev. E. J. Lee said that in his address he had tried to emphasise that bellringers should always do all they could to second the efforts of the priest.

During the afternoon and evening the towers of Eynsham, Freeland, Cassington and Handborough were visited.

The autumn meeting was fixed for October 3rd at Northmoor.

THE PEAL OF BOB ROYAL AT NOTTINGHAM.

Several correspondents have written pointing out that the peal of Bob Royal at St. Peter's, Nottingham, was not first in the method in the county on tower bells.

Mr. Harold Walker, the conductor, says he has now been advised that two peals of Bob Royal have been previously rung at St. Mary's, one of them as long ago as 1786. Apart from the peal being the first of Bob Royal on the bells, the band, therefore, claim no further credit.

The peal in 1786 was called by W. D. Crofts. The other was rung in 1912. In addition to these, Mr. H. Haigh, of Workop, points out that a peal of Bob Royal was rung at East Retford on November 9th, 1900, conducted by J. B. Joyes, by a band born in the borough of East Retford.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. PRYCE TAYLOR.

RINGERS' CHAPEL AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

DEDICATION OF SCREEN AND PAVEMENT.

In Memory of Pryce Taylor,
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Erected by his widow, Kathleen, 1931.

This simple inscription, cast in bell metal, adorns the gateway of a handsome wrought-iron screen which now encloses the space at the foot of the tower of Loughborough Parish Church, and sets it apart for all time as a ringers' chapel.



THE RINGERS' CHAPEL AND MEMORIAL SCREEN.

Pryce Taylor's death in Canada in 1927, while on a business tour, robbed the bell founding industry of one who would have been destined to play a great part in its future progress and development and the ringing Exercise of a well-known and popular figure. Loughborough, which to ringers is synonymous with Taylors, where Pryce

was born and where he was laid to rest, now possesses a noble memorial to this young spirit, cut off on the threshold of his prime, and while the church has been beautified, the art which was part of Pryce Taylor's life will be elevated by the existence of a hallowed spot which ringers may call their own through all the time to come.

It was, indeed, a happy thought which inspired the conception of this unusual yet singularly appropriate memorial to one whose whole existence had been inextricably associated with bells; its development was artistically worked out by Mr. A. Herbert, a Leicester architect, and its execution is a lasting credit to all the craftsmen employed.

The memorial screen in wrought iron is 15ft. in height and 12ft. wide, formed in three panels, there being a central gateway surmounted by coats of arms in heraldic colours, one being the foundry mark of the Newcombes, predecessors, in the long line of founders to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the other the arms of St. Neots, where Robert, the first of the Taylors who became bell founders, born in 1760, succeeded to the business of Edward Arnold, with whom he had been apprenticed.

The floor of the chapel has been decorated with some beautiful work cast in bell metal. The foundry mark of the Newcombes occupies the centre, and round it is the text, 'Their sound is gone out into all lands.' Surrounding this and having a diameter of ten feet is a richly ornamented broad riband of metal covered with a design, of which the most conspicuous feature is four medallions representing the book of seals, the crosskeys and sword of SS. Peter and Paul, to whom the church was originally dedicated, the fisherman's boat, and the arms of St. Augustine, the first missionary to England.

On one wall of the chapel hang the bronze plaques of John William Taylor, who died in 1906, and John William Taylor, the younger, who died in 1919—the grandfather and father respectively of Pryce Taylor. The opposite wall is reserved for ringing memorials, and already the tablets relating to the 18,027 Stedman Caters, rung on the bells in 1909, and the Victory peal rung on July 26th, 1919, find a place of honour there.

The dedication of the memorial took place on Saturday at an impressive service, when there was a great gathering of ringers and other friends of Pryce Taylor. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Leicester. Mrs. Pryce Taylor, the widow, and Mr. Denison Taylor (uncle) were present, and other members and friends of the family who attended were Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Taylor (uncle and aunt), Mr. Owen Taylor (uncle), Mr. and Mrs. Mears (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. Backhouse (sister), Miss Margaret Taylor (step-sister), Mr. Paul Taylor (step-brother), Mr. Crofton, Mr. and Mrs. Statham, Mr. Lea and Miss Lea, Mrs. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. A. Herbert, Miss Herbert, and the Rev. R. A. and Mrs. Jones. Members of the 'Howe and Charnwood' Lodge of Freemasons, of which Mr. Pryce Taylor was a member, were present, and ringers came from many parts of Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and from as far away as London, Birmingham and Lincoln, to do honour to the memory of one whom they were proud to have known and to call a friend.

The service was conducted by Rev. F. W. Pratt (curate), owing to the Rector's ill-health, but Canon Briggs was present, and with the churchwardens attended the Bishop as he moved from the chancel to the west end of the church to offer the dedicatory prayers. As soon as these had ended there fell upon the hushed gathering the

sound of the glorious bells in the tower ringing half-muffled to a perfect beat, the measured rounds being followed by three leads of Grand-sire Triples, while the procession returned to the chancel. The ringing was done by the Loughborough Parish Church band.

The Bishop of Leicester, in his address, first referred to the origin and development of bells and their introduction into the Christian

Church, quoting many interesting facts which, he said, he had culled from the book of a Leicestershire campanologist, Mr. Ernest Morris, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing.' In bell founding and bellringing, said Dr. Bardsley, England had always in the past been, and was to-day, far ahead of other countries. In no part of England had there been a greater love of bells and bellringing than in the county of Leicestershire, and in connection with bells no place had become more world-famed than that town of Loughborough. It was a happy and noble proposal that, just as in the past, parts of their cathedrals and parish churches had been associated with different crafts and trades, so there in that Parish Church there should be set apart under the great tower a part of the church which in all the coming days would be associated with the craft of bellringing. They greatly appreciated the generosity of those who had made this possible, and the skill and art of those who had carried out the work. Members of the Taylor family had been famous not only as bell founders, but as bellringers. Their name was known throughout the world, and their bells, founded there in Loughborough, not only throughout the length and breadth of this country, but in many other lands. He thanked Mrs. Pryce Taylor and Mr. Denison Taylor for the offering they had made, and which it had been his privilege to dedicate, and he was sure there were many present who, in their hearts, associated themselves with him in thanking these two benefactors.

A BIG GATHERING.

After the service, the ringers and Masonic brethren were the guests of Mr. Denison Taylor, who entertained them to a sumptuous tea in the Fearon Hall, where a company numbering over 260 sat down, with the Bishop presiding, supported by Mrs. Pryce Taylor, Mr. Denison Taylor and the other members of the family. The tea was admirably served by a band of ladies, under the direction of Mrs. Hickling (wife of one of the churchwardens).

During an interval, a bouquet of carnations was handed to Mrs. Pryce Taylor by little Miss Mitchell, the daughter of one of the foundry employees.

Afterwards, the Bishop explained the absence of the Rector from the gathering and, amid applause, wished Canon Briggs a speedy restoration to health. Proceeding, he thanked Mr. Denison Taylor for the hospitality extended to that large company. One of the characteristics of those who were interested in bells and bellringing was, he said, their enthusiasm, and another was their spirit of comradeship. Some of them, however, might not know the extremely interesting story of Mr. Taylor's firm. Its history must be almost unique in the history of firms. The story of this concern went back to the fourteenth century, to the year 1336. All down the centuries since then this firm had been carrying on the work of bell founding, and it was about the middle of the 18th century that the name of Taylor became associated with it, while in the middle of the last century the foundry was started in Loughborough. This was a record of which the firm might well be proud, and of which he ventured to say those who were associated with Loughborough and with Leicestershire were proud, too (applause). There was a good sound to the name of Taylor all over the world (laughter and applause). Having extended a welcome to all the visitors to Loughborough, the Bishop went on to refer to the special purpose of the service and of that gathering. Mr. Pryce Taylor, he said, passed over quite a young man. He had already become associated with that firm, and was full of promise to maintain and carry on with others the traditions of the firm. But that was not to be, for he was taken ill in America and died. The very beautiful gate and the very beautiful pavement which they had dedicated that day had been given by Mrs. Pryce Taylor, his widow, and his uncle, Mr. Denison Taylor, in his memory, and the Rector, with a very happy thought, had arranged that the bottom of the tower should be set apart to be always associated with bells and bellringing. That seemed to him to be peculiarly suitable in Loughborough, which was the very Mecca of their craft. He was sure it would be appreciated by all of them, and it had been made possible by the generosity of Mrs. Pryce Taylor and Mr. Denison Taylor. There was in his own heart, and he was sure in the hearts of all present, sympathy with those who had made those gifts because of their sacred character, and when they acknowledged with thankfulness the gift, they did so with true sympathy and sincere respect. That was the true purpose of their gathering in Loughborough that day, and he would like to say that they appreciated the presence of so many ringers, especially of those who came from a distance to be with them. He also thanked personally Mrs. Pryce Taylor and Mr. Denison Taylor for the privilege which they had given him that afternoon (applause).

CHARACTERISTIC TRAITS.

Mr. Denison Taylor, who was received with applause, said they were met that day, as the Bishop had reminded them, to do honour to the memory of his very dear nephew, Pryce Taylor. The beautiful service and the dedication of the tower screen had indeed been most impressive to all of them, and especially to those who knew the dear lad. They all were very honoured and were grateful to the Lord Bishop for his kindness in being present with them and for performing the dedication. He hoped that his lordship's kind words with reference to the firm were well deserved; they were certainly very kind, and he appreciated them highly. He felt that this service

must have been very touching to Mrs. Pryce Taylor, whose very happy but distressingly short married life was brought to an end by the death of her husband. It was most touching to himself also. He was associated with Pryce in business for many years, and he still felt, and always would feel, the loss of his cheery and optimistic outlook and his bright and encouraging presence. His heart and soul were in his work, and he was ever studying how to make a better and still better job. He had a fine business personality, which ensured him a welcome wherever he went and made him welcome on every occasion. He possessed the spirit which characterised the men who fought in France; he called it the N.E.I. and the N.E.D., the first meaning 'Not easily impressed,' the second 'Not easily depressed.' Whatever the reports, whether good or bad, they just said, 'Oh, yes,' and carried on. The same imperturbable spirit was characteristic of Pryce Taylor. Another slogan which he brought back with him from France was 'Don't grouse,' and he wondered whether some of them might not take a lesson from the fine spirit which was manifested by those who won through. Of course, there was no place like England—it was a wonderful country; but when some super-optimist made claims such as one Englishman being as good as ten foreigners, he thought the response was a bright 'Oh, yes.' On the other hand, when the super-pessimist said England was played out, gone to the dogs, done for—again they could say, 'Oh, yes' (laughter and applause). That was the attitude of the men who won through by ceaseless hard work and dogged determination. Pryce Taylor was of this type, and England would not go far wrong while this spirit pervaded her young men. In conclusion, Mr. Taylor said Mrs. Pryce Taylor wished him to express her thanks to Mr. Herbert for his most artistically conceived design for the memorial, and to those craftsmen who had so ably carried out the architect's plan, and he would also like to add his own word of thanks for the decorative work in the tower chamber. Mr. Herbert had spared no time or trouble to bring to a satisfactory conclusion the whole of this beautiful work, and they were deeply indebted to him. After expressing regret at the absence of the Rector from that gathering, Mr. Taylor said they thought it was very kind of so many of Pryce's ringing and other friends to attend on that occasion, and they were proud to see them there in such goodly numbers to honour his memory (applause).

Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Pryce Taylor and to Mr. Denison Taylor for the hospitality, and to the ladies who had prepared and served the tea, and the proceedings terminated with a brief speech by Mrs. Pryce Taylor, who gracefully thanked those who had come there that afternoon, many of whom knew her husband and were his friends.

IN THE FOUNDRY.

The ringing visitors afterwards made good use of the Parish Church and Foundry bells, and found a great deal to interest them in the works. Chief among the attractions was the great carillon of 48 bells, with tenor of 5 tons, for the Duke University Cathedral, Durham, North Carolina. This carillon can be operated by a piano keyboard or by means of electrically controlled music rolls, as simply as a pianola. It is the last word in carillon perfection, not only in the tones of its bells from the smallest to the largest, but in its ingenious operation. Another carillon in process of manufacture was one of 66 bells with a 5 ton tenor for the World War Memorial tower which is being built at Richmond, Virginia, and yet another set of 30, with 50 cwt. tenor, for Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut.

Waiting in the foundry for removal to their new home on Monday last were the eight bells, recast from the old six, which came to grief in the disastrous fire at Eaton Socon Church, Bedfordshire. Among other numerous and interesting jobs, which could be seen passing through the works were the ring of six for Great Budeaux, Cornwall, which are to be rehung in a new frame, the peal of eight for Bollington, Cheshire, the ring of six for Moulton, Northants, which are to go into a new frame with space for eight, the five for Fobbing, Essex, which are likewise to be provided with a frame for eight, and the ring of five for Culworth, near Banbury, which includes two of Newcombe's old bells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A CITY MEETING.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, May 30th. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. at the eight-bell tower of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, and continued until 5.30 p.m., when the company present adjourned to a nearby Lyons for a well-earned tea. This important item having been disposed of, a move was made to the ten-bell tower of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, where a short business meeting was held. One new member was elected, and Woodford chosen as the place of the next meeting. Votes of thanks to the Rectors of St. Dunstan's and St. Magnus', and also to Mr. W. D. Grainger for having everything ready at St. Dunstan's, brought the business to a close, and ringing was then resumed until 8.45 p.m.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Major and Royal, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

The attendance at this meeting was comparatively poor, and it is hoped that the next meeting will draw a much larger number.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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NEW HONORARY MEMBERS.

On the election of honorary members, the President said the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Parker retired this year. In addition, they had lost the Rev. C. D. P. Davies by death, while the hon. secretary had received a letter from the Rev. E. W. Carpenter saying that, although he had not been able to attend any meetings for some time, he had hoped to attend one more meeting to say a few words of farewell, because he felt he must give up the work. Mr. Carpenter had not, however, been able to come to that meeting, and he (the president) thought they must regretfully accept his resignation. Mr. Parker had also expressed a wish not to be re-elected, as he found it difficult to get to the meetings. They had thus four vacancies altogether. As they knew, it had been the practice of the Council to leave one position vacant in case they desired to elect anyone in a hurry. The Standing Committee had considered the question, and there were four names which they wished to put forward, and, in view of the fact that they would all be very useful to the Council, the committee thought the four places should be filled. The names suggested were Mr. Stephen H. Wood, Mr. E. W. Elwell, who had dropped out from the representation of the Chester Diocesan Guild, on account of resigning the secretaryship, and Mr. A. A. Hughes, who did not now represent the College Youths, with, of course, Mr. Richardson. They would all regret the severance of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter's connection with the Council, as he was one of the founding members.

Replying to a question, the President said it was not absolutely necessary to accept Mr. Carpenter's resignation that day, but if they did not do so they would have no vacancy for emergencies. The resignation could be left over for another year.

Mr. Newton said in view of a notice of motion standing in his name he had been going to suggest the election of one or two names as hon. members, but he would be quite satisfied with one. If all the places were filled, it would preclude his proposing any other name later.

The President said it would be in order to accept Mr. Carpenter's resignation later in the day if they found it necessary; in the meantime they need take no action.

On the motion of the Rev. Canon Elsee, seconded by Mr. A. E. Sharman, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was re-elected, and vacancies were filled by the election of Messrs. S. H. Wood, E. W. Elwell and A. A. Hughes.

THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The reports of committees were then considered by the Council, the hon. secretary first making a verbal report on behalf of the Standing Committee, which had met earlier in the day. The committee were given authority at the last meeting, he said, to go into the question of the rules and make recommendations. This matter would come before the Council later. In his (the speaker's) absence from the country, Mr. Cave had done what he could towards getting cheaper travelling facilities for the members of the Council, but had met with very little success. It was a story twenty years old, and he had come to the conclusion that it would be wise if the Council only made an effort for reduced fares for the members on the occasion of the London meetings, when they had more members travelling. With regard to the Carter ringing machine, of which the Council were trustees, the Standing Committee thought it would be a graceful act if the work of the two gentlemen, Mr. Fardon and Mr. Sharman, who had been overhauling the machine at a great deal of expense of time to themselves, were recognised by some little gift, such as one or other of the new books on bells and ringing that had recently been published. They had made probably 15 or 20 journeys to South Kensington in connection with the work, and they had charged for nothing except the actual material that they had used. These two gentlemen now probably knew more about the machine than anyone since Mr. Carter himself, and it was suggested that the Council should appoint them as demonstrators, and that they should be allowed to charge a fee for demonstrating the machine of, say, half a guinea. By the death of Mr. Davies, they had lost one of the two trustees who were appointed by Mr. Carter's own desire. There was only himself (the hon. sec.) left, and it was for the Council to appoint a colleague to act with him. The Standing Committee thought it should be someone living in London, and they unanimously recommended Mr. A. A. Hughes, who had kindly given the set of bells which were now operated by the machine.

The President suggested that the Council should pass a resolution to present to each of the two gentlemen who had recently overhauled the machine a copy of Mr. Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' or a book of similar value, as a mark of their appreciation, and with the thanks of the Council for what they had done; also that they appoint them officially as demonstrators of the machine; and, thirdly, that the Standing Committee's action be confirmed in appointing Mr. Hughes as trustee.

This was agreed to.

THE REVISION OF RULES.

The Hon. Secretary said just before he left for South Africa the Standing Committee considered the question of the rules, referred to

them from the last Council meeting. It arose out of some suggested amendments put forward anonymously in 'The Ringing World,' in which the idea of having the associations in affiliation with the Council was apparently the chief notion. The committee came to the conclusion that this could be done by the addition of a sub-clause to Rule 1 and an alteration to Rule 2. The existing rules were as follows:—

1. That the Council be known as the 'Central Council of Church Bellringers.'

2. That the Council consist of:—

(1) Representative members from all recognised societies, associations, and guilds of church bellringers (hereinafter referred to under the general term 'Societies'), numbering not less than seventy-five members. The representation to be in the following proportion:—

For a society the number of whose members exceeds:

75, but does not exceed 150, one representative.

150, but does not exceed 300, two representatives.

300, but does not exceed 450, three representatives.

450, four representatives.

Four representatives to be the limit of representation allowed to any one society.

The committee proposed that Rule 2 should be amended by the insertion of sub-clause:—

1. (a) That any recognised society, association or guild (hereinafter referred to under the general term 'societies'), numbering not less than seventy-five members, should be eligible for affiliation to the Council.

2. That the Council consist of representative members from all affiliated societies. The representation to be in the following proportion (as set out in the original rule).

On behalf of the committee, he moved the adoption of the recommendation.—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett suggested that in 1 (a), instead of the words 'should be eligible for affiliation,' there should be substituted the words 'shall on application be affiliated.'

The Rev. H. Law James asked how many copies of 'Rules and Decisions' there were at present unsold.

The Librarian: Ninety-five.

The Rev. H. Law James: And if we proceed to make these alterations we may as well put these 95 copies on the fire; they will be unsalable.

The Hon. Secretary said that had been considered by the Standing Committee, and it was decided that, if any alterations were made, they should be printed on slips and inserted in the books.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith raised the question as to what procedure the Council were to adopt with regard to amendments to this report, and whether the alterations could be moved without due notice having been given.

The President said he was doubtful whether, without notice in writing, they could alter their rules, but he thought there was no reason why they should not thrash out the question of these suggested alterations.

Mr. W. Willson pointed out the inequality of the representation under the rules, by which a society of 75 members got one vote, but a society with a thousand or even two thousand members got only four votes. Under such conditions there must be occasions when the minority ruled.

OTHER SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who had circulated a series of suggested amendments among the members, moved that Rule 2 should be altered as follows:—

That any recognised society, association or guild of church bellringers (hereinafter referred to under the general term 'society'), numbering not less than seventy-five members, shall be eligible to apply for affiliation to the Council, and, upon admission, shall subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council.

That the Council shall consist:—

(1) Of representative members elected by affiliated societies.

(2) Of honorary members, not exceeding fifteen in number, elected by the Council.

Affiliated societies shall be entitled to elect representatives in the following proportion:—

A society, the number of whose members is 75 or over, but does not exceed 150, one representative; exceeds 150 but does not exceed 300, two representatives; exceeds 300 but does not exceed 450, three representatives; exceeds 450, four representatives.

Four representatives to be the limit of representation allowed to any one society.

For the purpose of this rule the basis of the calculation of membership for territorial societies shall be the number of annual subscribing honorary and ringing members and resident life members, the figures to be those presented to the society at its last annual meeting.

He said, in support of the principle that the associations should be directly affiliated to the Council, instead of merely having the duty of electing the members of which the Council was constituted, that last year the Council asked the associations to pass a resolution to include in their rules one under which they should be affiliated to the Council and loyally abide by the Council's decisions. The Council

must, therefore, make provision for accepting that affiliation, and, in his view, it was only right that the Council should be entitled to ask the associations to give an undertaking of loyalty. With regard to the paragraph relating to the basis of calculation of membership, this would to some extent prevent overlapping in representation, but the proposal excluded such societies as the College Youths, the Cumberland Youths, the Ladies' Guild and the Cambridge University Guild, which, from their nature, seemed to require special treatment.

Mr. G. Grover, who seconded, said there was a strong feeling in some quarters that the Central Council was a sort of misty body which wished to dictate to the associations and guilds and yet did not want the associations to take a direct interest in the constitution of the Council. The alterations to the rules, as drafted by Mr. Goldsmith, would give the associations a more direct interest in the business of the Council, because they would give associations the right to send in motions in their own names. In the Guildford Guild they felt that if they were going to ask associations and guilds to loyally abide by the rules and decisions, they must amend their rules to give the associations a more direct interest in the Council.

The Rev. E. S. Powell asked whether the single alteration proposed by the Standing Committee would give the associations the right to send in motions to the Council.

The President said they could get their representatives to put on the agenda any motion they wished to have considered.

Mr. W. A. Cave said he had every justification for his decision to support Mr. Goldsmith's amendment, because the alteration put forward that day on behalf of the Standing Committee was not correct. In committee he made a strong point that, in any alterations, the constitution should provide that the Council consist of associations. In the rule, as drafted on behalf of the committee, the members were placed first and the associations second; the associations should have been named first and the representatives second.

The President said it was certainly their intention that the name of the association should be mentioned first, and that was largely why they included the suggestion under 1 (a), so that first the recognised societies should become affiliated, and then the Council should consist of elected members.

Mr. J. Parker asked whether, without returns as to membership, it was possible to know what number of members a society was entitled to elect?

The Hon. Secretary: No, sir.

Mr. E. W. Elwell said the propositions as now brought before them were not in accordance with the rules of the Council as they at present stood, and it was most undesirable that the Council should place on its minute book any decisions obviously abortive or on which it could not possibly act. He, therefore, moved that the Council proceed to the next business.

The President: Because of not giving notice?

Mr. Elwell: Yes.

One or two members suggested that the feeling of the Council with regard to the alterations should be obtained, but the motion to pass on to the next business, on being put, was carried, the President remarking that the whole matter would now have to stand over until next year.

A member asked what became of the Standing Committee's report? Mr. Willson moved that it be referred back on the question of the rules, and this was agreed to.

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Canon Elseo said the Standing Committee were present that day, and he suggested they should meet in the evening to consider the list of amendments so that they would have something to put before next year's meeting.

The President said he thought that would be rather difficult, but they could try.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he would like to know whether Mr. Goldsmith's suggestions would be likely to satisfy the Council on this eternal question of the relations between the Council and the guilds and associations, and did they think if the Standing Committee proceeded along these lines they could settle the question once for all?

Mr. C. T. Coles drew attention to what he termed was an anomaly in the amendment submitted by Mr. Goldsmith. He was seeking to prevent overlapping in representation, and yet, if a person belonged to the College Youths, the Cumberlands, the Ladies' Guild or the Cambridge University Guild, as well as a territorial society, he or she would get double representation and thus get an advantage over the person who belonged only to a territorial association. Mr. Goldsmith was creating an anomaly which he was seeking to get rid of.

The President said this point could be considered by the Standing Committee.

At the end of the day's sitting the President said the members would recollect that the question of the rules was left in a rather unsatisfactory position, and during the lunch interval members of the Standing Committee had discussed it and suggested that a small special committee should be appointed to go into this question of the revision, draw up something to satisfy all parties if possible, and give due notice in time for next year's meeting. The committee suggested was Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, E. W. Elwell, with the now hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher.—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded, and the motion was carried.

(To be continued.)

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Peak District was held on Saturday week at Dore, between 25 and 30 ringers of both sexes assembling from Bakewell, Cresswell, Dore, Eyam, Exeter, Killamarsh, London, Norton, Old Whittington, Retford, Sheffield Cathedral and Tideswell. The beautiful peal of eight bells at Christ Church were kept going at intervals from 3 to 8 p.m. in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent, Oxford and Double Norwich Major, some good striking being accomplished, the most interesting touch of the day being 168 Stedman Triples by the following: W. Bugar (Sheffield) 1, J. Thomas (Edmonton) 2 and 3, M. Wilson (Sheffield) 4, A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) 5, W. Alexander (Bakewell) 6, J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore) (conductor) 7, Miss J. Davenport (Dore) 8. Mr. Thomas received a well-deserved round of applause at the close of his feat of mental and physical dexterity, the striking of his two bells being perfect. The feat is the more remarkable as both Mr. Thomas' arms were badly damaged during his service in the war. This is the first time that such a peal has been accomplished at Dore.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, two parties had to be made up for tea, one going to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Kilmar, nearby, and the other to the Schools.

A short business meeting was held in the vestry after tea, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam). It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hathersage, probably on June 20th. A cordial invitation had been received from Mr. Newbery, in which he stated his intention of providing tea for all, and it had been intended to arrange this meeting for May, but to suit his convenience Dore was substituted and Hathersage arranged for June.

A cordial welcome was accorded to the Rev. E. S. Powell, president of the Devon Guild, and to Mrs. E. S. Powell, who was formerly a valued member of the Dore branch, the Rev. E. S. Powell being elected a life member of the M.C.A.

After the meeting further ringing was indulged in till 8 p.m. Mr. E. Morris' wonderful 'History' was on view in the tower during the day, and was scanned with interest by most of those present.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT AND THE STEDMAN FUND.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, May 30th, about 33 members and friends attending during the afternoon and evening from Banstead, Beckenham, Beddington, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Dorking, Erith, London, Mitcham and Streatham. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon, and tea was served in the White Post Tea Rooms, and 24 sat down to a very enjoyable meal.

At the business meeting that followed, the general secretary of the association (Mr. C. H. Kippin) read a letter from the editor of 'The Ringing World' re the proposal for commemorating the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman. He explained that his reason for bringing the matter up at the district meeting was because the next annual meeting of the association would be too late for this scheme, and he put forward a suggestion that the association subscribe £3 3s., to be paid in equal proportions out of the two district funds.

This suggestion was unanimously agreed to, and the meeting voted one and a half guineas out of that district's fund.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. C. H. Kippin for making all necessary arrangements. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until nine o'clock. The methods ranged from Grandsire Triples and Caters to Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal, and also included a touch of Spliced Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major. A feature of this meeting was that the majority of the company were Surprise ringers, and though this is very encouraging, the officers would like to see more beginners at these gatherings, so that as much help as possible might be given to them.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Leigh on Saturday, May 30th. There were a good number of ringers waiting for the tower to be opened at three o'clock, from which hour touches in the standard methods were indulged in, members taking part from Buckland, Reigate, Limpsfield Chart, Westerham, Turner's Hill, Swindon, Horley, Charlwood, Redhill, and the local band. A short and interesting service was conducted in the church, the Vicar of Leigh (the Rev. H. T. Kane) officiating. The company then adjourned to the Plough Inn, where 29 members partook of tea.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. H. T. Kane presiding. The next meeting is to be held at Burstow in July, and the next quarterly peal is to be attempted at Godstone, the method being Stedman Triples, to be conducted by Mr. Geo. F. Hoad.

Two ringing members were elected, viz. Mr. Frank Burnell, of St. John's, Redhill, and Mr. Wm. Cullen, of Leigh.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and for presiding at the meeting. Votes of thanks were also accorded Mr. E. Pescud, the local captain, for his assistance in the arrangements for the meeting, and Mr. Bashford, jun., for his services at the organ.

This concluded the meeting, the ringers returning to the tower, where the bells were kept going till nine o'clock, all agreeing that it was a good meeting in spite of a wet afternoon.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**AN IMPROVED RING AT MUCH WENLOCK.**

One of the most successful meetings of the Bridgnorth District was held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, May 30th. The Rev. J. W. Isherwood and the Rev. J. M. Wale met the visitors and gave them a most hearty welcome. The Rev. J. M. Wale conducted the service in the beautiful old church. The towers represented were St. Leonard's and St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, including Mr. John Overton, whom all were delighted to see, Coalbrookdale, Malinslee, Stockton, Sutton Maddock, Glaverley, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, also Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and Mr. W. Short. About seventy sat down to a substantial tea at the Stork Hotel.

At the business meeting, the Rev. J. M. Wale presided, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rev. J. W. Isherwood.

About fifteen new members joined the Guild from Much Wenlock tower, the Rev. J. M. Wale acting as local secretary for them. They have fixed Monday evenings for practice. It is hoped in the near future to get a good change ringing band there. The bells are now one of the finest peals of eight in the county, having recently been completely restored. The old six were by Rudhall, and two new trebles have been added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have carried out the whole of the work most successfully. The old six still have their cannons, and have been very nicely retuned, but not on Simpson lines. The two trebles were cast to match the old six as near as possible. Ringers interested should make a point of visiting Much Wenlock and compare this ring of eight with some of the modern eights, weight for weight.

The bells were kept going in the four standard methods with rounds and set changes for learners. The Rev. J. W. Isherwood (Vicar) very willingly gave permission for a peal to be attempted on Wednesday, June 3rd, for the King's birthday. If successful, this will be the first peal rung at Much Wenlock, which is the second oldest borough in England.

A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed to all concerned for making arrangements for such a record meeting. The ringers also expressed a wish that the Rev. J. M. Wale would convey to Alderman T. Cooke, the donor of the trebles, and who had also borne the whole cost of the bells' restoration, etc., their gratitude and thanks for such a handsome gift, making another glorious peal of eight in the county of Shropshire and the Hereford Diocese. Wonderful restoration work has been carried out to the grand old twelfth-century tower. An eighteenth-century spire had been erected on the tower. Expert advice was sought, and it was found absolutely necessary to do away with the spire to save the tower. The whole work has been most successfully carried out, and an improved louvre roof added by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The acoustic result is wonderful in the immediate vicinity of the church. The bells have now a very soft effect. There is room for improvement in the ringing chamber, as the lowering of the bells in the tower has rather increased the noise in the ringing room. Mr. J. P. Fidler explained how this could be easily and cheaply improved by felting the floors above.

**ENTHRONEMENT OF A NEW BISHOP.
IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT GLASGOW.**

Picturesque and impressive ceremonial marked the consecration and enthronement in the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Glasgow, of the Venerable John Russell Darbyshire, Archdeacon of Sheffield, as Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway.

All the Scottish Bishops took part in the solemn service of consecration, which was conducted by the Primus of the Church, the Most Rev. W. J. F. Robbards, D.D., and they were assisted by the Right Rev. L. H. Burrows, D.D., Bishop of Sheffield.

The enthronement of Bishop Darbyshire took place in the evening, when he was inducted into all the rights and privileges of the Cathedral by the Very Rev. A. G. Seymour, Provost of the Cathedral.

Every seat in the Cathedral was occupied, and large crowds gathered outside the building to watch the picturesque processions of the Bishops and clergy, who had come together to welcome Bishop Darbyshire to his new diocese.

It is pleasant to record that the bells played their proper part in the proceedings, especially in a city where there has been so little ringing in the past, and in which the only peal of bells hung for ringing has until recently been for so many years silent.

The Cathedral bells were rung both before and after the consecration service by the young band which has recently been formed there, and prior to the enthronement service in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins. by the following: J. Adam (Edinburgh) 1, Stephen H. Wood (Glasgow) 2, H. Mann (Edinburgh) 3, R. F. G. Thom (Paisley) 4, W. C. G. Jinks (Edinburgh) 5, A. E. Wrecks (Paisley) 6, W. C. S. Heathcote (Edinburgh) 7, J. Marshall (Edinburgh) 8. Conducted by Stephen H. Wood and believed to be the first quarter-peal on the bells.

FAREWELL TO LADY RINGER.

At Harrow Weald, on May 31st, 1,440 Bob Minor for evensong: F. Wilcox 1, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 2, Miss Freda Clayton 3, Miss Elsie K. Fulton 4, H. O. Holmes 5, W. Horrod 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss Freda Clayton, who is leaving the district to take up hospital work at Margate.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**NEW RINGING MASTER APPOINTED.**

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Hope, near Caergrwle, on Whit Monday, there being about thirty members present, representing Portmadoc, Llandudno, Wrexham, Rhyl, Gresford, Buckley, and the local band. A most enjoyable service was conducted by the curate, who extended a hearty welcome to the members.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar of Tryddyn, who, although not having a peal of bells in his own church, takes a keen interest in the work of the association.

The president officers were re-elected, with one exception, namely, that Mr. A. E. Pegler, Bangor, was elected Ringing Master in place of Mr. W. Jones, Wrexham, who expressed his regret at having to resign.

The following new ringing members were elected: Mr. S. Randler, Gresford; Mr. J. Hapgood and Mr. A. Hapgood, Rhyl; Mr. E. Milington, Wrexham; and Mr. Goodwin, Flint.

It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Buckley and the annual meeting at Llandudno.

Sympathy was expressed with the Rev. W. M. Morgan-Jones (president of the association) and the Rector of Hope, who were unable to be present at the meeting owing to indisposition.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. C. Williams for presiding at the meeting, also the curate for the service and his address, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and their helpers for arranging such a splendid tea.

The tower was afterwards visited, and some good practice was obtained in various methods.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

On June 3rd, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Ashford Parish Church, Kent: E. S. Ruck 1, H. C. Castle 2, W. Nicholls 3, J. Parsons 4, G. Swaffer 5, P. Page 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, T. Tahrett 8.

His Majesty's birthday was celebrated at St. Mary's, Lewisham, with two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples, one begun at 6 a.m. This was rung by H. Warnett (conductor) 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. James 3, W. W. Fox 4, H. Warnett, jun., 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, J. Dafters 7, H. Goodwin 8. The other quarter-peal was rung in the evening by: H. Warnett 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. James 3, A. E. Darvell 4, W. W. Fox 5, J. Bennett (conductor) 6, J. Dafters 7, C. Manton 8.

At Tattenhall, Cheshire, on Wednesday, June 3rd, in honour of the 66th birthday of His Majesty the King, 120 each of Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles and 'Grandma' Doubles: G. Jones 1, R. Sperring 2, J. W. Clarke 3, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 4, J. Morgan 5, A. E. Richards 6. Also a touch of London Surprise Minor, being the first in the method on the bells.

At Loughton, Essex, on June 3rd, in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Rann, jun., 1, G. Perry 2, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 3, H. W. Hayes 4, J. Rann, sen., 5, P. S. J. Thorpe 6, G. Carter 7, W. Clark 8. This was also the 43rd anniversary of the weddings of E. A. Bacon and J. Rann, sen., and the 14th of J. Rann, jun.

At Croydon, Surrey, on Wednesday, June 3rd, in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 50 mins.: H. J. Skelt 1, J. E. Cooper 2, A. W. Clark 3, R. Davies 4, H. G. Pratt 5, J. Rumble, jun., 6, A. J. Cawley 7, D. Cooper (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of the 5th, 6th and 7th. All the band are regular service ringers at the above church.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Sunday, May 17th, before evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Holfield 1, H. C. White 2, G. Holfield 3, H. J. Balcombe 4, R. G. Rice 5, C. G. White 6, F. S. White 7, G. Holfield, jun. (conductor) 8, R. White 9, C. G. White, jun., 10.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on May 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. H. King 1, E. H. King 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, E. A. Hull 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, J. G. Nash 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8.

NEWBURY, BUCKS.—For evensong, at St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, May 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: A. J. Whittle 1, C. Poole 2, Miss V. Robinson 3, H. T. E. Curtis (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 4, E. W. Smith 5, E. Crocker 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Challis 8. Arranged for Miss Robinson, of Wokingham.

LATE NOTICE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Melling on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea 1/- per head for those who advise Mrs. Leece, Crow Tree Farm, Melling, via Carnforth, before June 17th.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

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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, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BARNSELEY 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.—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. 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.

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. 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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Crowland on Saturday, June 13th. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

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. — 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. 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).

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.—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.—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.

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.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. — The meeting advised in 'The Ringing World' last week to be held at Hemingford Abbots on Saturday, June 13th, has been cancelled, owing to the tower receiving damage in the earthquake on Sunday morning last.—D. Clarke, St. Neots.

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.

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.

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.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Yelvertoft on Saturday, June 20th. Those requiring tea please notify me.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

LYDNEY RINGERS' SALMON SUPPER. — The above supper will take place on Saturday, June 20th, at 6.15 p.m. sharp; Swan Hotel, Lydney. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Bells (8) open from 2.30 p.m. Ringers who intend to be present at supper must let me know certain on Tuesday, June 16th, so that arrangement can be made for them. — Oliver Thomas, Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 20th. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting at the Six Bells. Will those requiring tea please let me know as early as possible?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Hathersage on Saturday, June 20th (Church of St. Michael). Six bells (tenor 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea free to those only who notify Mr. H. Newbury, Cannonfields, Hathersage, not later than June 19th. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The June meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea on the lawn at 5 p.m., at 1s. each, for those who notify me by the previous Thursday. All ringers welcome.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. W. Hibbert, The Stores, East Ilsley, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, June 17th, for tea. A bus will start from Newbury Wharf at 2.45 p.m. Please notify me by June 18th for bus service.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Green-hirst Hey, Todmorden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wistaston on Saturday, June 20th (6 bells). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know on or before the 17th inst.?—R. D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

A JOINT MEETING of the Chesterfield District of the M.C.A. and the East Derbyshire and Notts Association will be held at Morton on Saturday, June 20th. Will those members requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Knowles, Main Road, Morton, near Alfreton, before Thursday, June 18th? Will members please note that subscriptions are now due?—J. P. Tarlton.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. —The next meeting will be held at Lydd on June 20th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The hon. secretary hopes that members will make a special effort to attend this meeting, and a card for tea would help.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Ten-terden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. —C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Swinderby (5), Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Hon. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6), recently rehung, available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, to follow. Notify Mr. J. Tickle, Rosebank, Rupert Road, Huyton, by Wednesday, June 17th. A really good attendance is requested. —Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

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.

WHETHER you hike or cyke, train or plane, you will be welcome on July 2nd at Aldenham. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at Village Club 5.30. Nearest stations: Bushey and Radlett. Buses to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The general quarterly meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, July 4th. Full details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LADIES' GUILD. — The annual general meet-ing will be held at Leicester on Saturday, July 4th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

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