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IDENTIFICATION OF COMPOSITIONS

As the full report of the meeting of the Central Council is unfolded our readers will find that a number of matters of genuine interest came up for consideration. For instance, arising out of the Methods Committee's report—which, like several others, was only a verbal statement, that gives members little opportunity for serious consideration, a thing which will happily be altered in future under the new rules—was a subject which concerns composers and conductors of peals. The committee asked permission to be allowed, 'as a gesture,' to publish their own compositions in the forthcoming book of Triples methods without attaching to them the composers' names. If members of the committee like to sink their personal claims in this way there is no reason why they should not do so. They did it without asking the Council in the Collection of Minor methods.

The desire of the committee is that future composers of peals shall, similarly, cease to identify themselves with their productions. We can see little hope of this becoming a generally adopted practice. Apart from the pride which the average author takes in his compositions, to which he feels justified in placing his name, there is the question of the identity of the composition itself. Unless all peals are to be given distinctive numbers it seems to us necessary that there should be some other means of tracing their origin. Even now there is a certain looseness about descriptions that often leaves a doubt as to identity with nearly everyone except the conductor.

Mr. Arthur Knights has adopted the very admirable plan of numbering his own numerous compositions, a plan which all composers ought to adopt, although even here there may be difficulties when it comes to such collections as Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's peals of London Surprise Major, which run to tens of thousands. In any event the numbering, if only for convenience sake, requires the author's name in addition, otherwise the reference for the purpose of identification is likely to get complicated and confused. Moreover, until there is a complete means of identification, the composer's name attached to a peal carries a certain amount of guarantee of the truth of what has been rung. But assuming that every composer is willing to sink his natural pride with his identity it will still be necessary, we think, to add an author's name to a peal so that there may be some means of identification — whether through the Press or association reports—at any rate until the advent of that register of compositions which we are told is impossible of effective compilation. If, of course, the Exercise is content to accept the record of a peal without any reference to its identity then the Methods Committee's ges-

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ture might be of some avail, and even the numbering of their own compositions would be unnecessary, but we fancy that day is far distant, and when it arrives it will mark the stage when ringing will have sunk to the level that few will care whether a peal is true or not.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Four Hours and One Minute,

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

Tenor 50 cwt.

*ALFRED J. HOUSE Treble	†JAMES BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOHN W. WARD 8
ALBERT W. COLES 3	WILLIAM PYE 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6	EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on twelve bells. † 700th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 5
EDWARD G. TALBOT 2	JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... 6
*JOHN W. EUSTON 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 7
ALFRED J. CLAYTON 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal on eight bells.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	HERBERT FOLCHER 5
*LEONARD POYNIZ 2	GEORGE CURSON 6
†ARTHUR POYNIZ 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES LOOME 4	GEORGE POYNIZ Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE POYNIZ.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 8, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	JOHN J. CREASY 6
*JOHN ARBON 3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN

* First peal of Kent on tower bells. Arranged for Mr. Laflin, of Stockport.

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On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

* ERNEST ESSEX Treble	ARTHUR BAILEY 5
WILFRED OSBORNE 2	HORACE A. OSBORNE 6
GEORGE ESSEX 3	LEONARD T. OSBORNE 7
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 4	ALFRED JEFFREY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD T. OSBORNE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment on the birth of a son to Mr. G. A. F. Gillmor, the parish churchwarden, it being over 70 years since a churchwarden at St. Giles' had a son born to him during his term of office.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WARING Treble	† SIDNEY EDWARDS 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEOFFREY MILTON 6
HARRY LEWIS 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
* WILLIAM HOPWOOD 4	LEONARD MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY MILTON.

* First of Triples. † First peal on eight. First peal as conductor.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS 5
WILLIAM T. PALMER 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 6
WILLIAM J. THYNG 3	* THOMAS E. LEE 7
PERCY J. JERVIS 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. This 14 course composition contains the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6 and is now rung for the first time.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WASEY Treble	† JOHN A. GODFREY 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	* WALTER J. FORD 6
* HERBERT LASKY 3	GEORGE A. COOKE 7
CHARLES S. TOTTELL 4	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. The conductor has now completed the circle in this tower.

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LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	JOHN W. WARD 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	JOHN G. NASH 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
* ALFRED J. HOUSE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY TAYLOR Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 5
GEORGE M. RASHBROCK 2	HERBERT DEVENISH 6
LESLIE J. CLARK 3	WILLIAM CHALK 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD

S. Taylor's 50th peal.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	PERCY FELTON 5
THOMAS LINCOLN 2	* HARRY STEBBING 6
* HARRY S. BARKER 3	ARTHUR HEAD 7
HERBERT DEVENISH 4	PERCY GREEN Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal and first attempt on eight bells, who hail from Burnham-on-Crouch.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS Treble	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Fredk. J. Howchin's 350th peal.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS DOICK Treble	FREDERICK W. BURNETT 5
* WILLIAM FALCONER 2	WILLIAM E. TILEHURST 6
FREDERICK E. BURNETT 3	ALFRED GROVES 7
HENRY J. TUCKER 4	* GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor

Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to T. A. Doick on the anniversary of his wedding day.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS 1 Treble	CHARLES E. LAWSON 5
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
*MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
JOHN HOLMAN 4	*FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of London. First peal of London on the bells. The 'stars' are congratulated on a magnificent performance.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

RONALD G. BECK 1 Treble	*HARRY J. SANGER 5
*FREDRICK TARGETT 2	ALFRED E. REEVES 6
MISS NORA G. WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
MISS IRENE L. HASTIE 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

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

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KERBLE 1 Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
*ALFRED G. G. THURLOW 2	CECIL SAYWARD 6
WALTER ARNOLD 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	ERNEST BOWHILL Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by WILLIAM KERBLE

* First peal in the method. The monthly peal for the division.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... 1 Treble	*ARTHUR I. HOLMES 5
JOHN W. LAKE 2	WILLIAM A. HOLMES 6
JAMES OSBORN 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
JOHN T. MACHIN 4	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Major in the method.

BEDWELLY, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Sannan,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS LOVE 1 Treble	PERCY JONES 5
CYRIL DAVIES 2	WILLIAM PIKE 6
GEORGE COOKE 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7
*NORMAN PORTER 4	GLYN WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

* First peal. Rung for the induction of the new Rector, the Rev. James Davies, B.A., who was inducted on Wednesday, June 14th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*PERCY F. G. DUNCION ... Treble	*GEORGE SOPP 4
STEPHEN KILLNER 2	PERCY DUNCION 5
MESBACK SOPP 3	MESBACK STENNING Tenor

Conducted by P. DUNCION.

* First peal and first attempt.

GOSBURTEN, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Treble	*FRANK PAYNE 4
JAMES EDGOSSE 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 5
*JOHN W. EDGOSSE 3	*FRED PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringers of the 2nd. It was his first peal for 23 years.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST E. WOODAGE ... Treble	*JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... 4
ANDREW MARSHALL 2	JAMES BASSETT 5
THOMAS FULLER 3	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WAGHORN, SEN.

* First peal of Surprise. First Surprise peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Jose).

SANDY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithun,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

PERCY TOMPKINS 1 Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 4
MANSFIELD GINN 2	CHARLES BALL 5
ARTHUR DILLY 3	LEWIS BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS BYWATERS.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*RUFUS WELBOURNE ... Treble	*SYDNEY J. HOW 4
*R. FREDERICK CROFTS ... 2	MANSFIELD GINN 5
†ROBERT SMITH 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge away from the treble. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Bob Minor and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G

HARRY CARTER 1 Treble	CLAUDE SNOWDEN 4
ALBERT L. DIXEY 2	ALEC M. GENERY 5
MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 3	FRANK CLAYDON Tenor

Conducted by H. CARTER.

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On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of St. Simon's, 12 of Bob Doubles and 18 of Grandsire, with 22 callings.

TOM BARTRAM Treble	ARTHUR DILLEY 3
PERCY TOMPKINS 2	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
LEWIS BYWATERS Tenor	

Conducted by LEWIS BYWATERS.

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THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY TYSON Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESMAN 4
HERBERT P. CLIFF 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 5
GEORGE WALL 3	*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* 100th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Raymond Thompson, a ringer in this tower, whose funeral took place earlier in the afternoon.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST HARRIS Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	ALBERT MASON 5
FRED MATTHEWS 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

HUNTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 4
HARRY BAKER 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 5
*NELSON BOURNE 3	†FREDERICK MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung on the tenth anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 1-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	EDWIN BARNETT 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Umpire—Mrs. G. H. Cross.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Friday, June 16, 1933, in Three Hours,

IN ST. MARTIN'S RINGING ROOM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALBERT WALKER 1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8
FRANK E. PERVIN 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
FRANK E. HAYNES 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL.

LARGE GATHERING ATTEND ANNUAL SERVICE AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The second annual service in memory of Mr. Pryce Taylor, nephew of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the head of the Loughborough firm of bell-founders, was held at Loughborough Parish Church on Saturday, June 10th, when ringers to the number of about 160 were present from all parts of the Midlands.

It will be remembered that the base of the tower is being formed into a 'ringers' corner' and is separated from the main body of the church by a beautiful wrought iron screen, presented to the church by Mrs. Pryce Taylor in memory of her husband. The floor of the tower has been inlaid with ornamental bellmetal work, the gift of Mr. E. Denison Taylor; on the south wall are two bronze plaques of Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., and Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., whilst on the opposite wall are two bellmetal tablets, one recording the then record of 18,027 changes of Stedman Caters rung on Easter Monday, 1909, and the other being a record of the peal rung to celebrate the signing of peace in 1919. It was hoped that there would be some further additions to the corner to be dedicated this year, but unforeseen delay had occurred which has necessitated their postponement until next year.

The proceedings commenced with the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Briggs), and an appropriate address was given by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinsons, Rector of Ordsall, who is himself a keen, enthusiastic and skilful ringer. He based his remarks on the words, 'His memorial shall not pass away,' and said they were present that day to keep a memorial to one who was cut off suddenly in his life and work. The beautiful and worthy memorial to the late Mr. Pryce Taylor was an outward and visible sign with an inward and deeper meaning. This young man he knew as a modest soldier, enthusiastic about his work, and with a gift of pleasant companionship that made him many friends, and the attendance at that service indicated the esteem in which he had been held.

The ringers, among whom were a number of ladies, were afterwards entertained to an excellent tea at the Fearon Hall by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, who also presided.

Mr. Taylor, in welcoming the guests, remarked that although his nephew died six years ago next month, it seemed such a short time to him, and it was hard to realise that there were ringers of the rising generation to whom his nephew was only a name.

A VISION OF THE FUTURE.

Continuing, Mr. Taylor said that the last ringers' gathering held at Loughborough was a meeting of the lady ringers, and a short time ago he read an article, entitled 'Bellingring for beauty.' The article pointed out that bellringing was so old a pastime that one would think there was nothing new left for bellringers to do. There was one thing, however, that had never before been done, and a woman had thought of it. That woman was Mrs. Cross, secretary of the London District of the Ladies' Guild of Ringers, and with her husband and three other married couples she formed a unique band of ringers at Crayford, Kent. They were to arrange shortly to start for a peal of 5,000 or more changes. A peal by four married couples, when accomplished, would be the first of its kind. The article added that Mrs. Cross advocated bellringing for fitness and beauty, and, said Mr. Taylor, one wondered what would happen if leaders of Society in town and in country took serious heed of Mrs. Cross' advice. One pictured a joyous bevy of Society damsels, in their ardour to increase their beauty, surging into all the belfries and crowding out the ringers at present established, rendering it difficult for those poor displaced souls to get even an occasional pull. A truly startling prospect, but one about which they need not get into a panic just yet.

Mr. Taylor had thoughtfully had a painting of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor hung in the room for all to see, and those who knew his nephew agreed that it was a splendid portrait of him.

Mrs. Pryce Taylor, who now resides in London, was unfortunately prevented from attending the gathering owing to illness.

A band of five, including the Rev. R. F. Wilkinsons, rang a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters on a large set of handbells. Ringing took place on the fine ring of ten at the Parish Church, also on the light musical peal in the campanile at the Bell Foundry, and whilst this was in progress some belook themselves to the Rectory gardens, which had been placed at their disposal by the Rector, whilst others took the opportunity of looking round the famous bell foundry.

A MID-WEEK MEETING.

On Wednesday, June 14th, a joint meeting of the Herts and Essex Associations was held at the old world village of Aspendon. Various methods were rung during the afternoon, and the Rector conducted a short service and gave a welcome to the visitors. Tea was served in the Village Hall and afterwards the tower was again visited and touches from Grandsire to Bristol Surprise brought round.

The towers represented were Bishop's Stortford, Braughing, Buntingford, Dunmow, Great and Little Munden, Harlow Common, Fulborn, London, Crayford (Kent), Melbourn, Ramford, Sawbridgeworth, Hatfield, Over (Cambs), Walthamstow and Hertford.

THE RECORD PEAL AT BENNINGTON

RINGING HISTORY OF A HERTFORDSHIRE VILLAGE.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, hon. secretary of the Eastern District of the Herts Association, writes: I should like to offer my hearty congratulations to those members of the Herts County Association who set up a new world's record for Bob Major at Bennington on Whit Monday. I am proud that they are all East Herts members and I also feel it an honour that the conductor is from Little Munden. I was unable to hear the bells plainly from here, the wind being in the wrong direction, but I have been told by the Rector and others who heard it that it was a good peal and well struck.

Bennington, adds Mr. Lawrence, has for many years been a meeting place of many noted men, and was the 'home tower' of the celebrated band which was kept up by Squire Proctor, at one time noted throughout England. It is very fitting, therefore, that another record should be made in this noted tower. A little of the church's history will be interesting. A Saxon church stood upon the site as early as 850, and in 1303 the present church, dedicated to St. Peter, was built and the



BENNINGTON CHURCH.

tower was completed in 1378. A board records a 720 of College Single upon the ring of six which hung in the tower in 1793. In 1838 two trebles were added by the Squire Proctor, who had a little before that come to settle in Bennington at the old Lordship, and on January 29th, 1838, the first peal was rung. This was Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Giles, presumably a London ringer, Squire Proctor ringing the tenor. The Bennington band was afterwards formed, and in 1849 a peal of Double Norwich was rung by the local band, most of them being employed by the Squire. This peal must be considered a wonderful performance for a village band of those now distant days. The next recorded peal on a board in the belfry is a peal of Kent Treble Bob in 1851 and two peals of Superlative in 1855. In 1865 a peal of Stedman Triples is recorded, and the top of the tree was reached in 1870, when a peal of London Surprise was rung. Only two peals in this method had been previously rung, the first at Norwich in 1835 and the second at Woolwich in 1849. In 1873 a peal of Cambridge (the first true peal in the method) is recorded.

It was nothing out of the common for London Surprise to be rung for services, and the bells were always raised in peal before the service touch and lowered in peal again before the service. It was done perfectly and was a treat to listen to. Bennington, in Squire Proctor's days, had a truly wonderful band, and their striking was perfect. It is, I believe, a fact that for 50 years without a miss they, as a band, visited the village of Braughing on the anniversary of the peal of 12,080 Bob Major rung on May 10th, 1779, and on one or more occasions took their own bellropes with them.

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LADIES' GUILD TITLE.

CENTRAL DISTRICT DISAGREE WITH NORTHERN PROPOSAL.

The annual meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Clement Danes, London, on Saturday, June 10th, and was very well attended. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Ten, Cambridge Royal and rounds for the beginners.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Wilson in the absence of the Rector. After tea, a short business meeting was held in the choir vestry. The officers were all re-elected, and Windsor was proposed by Mrs. Barker as the place for the next meeting.

Two new members were elected—Miss Glenister, of Abbots Langley, and Miss Margaret Pack, of London.

The other business included a discussion of the existing service forms and also of the resolutions passed by the Northern District, which, unfortunately, do not meet with the approval of the Central District. One of the proposals of the Northern District is to change the title to 'The Women's Guild.'

Before the meeting ended, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Wilson for so kindly conducting the service and to Mr. J. Hawkins for attending to the bells. Mrs. Deal also proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary (Mrs. Cross) for the work she had done during the past year.

Unfortunately, the tower was not open for further ringing after tea, and the company, therefore, went along to St. George's, Southwark, where they met with a great welcome from the Vicar and Mr. Herbert and his fellow-officers of the London County Association, who were holding a meeting at this church. Mr. Herbert very kindly asked the ladies to ring a touch of Stedman Triples with their own band, and he saw that no visitor went away without joining in the ringing. They wish to thank the gentlemen very much for their kindness.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild met at St. George-the-Martyr on June 10th, there being a band on the spot punctually. Unfortunately, owing to a misunderstanding, no key was forthcoming, so the secretary, being somewhat of a champion walker, hiked off for an hour or two in an effort to find the key. One can find anything when one is determined, and he sure was. It was then thought best to have tea before ascending the tower, which course was pursued, and the Master started the proceedings at 5.45 with a touch of Stedman Triples. Rounds for beginners was also an item. Various methods were rung with more or less success, and later there arrived, at the same time as the Rector, a strong contingent of the Ladies' Guild from St. Clement Danes, accompanied by a number of gentlemen.

The Rector gave the association a welcome and remained in the tower whilst a band of ladies rang a well-struck touch of Stedman, conducted by Mrs. Fletcher, much to the surprise of the Rector, who apparently had no idea of the 'Deeds of Derring Do' performed by members of the Ladies' Guild. Spliced Surprise in four methods was rung by a mixed band, but, like the little boy who, as the poet said last week, shifted, this just missed. Amongst the business transacted at the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector (the Rev. Ernest C. Cook) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. N. Bagworth and the Metropolitan Police Guild for having things in order.

Further ringing brought the proceedings to a close.

Among the visitors were representatives from Lancashire, Norwich, Kent and Wales.

(Continued from previous column.)

Bennington still retains its quietude and peacefulness, and the view of the old church from the village green, nestling as it does amongst the trees which partly hide it, is a sight not to be forgotten. It is an ideal place for a long peal, both for weight of bells and the position of the church. The occupants of the few houses near are not the kind that complain of the bells of their beloved old church, nor does the Squire, who now occupies the old home of the late Squire Proctor. The people of Bennington, especially the older ones, have been so accustomed to the music of their bells that they are part of their lives. The Rector informed me that no one complained.

So the record length of Major rests at Bennington, a very fitting link with a long history of great ringers of the past. May the historical old tower retain it long. The old Squire and his band have passed on, leaving a great example of what can be done by humble men using the talent given them. The last of them passed away about three years ago, and the lines on the peal board recording the peal of Double Norwich in 1849 are very applicable:—

Ye Bennington bells, ye Bennington bells,

How many a tale your music tells

Of youth and home and that glad time

When last we heard your merry chime.

Now time will come when we are gone,

Your tuneful peal will still ring on,

While other hands your tender ropes shall pull,

And strive our peal to ring which here we write in full.

The ringers were James Flott, Thomas Page, Leonard Proctor, William Collins, John Aylott, Charles Hollingsworth, Joseph Kitchener, George Warner, 'all resident in this parish.'

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT RIPON.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held their 35th annual meeting on Whit Monday at Ripon, by kind invitation of the Dean of the Cathedral. It proved a most successful and happy meeting, members and friends attending from Middlesbrough, Darlington, Northallerton, Thirsk, Kirby Wiske, Tadcaster, Sharow, Ormesby, Ripon, Leeds and district, Bradford, York, Newcastle and Easingwold.

The peal of ten, which has been recently recast and rehung on ball bearings, were quickly put to work, and everybody who handled them expressed the opinion that they are a real credit to Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The bells are beautifully hung and easy to handle, and a first class job has been made of the new framework. The musical tone of the bells is greatly improved, and the whole job is a lasting testimonial to the excellent workmanship of the Loughborough firm.

By permission of the Dean and Chapter, the bells were available all day, and full use was made of this privilege. In addition, several bands went out to Sharow (four miles away) to ring on the handy peal of eight there. The ringing was up to the usual excellent standard of the Cleveland Association, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Triples, Treble Bob Royal and Major, Double Norwich and Superlative being obtained at various times.

The annual business meeting was held in the Blue Bell Hotel after the dinner, the chairman being Mr. J. Stott, of Thirsk (president of the association). He was supported by Vice-President F. Tingle, of Ripon and the secretary, Mr. T. Metcalfe.

All the officers were re-elected and thanked for their past services. The report on the working of the Sunday service ringing scheme was presented, showing that the points awarded for ringing during the year were: Middlesbrough 993, Whitby 573, Tadcaster 261, Darlington (St. John's) 228, Stockton 173, Ripon (three months' ringing only) 116, and Ormesby 75.

The secretary's report and balance sheet, showing a credit of £26, was adopted with acclamation.

Meetings for the ensuing year were fixed as follows: September (annual ringing competition), Guisborough; pre-Lent, Thornaby; Easter Monday, Middleham; and Whitsuntide (annual meeting), Northallerton.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Ripon and the Vicar and churchwardens of Sharow for the use of the bells closed the meeting, and the ringers adjourned to the two towers for further ringing.

THE PEAL AT OVER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to 'Truth,' I will try and tell the truth. The two men whose names appear as ringers of one bell do not expect to be credited with a peal. A rather funny point arises in putting the peal on record, but not if looked at in a right and true spirit. Should any other point be raised, we were not in any competition. The band rang a very good peal, and when the change-over took place only an expert could have detected it. Further and lastly, I shall answer only letters from those people who sign their names.

FRANK WARRINGTON.

Over, Cambs.

'A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT.'

Sir,—Your correspondent, 'Truth,' raises a rather unique point, and one very worthy of careful consideration. It certainly was said that the performance in question was something of a 'novelty,' but in pursuing this statement to its logical conclusion it is really surprising to find what egregious anomalies arise. Supposing, for instance, eight ringers entered a church steeple and commenced to ring an eight-bell peal; after fifteen minutes (by previous arrangement) another relay of eight ringers entered the steeple and relieved the former eight, and so on, at regular intervals of 15 minutes throughout the peal. Assuming the peal was successfully rung in the space of three hours, twelve relays of eight ringers would then have taken part, thus completing the peal with no less than 96 ringers and twelve conductors! How exceedingly novel!! and yet, although the peal had been successfully accomplished, nobody could claim to have rung a peal and nobody could claim to have conducted one!! Indeed, it would be necessary to increase 'The Ringing World' from its present size to that of our leading national newspapers once 'novel' performances became a regular feature!

It has already been pointed out that the recognised exceptions are usually due to either a bad going bell or an outside, both of which may justify a double-handed effort, but, like your correspondent, I am of the opinion that to extend this concession to 'novelties' and 'freak' performances is, in effect, creating a dangerous precedent, as an unlimited field is at once opened up. Personally, I am unaware of any definite ruling on the matter by the Central Council, and should my surmise prove correct, would respectfully suggest that measures be taken to review the position and adopt the necessary action.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to the ringers' opening of Bow bells having been arranged for July 8th, the summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which had been fixed for the same date, has been postponed to July 22nd. It is to take place at Leatherhead and Ashted.

Great credit is due to Mr. H. Carter, the conductor of a three method peal of Minor at Colne Engaine on Saturday. He had only rung one peal previously. This one was a birthday compliment to him. He received the hearty congratulations of the band and also their thanks for his kind hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

In connection with the new ring of ten bells at Duffield Parish Church, it is remarkable that the new bells were cast by Mr. Smith, head foundryman at Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s, who also cast the previous peal of eight in 1884.

Another noteworthy fact was that Mr. John Jaggard, who was present at the dedication on June 3rd, was also present at the dedication of the octave in 1884. Both are still wonderfully well preserved men and very active.

The Salisbury Guild meeting arranged for Pewsey to-morrow has been cancelled.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO YOUNG RINGER. TRAGIC DEATH OF A PROMISING BOY.

As the result of colliding with a motor bus while riding a bicycle on Monday, June 12th, Master Raymond Thompson, of Whickham, County Durham, was taken to the Whickham Cottage Hospital and died there about four hours later. His loss is not only keenly felt by the local ringers, but by the whole of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

He was only in his 16th year, but could handle his bell with the best of them, and was so keen that he used to turn up at the Newcastle Cathedral practices when he was free of night classes and took his turn at any method that was going on any number from six to ten bells, and struck his bell well and truly. He had rung five peals in Minor methods. The funeral took place on Saturday, June 17th, and was attended by many ringers of the district, both his father and uncle being keen ringers. The deceased lad had also been in the choir of the Parish Church till his voice broke, and the church was packed by relatives, friends and sympathisers with the parents in their terrible bereavement. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. John Anderson (president of the association), R. S. Anderson, J. E. Keen and W. J. Davidson. Later a peal of Minor (recorded in another column) was rung muffled to his sweet memory.

C. L. R.

A CHURCH'S JUBILEE.

RINGERS TAKE PART IN A PAGEANT.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, accompanied by Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught and Princess Patricia, attended a special service at Bagshot, Surrey, Parish Church on Sunday afternoon to celebrate the jubilee of the church. The Duke of Connaught laid the foundation stone, with full Masonic honours, in 1883, and others who were present on that occasion and were at Sunday's service were Lady Elphinstone and Mr. Thomas Gould, one of the ringers who was a member of the choir of 50 years ago.

Before the commemorative service, which was conducted by the Rector (Canon Stuart), and at which the preacher was the Bishop of Guildford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, in which Mr. Gould took part, despite his 76 years and the fact that, being crippled, he has to support himself on a crutch. The ringers were H. Hall 1, C. W. Denver (Aldershot) 2, J. Corbett 3, F. Nye 4, T. Gould 5, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking, conductor) 6, H. Gould 7, E. Comer 8. The service was attended by people of all denominations and representing the various religious, civic and social bodies of the parish.

The commemoration was continued on Wednesday, when among the festivities was a pageant of scenes from local history. In this two of the local ringers took parts for which in face and figure they were admirably fitted. Mr. J. Corbett (who incidentally is hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) was the Abbot of Westminster, who received from Edward the Confessor in 1055 the grant of the lands of Bagshot to the monks of Westminster. Mr. Fred Nye was the landlord of the White Hart Inn in a scene which recalled Bagshot's coaching days and a duel of 1763.

THE 42-METHOD PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I point out (if necessary) a hob is omitted in the last lead of No. 1 extent, given in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.' May I also suggest that No. 1, from lead end 43652 in the first part, and from lead end 53462 in the second part, be rung as Cambridge not Primrose. In No. 2, from lead end 23564, should read Edinburgh, not Pembroke, and from lead end 53246 read Pembroke. These alterations will simplify the extents somewhat.

Here are two more six-methods extents: By leaving out the odd method in groups 6 and 7 of the peal rung at Chelford, Treble Bob: British Scholars No. 12. Third's Place Delight: Conisborough No. 24, Richborough Delight No. 23 and Woodcock's Victory Treble Bob No. 11 will splice into these two groups. This will give the conductor seven six-methods extents.

Killanmarsh.

C. SEVERN.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES.

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, it was stated that the Council had had correspondence over the bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London, and the final result was that the church was going to be rebuilt in the new district of Kingsbury and the bells were to be hung in the new tower when erected (applause).

The minutes were adopted.

The next business was the 'report of the hon. librarian.' The President said the Standing Committee recommended that a financial report only be presented to the Council. It had not yet been possible to go through all the various papers which had come on from Mrs. Jenkyn.

The hon. secretary stated that the receipts from the sale of publications was £17 18s. 5d. The number of publications sold was 354, chief among them being 58 copies of the Collection of Doubles and Minor and 125 method sheets. The expenses, including advertising, had been £10 15s. 3d., leaving a balance on the sale account of £7 3s. 1½d. There were 3,790 copies of publications in hand of a nominal value of round about £195.

Mr. J. A. Trollope pointed out that copies of recent publications by the Council did not appear to have been sent to the Library of the British Museum and other great national libraries. They ought to do this, not only to preserve their copyright, but in order that the books might be preserved for those who in the future might desire to do research work and might want to consult them.

The report was adopted, and it was decided to send copies of the publications to the British Museum, the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and the library at Trinity College, Dublin.

DELAYED SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The hon. secretary and treasurer presented the statement of the Council's accounts, which had been audited by Messrs. A. A. Hughes and W. A. Cave. The balance at Whitsun of 1932 was £61 11s. 1½d. The receipts were: Subscriptions, 1931-32 £4, 1932-33 £31; hon. members, £2 2s. 6d.; interest on 3½ per cent. Conversion Stock, £2 9s. 8d.; on 4 per cent. Consols, £2 10s. 4d.; balance of sale of publications, £7 3s. 1½d. The expenses included £10 10s. to the Davies Memorial and £13 16s. 1d. the balance of the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration account. Other items amounted to £18 19s. 3½d., leaving a balance at Whitsun, 1933, of £67 12s. 2d. The Council has investments of £50 3½ Conversion Stock and £50 4 per cent. Consols of a present market value of £138 3s. 9d. The hon. secretary pointed out that the subscriptions of the London County Association and the North Notts Association were received too late to be included in the balance sheet. Subscriptions to the Council were due on January 1st, but he received only two in January. The others were received as follows: February, five; March, nine; April, nine; May fifteen; and the rest on June 1st and 2nd.

The balance sheet was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Cave.

THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young reported for the trustees of the Carter ringing machine that it was carefully inspected and was operated on May 27th by the demonstrators, Messrs. Fardon and Sharman. It then rang several small efforts and a course of Grandsire Cinques. The machine was in better order than when they reported a year ago. On the previous day the machine was again demonstrated as part of the entertainment of the visitors. Fifty or more attended and once more the machine was set working and rang two or three times a course of Grandsire Cinques, and everyone seemed pleased with what they heard and saw.

Mr. A. Walker, who said he was present on the previous afternoon when the machine was demonstrated, congratulated the trustees and those associated with the machine for the improvement made in it. It was now practically perfect in striking. He had known the machine for about 20 years, and the preceding day was the first time he had heard it strike perfectly. It was now in a condition such as John Carter would have wished them to have it (hear, hear).

The trustees' report was adopted, and the usual fee of a guinea was voted to the demonstrators.

STANDING COMMITTEE'S CONSTITUTION.

The Standing Committee reported that it had considered the question of its constitution, and recommended that it consist of: (1) The president, hon. secretary and treasurer, hon. librarian and the conveners of committees ex-officio; (2) twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than 12 names are proposed); the committee shall have power, in the event of the services of any other member of the Council being considered by them desirable, to co-opt not more than two members. The twelve retiring members to be the first names to be proposed.

With regard to the other committees, the Standing Committee recommended that the Council should appoint the conveners in the first instance, but changes may be made at any time by the committee.

The retiring elective members were the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, J. Griffin, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, J. D. Matthews, A. Paddon Smith and E. Alex Young.

Canon Elsee proposed and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill said as he had been unable to attend any of the country meetings for many years, it was fair to the Council that he should resign from the Standing Committee. There were other members who could attend, and he, therefore, tendered his resignation in order that somebody should be elected who could regularly attend the meetings.

The President said the Council would have heard Mr. Cockerill's statement with a good deal of regret, and he thought they would like to keep Mr. Cockerill's name on the committee for another three years at any rate. The committee would like to have Mr. Cockerill's services. It was quite possible there might be meetings called in between Whitsuntides, and in that case those meetings would almost certainly be held in London, and Mr. Cockerill might be very useful.

The report was adopted and the retiring members of the committee re-elected.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE REORGANISED.

For the Peal Collection Committee the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported by letter that, as he explained last year, the single-handed charge of his parish and various diocesan work, including the secretaryship of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, made it practically impossible for him to settle down to any outside work, and he would be grateful if the Council would appoint another convener of this committee.

The retiring members of the committee were the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, the Rev. E. S. Powell, Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. J. A. Trollope.

The President said the Standing Committee proposed the re-election of the committee, with the addition of Mr. G. R. Pye and Mr. G. Lindoff, and that Mr. Lindoff be asked to act as convener.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said he was elected on to this committee at the Salisbury meeting, eight or ten years ago. He believed he had done some work for the committee before he was a member of it, but since he had been a member of the committee he had done no work whatever for it, and he had had no official communication from the committee. He suggested he should be taken off the committee. To put him on was simply a farce. If he could be of any use it would be another matter.

The President suggested that Mr. Powell's name should be left on until he had tried twelve months with the new convener. A lot of the trouble was that some conveners did not convene, and it was for that reason the Standing Committee had proposed that the Council should appoint the conveners.

The committee, as proposed by the Standing Committee, was elected.

EXTENDED DEFINITION OF A METHOD.

The Methods Committee reported progress. Mr. J. A. Trollope called attention to the proposed addition to the definition of a plain lead, reported in the minutes of the last meeting, which the Council was asked to consider and vote on. He formally moved that the words be added to the statement under the Council's 'definition of a method.'

This states that 'Methods are formed from principles in two ways,' and explains the two lines of development. The committee suggested the addition of 'an illustration of this statement is to be found in the Little and Alliance methods which have come into prominence of late years. In appearance their form places them outside the definition of Plain and Bob leads, but, properly speaking, they are in logical succession of such methods as Bob Major. Thus a Little method is one which follows the rule, except in so far as this is qualified by the restriction of the hunt to fewer places than the number of bells employed; an Alliance method is one in which the hunt has a composite path, comprising portions of more than one principle.'

The Rev. E. S. Powell seconded the motion, which was carried.

THE BOOK ON TRIPLES METHODS.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said progress on the book on Triples methods, which the committee were last year authorised to complete and send to the Standing Committee for publication, had not, for various circumstances, been as fast as they had hoped it would be, but that was not for the first time in the history of the Methods Committee (laughter). Except, however, for a few small items—the writing of the introduction and a couple of quarter-peals which had to be composed, the book was almost ready for typing and getting into final shape. The methods included were, of course, Stedman and Erin and all Triples methods with two hunts symmetrical about the leads, but none that were unsymmetrical. Of methods with one hunt they only proposed to publish eight out of nineteen which run to the natural six leads. They were not publishing methods which had adjacent places or any unsymmetrical methods such as methods which would run only to three leads. Three-lead course peals of Grandsire Triples could be described as a peal in a method in which the plain Triples consisted of the three bob leads. With regard to compositions, they were printing about eight quarter-peals and six peals of Stedman and several shorter touches: Erin, two quarter-peals and three peals; Grandsire and Reverse Grandsire, about twelve quarter-peals and ten peals. Contrary to what they proposed last year, they had decided that Holt's Ten Part ought to go in; not that it was likely to be rung to any very great extent, but because it was composed for Grandsire and it had got to be used as the foundation of peals in other methods in which the common single could not be used. In

Double Grandsire they proposed to include one quarter and two or three peals; and in methods with one hunt, one quarter and two or three peals of each.

THE AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS.

Out of this there arose another question, said Mr. Powell, on which the committee not only wished to make a report, but desired, if possible, to set up a precedent. Most people recognised nowadays that real originality, in the sense in which it was regarded 50 or 60 years ago, did not exist in compositions of peals, say, of Major in any method and of ordinary length. Probably, also, in the case of Triples it was very unlikely that any really completely new composition, in the sense that Parker's twelve-part was new, was likely to be obtained in the future. For the purposes of this book the committee had had to produce compositions for the various methods, and they had had assistance from outside. That assistance they felt should be recognised, and recognised publicly by the Council, by putting the names of the composers at the foot. Some of these peals were composed 35 or 40 years ago; in days when there was a good deal of originality in composition. But there were several compositions specially composed for the book. With the Council's permission they were proposing to establish what amounted to a precedent, and it was a precedent that did not just consist of the publishing of this book. There had grown up in recent years the expectation, if not the demand, that any peal published in 'The Ringing World' should bear the name of the composer. The only ground for that demand was as to the proof of the composition. All, or nearly all the associations, now took steps to ensure that, where a composition was new or had not been published before, the figures should be open to them before they accepted the peal for publication in their reports, and he thought that would get over the whole difficulty. At any rate, the Methods Committee suggested that the Council should permit them to publish their compositions without any name, and if, as was probable, any of them were rung afterwards, they hoped the compositions would be referred to by the number that was given to them in the book. If the truth of their work was challenged, the figures would be there for any composer to test. This was a gesture on the part of the committee; it was one that others might be glad to follow. He had himself been at times in difficulties. When he wanted to call a local peal of Grandsire Cinques at Exeter Cathedral he had not got a large number of compositions available. He wanted something simpler than any he saw, and he put together a peal which stood as composed by him. He had since been called over the coals by a gentleman who suggested it was a composition by Mr. Hattersley. It was no more similar to that peal than it was similar to a great many others. They had to put it under some name and he had to put this peal down to himself. On what was a rather historic occasion he did not feel he could establish a new precedent and say, 'Here is a peal composed by nobody,' for the first peal rung on the twelve bells rung at Exeter by a band resident in the diocese. He moved that the book, as soon as completed, should be sent on to the Standing Committee with the condition he had put before the Council.

Mr. Trollope seconded.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith asked that the Council might be assured that the compositions, already recognised under the names of well-known composers, such as Holt and Parker, should continue to have the authors' names attached.

The Rev. E. S. Powell gave this assurance, and said that the composers' names would also be added to those peals which outside persons had contributed to the book. For instance, Mr. A. J. Pitman had specially composed peals for this book, and it would certainly be most improper to publish them without attaching his name to them. The only compositions which would have no names would be those which had been produced by one or other members of the Methods Committee.

The recommendations of the committee were adopted, and, on the motion of Mr. S. F. Palmer, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, the committee, consisting of Mr. J. A. Trollope (convener), the Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. S. H. Wood, was reappointed.

TWO COMMITTEES AMALGAMATED.

When the report of the 'Variations' Committee was reached, the President said the position was rather difficult. The committee was appointed to deal particularly with the question Mr. Newton raised at the Liverpool meeting, and it was suggested that a short pamphlet should be got out explaining exactly what was meant by variations. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was appointed convener, but at the end of the first year he said he was unable to tackle the work and proposed that Mr. H. W. Wilde be made convener. Mr. Wilde died last October and the committee had been left with only Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Fletcher, the latter's part being mainly the labour of typing. They had, therefore, come to a deadlock, and the Standing Committee recommended that this committee be amalgamated with the Peals Collection Committee (of which Mr. Lindoff was now appointed convener), with the addition of Mr. G. R. Newton to assist especially in this particular work.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved the necessary resolution to amalgamate the two committees. He pointed out that the remaining members of the Variations Committee, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mrs. Fletcher, were also members of the Peals Collection Committee, and as there was considerable relation in the work of the two committees, it would be an advantage to amalgamate them. He also moved the

addition to the committee of Mr. G. R. Newton and of Mr. C. W. Roberts, one of the most versatile of the young composers, who had that day been elected an honorary member of the Council.

Mr. W. A. Cave seconded and the motion was carried.

'SILENT' AND 'NON-CONDUCTED' PEALS.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the adoption of the Peals Analysis Committee's report, which was published in 'The Ringing World' of May 26th and June 2nd.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett seconded.

Mr. P. J. Johnson called attention to a paragraph in the report referring to 'the first "silent" peal of Kent Treble Bob-Royal (on handbells), rung by the Yorkshire Association, who also rang a non-conducted peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.' The Double Norwich, he said, was both silent and non-conducted, and the association would like it noted. They held that a non-conducted peal had no virtue at all if it were not 'silent.'

The President said the Analysis Committee would be prepared to alter their report to fit in with the wishes expressed by Mr. Johnson, but unless a peal was silent it could not be non-conducted.

A member: Cannot someone put a trip right?

The President: That would be conducting. I may be old-fashioned, but I never dreamt that any peal would be published as 'silent' or 'non-conducted' if one single word was spoken or sign made (hear, hear). Any other interpretation is unthinkable to my mind.

Mr. Johnson: You can easily get over it by saying it was 'silent and non-conducted.'

Mr. C. T. Coles said a recent peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Birmingham was described, 'No bobs were called throughout this peal.' There were about two words spoken in the peal, otherwise it would have been 'non-conducted.' He considered it was the correct way to describe such a peal, 'no bobs were called.'

The President: I was struck with the honesty of the people who sent in the report.

Mr. A. Walker said it was intended that it should be a silent peal. Only two words were spoken, and as regards the bob bells there was no mistake, but he sent in the report to 'The Ringing World' with the footnote that 'no bobs were called.'

Mr. Johnson said the silent and non-conducted Double Norwich was a peal to be proud of, and they felt it was something about which the Council should draw a definite line. It was what they in Yorkshire held ought to be the definition of such a peal.

The President: That, I think, is what is generally accepted.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert said that bob calling was not necessarily conducting. A man might call every bob in the right place, but not be capable of getting the bells out of a muddle.

The report, with the necessary amendment, was adopted, and the committee re-elected as follows: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (convener), Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. G. L. Grover and Mr. C. Dean.

(To be continued.)

'BITTER TREATMENT.'

Dear Sir,—The report of the election of honorary members of the Central Council makes rather poor reading, and it is unlikely that the prestige of the Council will be much enhanced by the rather bitter treatment of one of its late honorary members.

One would imagine that the recommendations of such members as Canon H. J. Elsee and Alderman J. S. Pritchett would have been sufficient to sway the Council to act graciously in this particular case, and no doubt the individual concerned would have been prepared to make the amende honorable—but it would appear that the spiteful element in the Council gained the day.

I entirely concur with the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards' remarks, and agree that in 20 years' time, when these things come to be reviewed dispassionately, the Council could not be said to have dealt with this case in a really dignified way.

It is interesting to note from the discussion which took place on this matter that at last members are to be judged and elected according to 'what they have done on the Council!' I can readily appreciate that not a few of the members of this august body are already beginning to feel uncomfortable!

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Bolton.

A letter from Mr. James George was received too late for insertion in this issue.—Editor, 'Ringing World.'

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Gateshead on Saturday, June 10th. Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland, presided over a short meeting after an excellent tea, and the Rector and churchwardens were thanked for the use of the bells, and the ladies for their kind services in connection with the tea.

The next meeting of the Western District is to be held at Tanfield on July 8th, and the Eastern District at Sunderland on July 22nd.

The association secretary announced that the Dean of Durham, Dr. Alington, had consented to address the members on the occasion of the annual festival at Durham on the 30th September, and the service is to be held in the Cathedral at 5 p.m. on that day. The new secretary of the Wednesday Guild, Mr. W. Sheraton, also announced that he was arranging for a meeting at Houghton-le-Spring on June 28th, and asked the members to make it as widely known as possible.

A JUBILEE CELEBRATED AT PENZANCE.

DR. SYMONS PROVIDES COMMEMORATION DINNER.

One of the most interesting events in the annals of Cornish ringing history took place at Penzance on Tuesday, June 6th, when Dr. Symons, president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, entertained a party of ringers and friends to dinner at the Western Hotel to commemorate the first peal in Cornwall by a resident band, rung 50 years ago—June 4th, 1883. There were present Canon F. R. Carr (Vicar of St. Mary's, Penzance), the Rev. C. E. S. Buckley (Vicar of Gulval), the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (general secretary of the Guild), the Misses Symons, Dr. Godfrey Symons, Mr. A. S. Roberts, Mr. William Wood, the full company of Gulval ringers and Mr. George Sellers, who, apart from Dr. Symons, is the only other surviving member of the band and who has reached the advanced age of 89.

After an excellent repast, Dr. Symons, in proposing the health of Canon Carr, gave a most interesting account of the early ringing history at Penzance. He mentioned that the bells were opened in 1861, the first change ringing, Grandsire Doubles, was accomplished in 1866, the first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 1872 and a half-peal in the same method in 1873. Up to this time the band had been under the leadership of Col. Trelawney. In 1879 came a change in the leadership, and they started practising hard to score a peal. Early in 1883 they rang 4,000 Grandsire Triples in 2 hours 36 minutes just by way of practice; they did not want to ring a peal that day. On June 4th, 1883, came the great accomplishment, and they scored the long desired peal, the tenor being rung by the curate at that time, the Rev. Berry, who rang excellently, but who went home and went straight to bed. 'And when do you think he got up?' asked Dr. Symons. 'Thursday morning.' This peal when known brought them several visitors of fame, as in time Col. Troyte, Wm. Bannister and John Carter visited them.



DR. JOHN SYMONS.

Dr. Symons thanked Canon Carr for his assistance in the recent restoration of the bells and for allowing the Gulval band to ring at St. Mary's on the first Sunday in each month. He then read portions of a most interesting letter which he had received many years ago from Squire Leonard Proctor, in which he related the story of a visit to Mr. (afterwards Sir) A. P. Heywood, and described the wonderful ringing and enthusiasm which he found at Duffield. He mentioned an attempt for a peal of Treble Bob at that church and how the tenor man was tripped off the box by the rope, knocking over the seventh ringer.

Replying, Canon Carr thanked Dr. Symons for all he had said. He was not a ringer himself, but nevertheless had not shirked trying to learn several years ago, when Vicar of Kea, but the bell had got the better of him. He mentioned there was still a small balance to be met on St. Mary's bells, and hoped the Guild might be able to do something to reduce it.

Dr. Symons then proposed the health of Mr. A. S. Roberts, who had conducted a peal at St. Mary's on Easter Monday, and with this he coupled the name of the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella.

Both replied, the former remarking that it was splendid to have a link with the peal rung 50 years previously by the fact that Miss Eileen Symons took part on Easter Monday last.

During the evening songs were rendered by the Rev. C. E. S. Buckley and humorous stories told by Drs. J. and G. Symons, whilst Mr. George Sellers, despite his great age, delighted the company with his own poem, 'St. Mary's bells.'

EARLY STRUGGLES.

In the late seventies, residing in the historic town of Stratton, situated 'far from the madding crowd' in the extreme north of Cornwall, and destitute of all such amusements as 'pictures' and 'jazz,' bellringing appealed to Dr. Symons as an attractive pastime on the old peal of six by Pennington in 1778, subsequently augmented to the octave by a new treble and tenor from the Whitechapel Foundry in 1878.

Rounds and call changes, rising and falling in peal were alone practised on the church bells, and Dr. Symons' first introduction to change ringing was by coming across Hubbard's 'Campanologia,' from the study of which various touches of Bob Major were accomplished by 'tapping' on handbells.

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NEW BELLS FOR MOULTON.

MEMORIAL TO MISSIONS PIONEER.

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Moulton on Saturday, June 10th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and at the service Canon A. Nugee, of Little Houghton, was the preacher, the Rev. J. White, of Pitsford, Rural Dean, read the prayers, while Dr. S. Madge, of London, read the lessons, the last named being the donor of one of the new bells, which arrived on June 1st from Taylors' Foundry, Loughborough. The Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Turner), with his band of handbell ringers, led the singing on the four octave set of bells, accompanied by Mr. W. Busby on the organ. There was a large congregation, ringers coming in from all parts. The Rev. Nugee preached an impressive sermon from I. Corinthians, 4, 7: 'What hast thou that thou didst not receive?'

An excellent tea was arranged by the ladies in the Church Room, Mr. Weaver, Vicar's warden, paying expenses, so as to make a clear profit, which will be devoted to the new bell. The Rev. Canon J. P. Fred, Rural Dean, from Collingtree, and the Rev. R. H. Palmer, of Brafield, were present.

After tea, at which the grace was sung to the music of the handbells, the Vicar invited the Guild to hold their business meeting on the Vicarage lawn, whereupon they streamed from the room to that pleasant meeting place. Mr. F. Wilford, Master Ringer of the Diocese, was present at this meeting.

Mr. J. Dean was elected Branch Master Ringer for the year, Mr. J. Taylor resigning, to the regret of the meeting.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Dr. Sidney Madge for his kind gift of the new treble bell, which he wishes to be dedicated to William Carey, the great pioneer of modern missions, who was Baptist pastor at Moulton, where he thought out his schemes of world evangelisation. The centenary of his death is June 9th, 1834.—This was seconded by Mr. F. Browning, the Guild secretary, and supported by the two churchwardens, Messrs. F. Weaver and G. Smart, who were present, and the vote carried with acclamation.

Dr. Madge responded with a most interesting speech on the Moulton bells and Dr. William Carey.

Ringing was then resumed in the belfry, while handbell experts indulged in change ringing on the lawn.

The new bells were on view and the following are the inscriptions:—
No. 1.—*Ad maiorem Dei gloriam et in memoriam illustrissimi viri Guilelmi Carey ejus animum dulci sono pervenire solebant antiquae campanae Moultonenses hanc novam dono dedit S. J. Madge MCXXXIII.*

(Composer's translation) To the greater glory of God and in memory of the illustrious Doctor William Carey, whose soul was often stirred by the sweet sound of the old bells of Moulton, this new bell has been given by S. J. Madge, 1933.
No. 2.—Motto of William Carey (died June 9th, 1834).

Young people
Expect great things from God.
Remember.
Attempt great things for God.
Carey.

The initials form Carey's name reversed.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church on Saturday, June 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Howell 1, J. Hanson 2, Reg Robbins 3, R. Baird 4, A. W. Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, C. Pettit 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Charles Wallace, a promising young local ringer and a member of the Swansea and Brecon Guild.

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Migrating in 1879 to his native town, the ancient and westernmost borough of Penzance, the opportunity of becoming associated with the band at St. Mary's, with eight bells by Taylor, 1865, was embraced. Not being satisfied with the ever repeating plain course of Grandsire Triples, a little more enthusiasm was infused into the band, and with the assistance and guidance of Col. H. R. Trelawney, an old change ringer, some longer touches and even quarter-peals were soon accomplished.

The ambition of every change ringer is to accomplish the full extent of changes on their peal of bells, and with a steady and unaided perseverance their efforts culminated on June 4th, 1883, in a 5,040 of Grandsire Triples, as the first peal rung in the county of Cornwall and by an entirely new band.

Frequent and valuable assistance in the practice of Stedman and other methods were willingly accorded by William Banister, Col. C. A. Troyte, John Carter and many others, whose memory is ever revered by the sole survivors of the first peal.

On Whit Sunday, June 4th, at the Truro Cathedral Church, for festal evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 minutes: Miss E. Robinson 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, Miss L. Willoughby 3, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 4, H. Williams 5, F. W. Marshall 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, H. Stephens 8. This was rung as a compliment to Dr. J. Symons, president of the Diocesan Guild, on the fiftieth anniversary of the first peal rung in Cornwall by a resident band on June 4th, 1883.

A CHURCH COUNCIL'S DECISION.

RINGERS TO BE CHARGED FOR USE OF BELLS.

Between 50 and 60 ringers were present at Sevenoaks at a meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association on Saturday, when they received a welcome from the Rector and were entertained to tea by Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Taylor. The towers represented were Benenden, Horsmonden, Shipbourne, Crayford, Leigh, East Peckham, Seal Chart, Bromley, Merstham, Tonbridge Wells, Lamberhurst, Rainham, Tonbridge, Beckenham, Chislehurst, Penshurst, Brasted, Cranbrook, Buckfastleigh (Devon), etc.

The ringing during the day included methods from Grandsire up to London Surprise. The majority of the present bells date from 1769, when they were put in by the Whitechapel Foundry, and the first recorded peal on them was one in which James Barham took part. The lofty tower dates from about 1450, but other portions of the church go back to the latter part of the 13th century.

The association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar, who dealt in his address with the ministry of ringers.

Tea in the Church Hall was served by Mrs. Taylor, assisted by a number of helpers, including Mrs. E. H. Lewis. Mr. Lewis, who is a vice-president of the Kent County Association as well as president of the Central Council, presided, and among those present were the Ven. Archdeacon of Tonbridge and the Rector of Sevenoaks.

An interesting matter arising out of the business was further correspondence in connection with a decision of the Church Council at Brenchley to charge visiting ringers 5s. for the use of the bells, to limit the period of ringing to two hours and the number of visits to six per year. The district had taken the matter up through the general secretary of the association (Mr. F. M. Mitchell), who now wrote that he had been successful in getting the time limit of two hours extended so as to allow of peals being rung, but the decision to charge 5s. per visit for the use of the bells was unaltered. 'To get the time limit altered is something to be thankful for,' Mr. Mitchell added.

Mr. G. B. Lucas, of Walthamstow, was elected a non-resident life member, and the election of Mr. F. B. Smeaton prior to a peal was confirmed.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and his curate, to the organist and to Dr. and Mrs. Taylor for their hospitality and to their helpers was cordially passed.

A CAUSE OF BAD RINGING.

Mr. Latter, the district secretary, thanked Mr. Ford, the local secretary, for the arrangements made, and, in thanking Mr. Lewis for presiding, announced that the next meeting would be held at Brasted on July 15th, when Mr. Lewis had kindly promised to entertain them to tea.

Mr. Lewis, replying to the vote of thanks, hoped the members would manage to get to Brasted, where they had a peal of six, which, thanks to the sympathetic method in which Mr. Hughes, of Messrs. Meares and Stainbank, had tuned them, had been made into a very nice ring indeed. Mr. Lewis referred to the forthcoming publication by the Central Council of the pamphlet on how to handle a bell rope, and hoped it would be widely distributed in Kent, where, from his experience, such instruction as it would give was much needed. The pamphlet was to be published at 2d. There were, he said, complaints from the public in these days about the ringing of church bells, and some fear that legislation might be passed restricting ringing. The best counter action they, as ringers, could take was to ensure that, when they did ring, their striking was accurate. That was only to be achieved by the correct handling of the ropes. There was too much ringing with ropes too long at the tail and sallies too low. If steeplekeepers would keep the sallies well up and the ropes end short, people would have to ring with their arms at full stretch and in that way would have full control of the bell. Many ringers rang with bent arms, and that was one of the things which produced bad striking. Mr. Lewis added that he hoped the associations would make arrangements to buy the pamphlet in bulk and distribute it to their members.

BRISTOL RINGERS' WELCOME TO NEW BISHOP.

On Sunday, June 11th, at St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members of the St. Ambrose Guild: A. C. Baker 1, A. Knight 2, Mrs. F. Skidmore (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, F. Skidmore 4, A. T. Maggs (conductor) 5, S. Phillips 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, G. S. Wiltshire 8. This quarter-peal was attempted on Friday, June 9th, but came to grief through a rope breaking half-way through. It was arranged as a welcome to the newly-appointed Bishop (Canon C. S. Woodward, M.A.), who was enthroned at Bristol Cathedral on June 9th.

OXFORD SOCIETY OUTING.

The Oxford Society visited Frome, Mere, Westbury and Newbury for their annual outing on Whit Monday. They were very kindly received at all the towers, and rang touches in various methods. At East Garston the party was met by the Misses Jenkyn, who much appreciated a tribute of respect paid to the memory of their brother when four members of the society rang a course of Grandsire Triples over his grave.

AN 'IMPOSSIBLE' TOWER.

SILENT LONDON PEAL TO BE CHIMED.

On Saturday, May 20th, the back six of the ring of eight at St. Michael and All Angels, Star Street, Paddington, one of London's 'impossible' towers, were rung by the following: R. H. Dove 1, R. Davies 2, F. G. Woodiss 3, C. H. Kippin 4, E. G. Talbot 5, D. Cooper 6. Anxiously as to the safety of the tower, also the difficulties of ringing, limited the ringing to plain courses of Grandsire Doubles and Rob Minor.

Although the bell-chamber is only 10ft. by 14ft. and the brick walls barely 2ft. thick, nevertheless, a ring of eight (by Warner, 1851), with a tenor, is hung in a massive two-tier structure 'four on four,' 70ft. above the ground, and it is not to be wondered at that the tower 'rolls' badly under the strain, especially as all the bells swing in one direction. The band do not recommend this as an ideal tower for a long peal, nor for a summer meeting. The ringing room has no means of ventilation except via the staircase, and there is only one tiny window on a level with the floor.

As on the day in question the temperature was in the region of the eighties in the shade and the electric light in the tower fused, ringing conditions could hardly be described as comfortable. To enable the bells to be heard it has been decided to install a chiming apparatus (by Taylor and Co.), which will at any rate be an improvement on one bell 'clocked' as at present, for the expense of making this tower fit for ringing is beyond the means of a poor parish. Other 'tower grabbers' who may wish to visit this church should bear in mind that they must provide their own ropes.

DEATH OF A SEDBERGH RINGER.

Sedbergh mourns the death of its oldest ringer, Mr. W. Pennington, which occurred on June 4th at the age of 80 years. When the bells were opened in 1897 he became a ringer and took on the duties of steeplekeeper, which he performed until seven years ago, when, to his infinite regret, he was obliged to resign owing to ill-health. He consoled himself with the thought that his two sons were regular ringers, and lately was very much pleased when his granddaughter, Miss Harrison, took up ringing and joined the band. He rang a few peals, but his best effort was in February, 1909, when he took part in eight different methods for the eight services in that month. His favourite methods were Sledman and Superlative, and he was always keen and ready to tackle a new method. He was greatly loved and respected by all.

The funeral took place on June 7th and was taken by the Vicar, Canon Walker, assisted by the Rev. A. J. K. Martyn. Four ringers acted as bearers. In the evening a 720 Bob Minor was rung with bells deeply muffled by H. Dawson 1, J. Smith 2, T. Sisson 3, H. Haresnapo 4, E. Jennings 5, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor) 6.

GAINSBOROUGH RINGERS' OUTING.

The thirteenth annual outing of the Gainsborough Parish Church ringers was held on Whit Monday. The first call was made at Boston, where, after looking round the beautiful church, the ringing members of the party climbed the famous 'Stump,' and change ringing was indulged in on the new peal of ten bells, which have recently been recast and hung on ball bearings. The next call was Holbeach, and as the weather was rather hot and the bells did not go too well, everyone was quite ready to leave at the appointed time.

Edenham was reached in the afternoon. On this splendid ring of eight various methods, which included Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, were rung. Tea was taken at the old-fashioned Greyhound Inn. Afterwards the handbells were rung on the lawn and later the tower bells were set going. Home was reached about 11 o'clock, after a most enjoyable and successful outing.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

TOWCESTER BRANCH.

By kind invitation of the Rev. R. Howes, hon. secretary of the Towcester Branch, the annual meeting of the branch was held at Cold Higham on Saturday, June 10th. The bells, a handy ring of six, were available from 11 a.m., and were made good use of during the day. Luncheon was partaken of in the Schoolroom, after which the business meeting was held. The officers were re-elected and places of quarterly meetings arranged for the next year. The Rev. J. T. Russell, vice-principal of Cuddesdon College, preached an admirable sermon at the subsequent service.

Thanks are due to the Rev. R. Howes for his hospitality and arrangements.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

On Tuesday, May 27th, members of the local company, assisted by ringers from Lavenham, met at the Church of St. Lawrence, Little Walsingham, Suffolk, and rang several six-scores of Plain, Old Bob, St. Simon's and Grandsire Doubles to celebrate the 65th birthday of Mr. Walter Head, captain of the local band. Those taking part were S. H. and D. A. Symonds and L. Fryke (Lavenham), W. Head, H. Day, J. Andrews and B. Cornell (Little Walsingham). The party were afterwards entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. W. Head, which was followed by handbell ringing, in which a lady ringer, Mrs. Griggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Head, took part.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — The meeting at Pewsey, advertised in last week's paper, has been cancelled. Further announcements will be made as soon as possible.—A. W. Deane, Branch Sec., 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough, Wilts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Est. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 29th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on 27th, 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore, June 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Short service 6 p.m. Please notify Mr. A. J. Abrams, East Park Street, Chatteris, for tea. I would appeal to all district ringers to make a special effort to attend. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Bus service from St. Albans and Dunstable—connections with other routes. Come prepared for a variety of methods.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 310th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Service 12.30. Hot lunch (2s. 6d.) at 1.15.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall. A service will be held at 7.30, to which the Vicar gives a cordial invitation to all ringers and friends.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, June 24th, from 3 p.m. onwards, at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (8 bells). The bright young people ARE coming. Don't be missing.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, June 24th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Nominations are to be in at this meeting for secretary and committee-men.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LAVENTHAM ANNIVERSARY will be held on Saturday, June 24th. The bells will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 to 9 p.m.—A. Symonds.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) **AND LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—A combined meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Bruce, at Marazion.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Selborne on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (5) available from 2.30, also Newton Valence (5) 1½ miles distant. Service in St. Mary's, Selborne, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in the Parish Hall. Business meeting follows.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—The dedication of the peal board recording a peal rung on March 19th, 1932, will take place on Saturday, June 24th, at 2.30 p.m. All visiting ringers welcome. Bells open after service.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24th, at Idle. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 24th, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. C. R. S. McDowall) and friends. Tower opens 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea. A good attendance is hoped for on this occasion. All ringers welcomed.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—A meeting will be held at Matlock (bells 8) on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. — A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Meeting in the church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (1s.) in the grounds of Higham Hall, this meeting being held jointly with the Deanery Missionary Pageant. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, June 24th. Ringing at All Saints' 3 p.m. Tea 5.45. Evensong 6.45. St. Paul's bells available in the evening if sufficient numbers present. — W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hethersett on Saturday, June 24th, 3.30 p.m. — W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, June 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Rawmarsh Church (8 bells) on Saturday, July 1st. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each. For tea please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by June 28th. The Rectory grounds will be open to visitors. —M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Terrington St. Clement on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome —E. Barker, Branch Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Misson, near Bawtry, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells open 2 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. S. W. Law, Willow House, Misson, Doncaster. All welcome.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastrington on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (at 1s. 6d. each) at 5; please notify Mr. J. P. Powls, Eastrington, Howden, by Thursday, June 29th. All ringers welcome.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Grayshott on July 1st. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 6d. each, but only for those who apply for tickets, and send CASH to me BEFORE the 27th June, otherwise 1s. will be charged as usual.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Lawrence on Saturday, July 1st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) at the Parish Hall at 4.30. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. L. Porritt, 23, Grosvenor Road, Ramsgate, not later than Thursday, June 29th? Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—First quarterly meeting at Creswell, Derbyshire, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) open 2.30 to 7 p.m., also Clowne (6) in evening. Committee meet 3.30. Tea, 1/3 per head, in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea must inform Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmtun Road, Creswell, near Mansfield, not later than June 29th, to prevent disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer festival will be held at Cardington on Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., Dunstable.

WHAPLODE, LINCS.—The dedication will take place on Saturday, July 1st, at 7 p.m., of the peal of six bells restored and augmented by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755)—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Castle Bromwich, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All intending to be present kindly notify T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1/3 per head). All those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare to members (maximum 1/6).—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12 Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcomed.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting of the above will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Please let me know by June 28th how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 401, London Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cross Stones on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dersingham on Saturday, July 1st.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Litlington on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea on Vicarage lawn.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemingford Abbots on July 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. G. Ransome, Hemingford Abbots, or H. Parker, Branch Sec., Great Staughton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 1st. Cathedral bells (12) available during the day; also St. Maurice's (6). General meeting in St. Maurice's Hall at 2.30. Tea at 4.15. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15. Tea will be provided for all who inform me by Thursday, June 29th. Hursley (8) and Twyford (8) will be available from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ever-shot on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Other towers open: Rampisham. Notifications for tea to C. H. Lathey, Sec., 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—The ring of 12 restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., will be dedicated by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury on Friday, July 7th, at 3.45 p.m., and the bells will be rung on that occasion by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—Ringers' Opening.—On Saturday, July 8th, the day following the dedication, there will be a general ringers' meeting, by kind permission of the Rector and churchwardens. Programme: 2.30, ringing. 4 p.m., short service (the preacher will be announced later). 5, tea at Messrs. Selfridges, Oxford Street, by kind invitation of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge. 6.30, ringing. 8.30, social at the Cannon Street Hotel. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea are asked to send in their names, not later than July 3rd, to the Vestry Clerk, St. Mary-le-Bow, 61, Cheapside, London, E.C.2.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Christchurch, Hants, on Saturday, July 8th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual shield contest will be held at Darfield on Saturday, July 8th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Entries close on July 1st. For tea please notify Mr. T. Hilton, Stoneleigh, Barnsley Road, Darfield, near Barnsley, by Tuesday, 4th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Streatley on Saturday, July 8th. Ringing at Streatley from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m.: Guild members 6d.; non-members 9d. Goring bells (8) are available after tea. All ringers are welcome. Please notify Mr. H. Perry, Thatched Cottage, Streatley, by July 4th number for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (9d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify the Rector, Halewood, Liverpool. Make an effort to attend and notify Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool 16.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Wednesday, July 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., by kind invitation, followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual festival at Swansea, Saturday, July 15th. 10

a.m. to 2.45 p.m., 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Tower of St. Mary's Church (8 bells) open for ringing. 3 p.m.: Service in St. Mary's Church, Swansea (Preacher: Canon W. T. Havard). 4 p.m.: Tea at Curran's Restaurant, Heathfield Street (by kind invitation of Canon W. T. Havard). 4.30 p.m.: Business meeting. Please let me know the number for tea by Saturday, July 8th, without fail. — L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual summer festival, to be held at Leatherhead and Ashstead, has been postponed to Saturday, July 22nd. Full particulars will be published later. — J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

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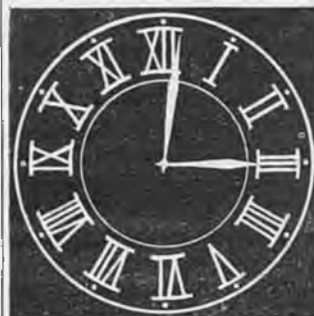
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