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AN UNSATISFACTORY POSITION.

The 'Minor' discussion at the Central Council meeting, really a major matter, ended in a very unsatisfactory manner. There were two motions and an amendment before the Council. The amendment was, in brief, for limiting peals of Minor to seven true and complete 720's, and peals of Doubles to forty-two 120's—in fact, it carried the definition of a peal of Minor back to where it was before the Hereford resolution of 1928, and placed a peal of Doubles, which before that time was undefined, on the same basis. The two original motions have already been referred to in this column. One sought to limit peals of Minor to seven 720's, but to admit the Bankes James' arrangement—which, by the way, has been extended to other methods besides Cambridge—as an exception. The other went further than this and opened the door to any composition or compositions of Minor so long as they are in a recognised method and no change occurs more or less than seven times in a 5040.

With the commendable intention of cutting out controversial theories, those responsible for the motions and the amendment confined themselves to broad arguments, such as whether departure from the old standard was in the interests of ringing and whether, the exceptional compositions having been rung on so many occasions without protest, the Council had not already recognised them as being admissible in peals. Unfortunately, the vote was taken late in the session when some of the representatives had already left, but no fewer than 70 members voted on the amendment, and the figures left no question as to the opinion of the Council as then constituted. There was a majority of 44 to 26 for reverting to the old standard for peals, but, despite this expression of opinion, the amendment could not go out as the Council's considered definition because, under the old rules which expired at the end of the session, a two-thirds majority of the meeting was required. It was unfortunate, or fortunate according to the way one looks upon the subject. For the time being, the Hereford resolution still holds the field, but after this last debate it is obvious the matter will not be allowed to rest where it is. Hardly anyone, in fact, is satisfied.

When the subject comes up again it will be discussed under the new rules, and a bare majority of the Council will carry the day, but one thing seems certain, whatever decision is arrived at, the Council will have to take its courage in both hands and say, after they have arrived at a definition, that they will 'recognise' only peals rung in accordance with it. They cannot prevent anyone ringing what they choose, and calling it a 'peal,' but they can refuse to recognise it if it is not in

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accordance with their conditions and, if they refuse to recognise it, associations who have subscribed to the undertaking loyally to abide by the Council's decisions, will be in duty bound also to refuse to recognise such performances as peals. If that were done, it would quickly put an end to the use of compositions of which the Council does not approve. There does not seem to us any necessity to try to undo what is past, even if it could be undone. The Council has to legislate for the future and, as in law, many things permissible in the past are now illegal; so in ringing, performances which have been admitted as peals in the past can be ruled out for the future. We believe that is a position which the Exercise would be ready to accept.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

BERT HORTON Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 8
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 9
JOHN C. ADAMS 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 10
WILLIAM FISHER 5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 11
THOMAS HILL 6	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	*SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 7
JOHN THOMAS 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 8
RICHARD A. POST 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 9
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	ERNEST BRETT 10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5	RICHARD F. DEAL 11
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by R. F. DEAL.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Hawkins.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	†JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6
JOHN HOLMAN 2	SIDNEY F. PALMER 7
JOHN W. CUNDALL 3	WILLIAM BARTON 8
*GEORGE NAYLOR 4	†GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
JAMES COTTERELL 5	*PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (236).

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

* First peal of Oxford Royal. † First peal of Oxford. The band wish to place on record their thanks to Mr. Thos. Maude for his kind hospitality after the peal.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-AT-BOW, STRATFORD, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HAYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN Treble	ERNEST J. KING 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ALBERT J. BAYNES 6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
FRANK C. NEWMAN 4	FRANK R. L. BLEWER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the birthday of Mr. F. R. L. Blewer, and the 72nd anniversary of the birth of Mr. G. Hayden.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL Treble	HARRY WILDE 5
SAM LONGBOTTOM 2	ALBERT PICKLES 6
EDGAR WHITELEY 3	CECIL DRAKE 7
HAROLD PEARCE 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (384). Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal in the method. Rung with deeply muffled clappers as a last token of respect to the Rev. F. C. Foote, M.A., Rural Dean of Horton, Hon. Canon of Bradford Cathedral, and Vicar of the above parish, who was interred at Queensbury Parish Church on this date.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Monday, July 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a seventh birthday compliment to Master R. A. Deal, son of the ringer of the 2nd.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 18, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	HARRY A. HOVERD 5
ERNEST BRETT 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIES 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. P. J. Spice and I. Emery. It was I. Emery's 350th peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. COLLUM Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
E. CHARLES PATTEN 2	HARRY A. HOVERD 6
JAMES E. DAVIS 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

* First peal in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 6
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... 2	RICHARD PAINE 6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 3	WILFRED ANDREWS 7
WALTER LINTER 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Rung to celebrate the Kettle centenary.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. SWINFELD'S ODD AND EVEN BOB IRREGULAR TWENTY-PART, No. 3

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	EPHRAIM W. RANDE 6
J. CHARLES DICKEN 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	T. KELHAM DEACON Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has all the 6-7's at backstroke.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	THOMAS K. DRIVER 6
HAROLD HAMER 3	JAMES H. BASTOW 7
JOHN SMITH 4	J. H. C. MASSEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late James Jacques, a greatly respected member of the local band, who was interred on the above date. He was a regular service ringer at the Parish Church for upwards of 40 years, and was also secretary of the Rochdale Branch for several years.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	HARRY LEVIE 5
R. THOMAS HOLDING 2	HARRY F. HOLDING 6
GEORGE PACKER 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
WILLIAM HOPWOOD 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major with a bob bell.

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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
MISS MARGARET PACK 2	HERBERT E. AODSLEY 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	FREDERICK J. CULL 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

KIRBY WISKE, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

* R. DUFFIELD Treble	* J. C. POLLARD 4
THOMAS METCALFE 2	* WM. ELLERINGTON 5
* MRS. WARRIOR 3	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Conducted by MRS. WARRIOR.

* First peal of Minor. This was the first peal on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob (rung alternately).

Tenor 8 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

GEORGE R. LIMMER Treble	ALAN R. PINK 4
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	* RONALD H. BULLEN 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	† GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in four methods. † 300th peal.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ARCHIBALD S. TOSLAND ... Treble	JACK BAILEY 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS 2	JACK D. BELL 5
HERBERT W. ABBOTT 3	* PERCY BELL Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the Oxford Movement.

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Anne,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, Duke of York and Woodbine, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford, called differently.

* GEORGE H. HALL Treble	JAMES STANWAY 4
* JONAH JOLLEY 2	THOMAS HURD 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

First peal. Rung in honour of the conductor's birthday. It is 31 years ago since the last peal, which was also conducted by J. E. Wheelton, was rung on these bells.

WEST DERBY, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Spliced Oxford and Kent and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

FREDERICK WOODWARD ... Treble	HARRY HANCOCK 4
JOHN MCKEE 2	JOHN BROWN 5
JAMES MARTIN 3	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings three years ago. First peal in three methods by all the band except ringer of third, and first with spliced 720 for all the band.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 23 cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF HORSMONDEN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT RELFE Treble	JAMES BASSETT 4
JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. 2	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. 5
THOMAS FULLER 3	GEORGE WAGHORN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bassett, parents of the ringer of the 4th, also for the birthday of Mr. J. Waghorn, jun. This peal contains seven different compositions, each keeping 5-6 the right way behind.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Childwall Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

ERNEST BELSON Treble	CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 4
JAMES G. NEWMAN 2	REGINALD J. SCOTT 5
FREDERICK VICKERS 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Cook and Miss Smyth, which took place just previous to the peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. F. LASKEY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 1-2	WALTER J. FORD 5-6
WILLIAM J. WASEY 3-4	HERBERT LASKEY 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. B. DUNCAN.

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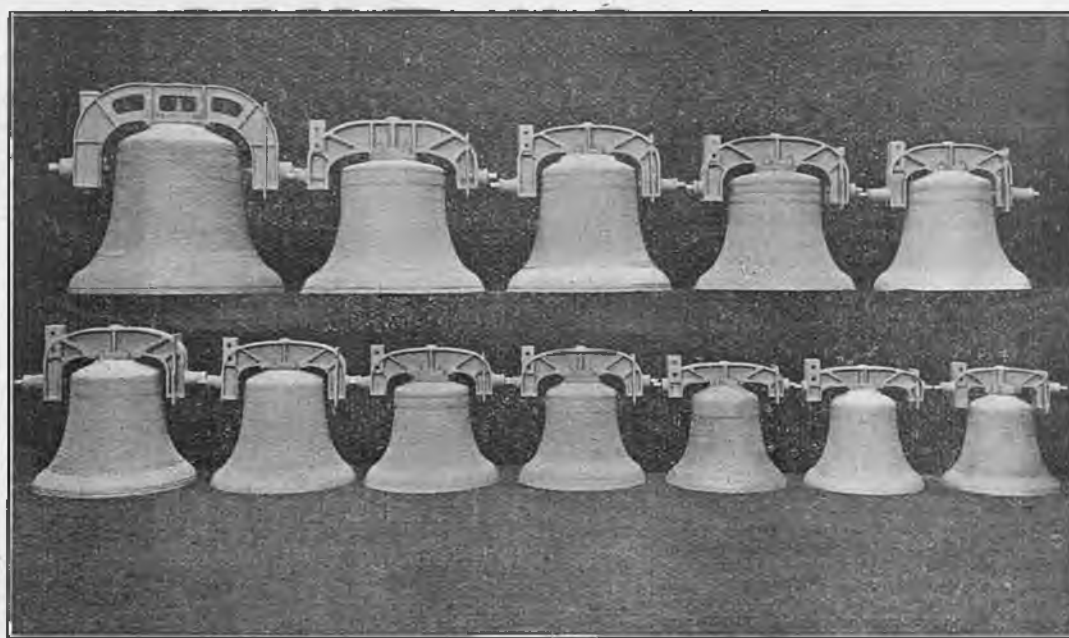
A COMPARISON OF METHODS.

The two accompanying pictures of the old and new bells at Bow Church, Cheapside, illustrate vividly the contrast between the old and the modern methods of hanging bells. The heavy wooden headstocks, which did duty until recently, can be compared with the new iron headstocks designed on

engineering lines. The difference in the shape of the old and new bells can be seen by an examination of the five larger bells in the lower picture. These photographs are reproduced by courtesy of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, who, as is well known, carried out the restoration work.



The old bells and headstocks removed from Bow steeple.



The new ring of 12 with their modern headstocks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DORSET BRANCH MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Wyke Regis on Saturday last, and, as the Wimborne Branch were not holding their usual monthly meeting, it was made a joint gathering. Representatives attended from Bradford Peverell, Bradpole, Bridport, Bournemouth, Corfe Mullen, Dorchester, Evershot, Fordington, Lytchet Minster, Netherbury, Poole, Wareham, Kington Magna, Sydling, Upwey, West Lulworth and Wyke Regis, and visitors from Twyford, Berks, and Evercecech, Somerset. Ringing took place in the afternoon, and the Guild office was conducted by the Rev. C. Edwards. The address was given by the Rector (Rev. E. de B. Thurston). The service was choral, Mrs. Howard being at the organ. The Rector, in his address, said he was going to depart from the usual address on bells and bellringing, and, as it was St. Swithin's Day, tell them about that noted saint, who was a Bishop of Winchester and died in 861.

An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Gray and members of the Women's Union in the Memorial Hall, a company of 51 sitting down.

The business meeting followed. In the absence of the chairman, the Rector at first presided. He welcomed the members to Wyke Regis, and stated by a strange coincidence while in London that week for the commemoration of the centenary of the Oxford Movement he accidentally came across the late Master of the Salisbury Guild, Major Hughes D'Aeth. When the Rector vacated the chair to keep another appointment, his warden, Captain G. Wheeler, presided.

The following new members were elected: Mr. B. Brewin (Wyke Regis), hon. member; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Watts (Wyke Regis), associate members; Mr. H. J. Holton (Upwey), ringing member.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the arrangements were now complete for holding a by-meeting at one of their favourite places, Milton Abbey, on Saturday, August 19th. The quarterly meeting was fixed for Thursday, August 31st, at Frampton. The Secretary said this would give the members who could not attend on a Saturday a chance to attend at least once in the year.

Expressions of sympathy were extended to Mr. F. Stephens (Wyke Regis) and Mr. W. Williams (West Lulworth), who are both in hospital, the latter through a fall down the belfry steps. He has now been in hospital over three months.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, the Rev. C. Edwards, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Gray and the Women's Union, and the local band.

The Chairman welcomed the visitors, Messrs. R. G. Cross, of Twyford, and R. Whitehead, of Evercecech.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

Some excellent practice on the eight bells was afterwards obtained, and the six-bell ringers especially made good progress under the guidance of the Ringing Masters of the North Dorset and Wimborne Branches. An excellent slow fall of the bells in peal concluded the programme at 9.15 p.m. As Wyke Regis and Upwey are now in the borough of Weymouth, the town possesses two peals of bells—an eight and a six.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**HARLINGTON BAND JOINS UP.**

A visit was paid to one of the few six-bell towers in the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association on Saturday, July 15th, when a meeting was held at Harlington. Meetings held here have become famous for the strawberry teas that were provided. Whether it was the knowledge that the strawberry season was over, or whether St. Swithin was exerting some evil influence, is a moot point, but the attendance was disappointing, only some two dozen members and friends attending.

The Rector, Rev. H. W. Reindorp, conducted shortened evensong, when the vice-president, Mr. J. A. Trollope, read the lesson. An enjoyable tea was disposed of in the Church Hall, presided over by the vice-president in the regretted but unavoidable absence of the Rector.

At the subsequent business meeting five of the local band were elected ringing members. Thus, after years of call change ringing, Harlington has made the first step towards 'the light.'

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) asked members to give all the assistance they could, and invited members of the Harlington tower to visit the other towers affiliated to the association.

It was agreed that the hon. secretary purchase fifty copies of the new Central Council leaflet on how to handle a bell, etc. It was hoped, however, to dispose of twice that amount. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of his bells, etc., and to Mr. and Mrs. Portsmouth for providing the tea. Heavy rain marooned the party in the hall for a time, during which the handbells were brought into use and one or two humorous stories told.

The tower bells, a nice ring of six with a tenor of about 7 cwt., were made good use of. Several Doubles and Minor methods, including Surprise, were rung.

Will members and secretaries of neighbouring associations please note the forthcoming meeting dates: August 19th, Ruislip; September 9th, Staines; and October 14th, Hillingdon. The last-named will be a joint meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting of the I.O.W. District was held at Freshwater on Saturday last. Ringers attended from Carisbrooke, Freshwater, Godshill, Gosport, Newport, Portsmouth, Ryde and Whitwell. The visitors included Messrs. A. E. Richards, of Farndon, near Chester, J. L. Stokes, of Birmingham, and G. H. Straw, of Leicester. Freshwater bells are rather a heavy peal of six, and judging by the 'go' on Saturday appear to be in need of a good overhaul and new ropes, 'splicing' being a prominent item during the meeting. Handbells were made good use of during the 'repairing' intervals.

In the absence of the Rector, owing to R.D. duties, the lay reader, Mr. May, conducted the Guild service, and gave a very interesting address to the members present. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, was served at Gilling's Tea Rooms. In the Rural Dean's absence, Mr. R. J. Stone, of Portsmouth, was voted to the chair, and ably presided over the business.

It was resolved that the office of district president, vacant owing to the recent departure from the Island of the Rev. G. Heald (late Rector of Chale), should be left vacant until the annual meeting in January next.

It was agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Carisbrooke in October, and a by-practice meeting at Godshill on Saturday, September 9th.

The Secretary, Mr. B. J. Snow, on behalf of the district, welcomed the visitors, and thanks were expressed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his kind hospitality in providing tea, also to Mr. Stone for conducting the business.

DISTRICT REARRANGEMENT.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at East Meon on Saturday last, when, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Mylne), the peal of eight bells at All Saints' were available to the members. A beautiful afternoon attracted nearly 40 ringers from Alverstoke, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Steep, Swanmore, Wickham, and visitors from Southampton, Ryde, Blackmoor, Alton and Frome. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and continued until 5 o'clock, when tea was partaken of at the George Hotel.

The business meeting was held afterwards, the Master (Mr. G. Williams) being in the chair, supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) and district secretary (Mr. A. T. Greenwood). The Vicar of East Meon was elected an honorary member, and several new members were elected from Fareham, Petersfield and the Cathedral.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Alverstoke on Saturday, October 21st, and a by-meeting at Catherington on Friday, August 18th.

It was announced by the general secretary that under the scheme for the re-formation of the districts, which was approved at the annual meeting at Winchester, East Meon would be one of the towers to be placed in the new 'Alton and Petersfield District,' which will operate as from January 1st, 1934.

This met with the unanimous approval of the members present on Saturday.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of East Meon and the Rector of West Meon for the use of their bells, after which the Guild service was held in the church, at which the Vicar addressed those present. Further ringing took place in the evening at both towers, which included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ILCHESTER BRANCH AT SOMERTON.**

A well-attended meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Somerton on Saturday, July 22nd. Touches of London and Cambridge Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening.

A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. J. Jackson. He also presided at the meeting which followed the tea, and warmly welcomed the branch to Somerton. He was pleased to see such a good gathering, but although he did not know as much about the association as perhaps he ought to, he realised what a good thing it was for ringers to meet together in this way.

The company present included the general secretary (Mr. J. T. Dyke) and members from Yeovil, Ilminster, Martock, Langport, Taunton, Somerton, Butleigh, Evercecech, Castle Cary, Kington Magna, Buckland, Newton, etc.

The Rev. L. J. Jackson was elected an hon. member, and five Somerton ringers and four of Montacute were elected members.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind welcome and for making all arrangements concluded the business.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—At St. Paul's Church on Sunday, July 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service: H. Austin 1, S. Ainger 2, J. H. Paulson 3, H. Taylor 4, N. Leech 5, A. Sharp 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, J. MacDonald 8. Arranged for the ringers of 1, 3, 4, 7, who were on a visit from Matlock and Darley Dale.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO WORCESTER RINGER.

A sad fatality has occurred to a well-known Worcester ringer, Mr. Charles G. Bowkett, who met his death by being crushed between the buffers of two rail coaches while carrying out his duties at Shrub Hill Station. The deceased, who was a shop inspector employed by the G.W.R., was on the point of testing the steam heating apparatus of one of the coaches, which was separated from another by about three feet. Although the wheel was scotched, the engine attached to the coach suddenly moved backward, knocking away the 'scotch' and crushing him between the buffers. He was conveyed to hospital, where he died, and at the inquest a verdict of 'Accidental death' was recorded, the engine driver being exonerated from blame, the unexpected movement of the engine being due to the movement of a lever necessary to stop a rush of steam in the engine cab through the blowing of the steam heating valve.

Mr. Bowkett was Master of the Hallow Guild, and had rung regularly at that church for the past 33 years. He was also a member of the St. John's Guild, Worcester. He was not a great peal ringer, but he did a great amount of spade work in teaching beginners.

There was a large attendance at the funeral, and the scene was very impressive.

A guard of honour was formed by members of the G.W.R. staff and Oddfellows from various lodges. Among the ringers present were Messrs. T. Lewis, W. Lewis, W. Edgington (Redditch), A. Hill, J. Hill, J. Woodvatt, W. H. Johnson (Worcester Cathedral and St. John's), W. Ranford (Suckley), T. Green and T. Lane (Hallow).

At St. John's Church on the same evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by F. Barnett 1, J. Woodvatt 2, R. Rowe 3, W. K. Powell 4, W. Lewis 5, T. W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, E. Crump 8. Earlier a 504 Stedman Triples was rung.

A LAKE DISTRICT TOUR.

There is to be a peal ringing tour in the Lake District from August 4th to 13th, and the following is the programme:—

- August 4th: Kendal, 6 p.m.
- 5th: Kirby Stephen and Sedburgh.
- 6th: Orton.
- 7th: Ambleside and Keswick.
- 8th: Cockermouth and Workington.
- 9th: Alcedon and St. Bees.
- 10th: Cleator Moor and Egremont.
- 11th: Hensingham and Silloth.
- 12th: Carlisle, St. Stephen's, and Penrith.
- 13th: Dalton-in-Furness.

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE WORTHY PASSES ON.**DEATH OF MR. BEN ETHERIDGE.**

A Gloucestershire worthy in the person of Mr. Benjamin Etheridge, of Maisemore, has passed away at the advanced age of 86 years. Last May he had an attack of giddiness while walking in a lane near his home and was found lying on the ground. He was removed to hospital, where it was found he had fractured a small bone leading to the spine. He gradually became worse and died on July 6th.

Ben Etheridge had many claims to fame. In the first place his cousin is Mr. Harry Etheridge, an American millionaire. Mr. Harry Etheridge was in England several times recently, and visited Maisemore, the place of his birth, in 1928.

His cousin Ben remained in Gloucestershire all his life, and became exceedingly well known in the district.

For a great number of years Ben was the postman at Maisemore. He was the first man in the district to build and ride his own 'penny-farthing' bicycle. He used it in his work of delivering and collecting letters. Although, of course, Mr. Etheridge forsook his old 'penny-farthing' when later machines were designed, he never gave up cycling while he was working. Three years ago at the age of 83 he retired, and it was then and only then that he ceased to use his bicycle. He estimated that he had covered 130,000 miles in the course of his work.

Mr. Etheridge was the oldest ringer in the Gloucester Branch of the Diocesan Association.

A large congregation attended the funeral, which took place at the Parish Church on July 11th. The Rector (Canon F. Billett) officiated, and the service was choral. The bearers were Messrs. W. H. Harris (branch secretary), S. Romans (branch chairman), J. Williams and E. Davis, who, after the committal, rang two courses of Grandsire Triples over the grave. Many towers in the diocese were represented, and the bells were rung half-muffled. Flowers were sent from the Gloucester Branch.

In the evening 720 of Bob Minor was rung half-muffled under the conductorship of Mr. J. Austin.

On Thursday, July 13th, a muffled peal was attempted in memory of Mr. Etheridge at St. Mary-de-Crypt Church, Gloucester, but was unfortunately brought to grief after 2 hours 50 mins. excellent ringing owing to the Rector entering the ringing chamber. Another peal attempt was lost at Barnwood after 1 hour 50 minutes through the breaking of a rope.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, May 14th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. G. H. Spice 1, G. Kenward 2, Mrs. E. H. Spice 3, E. H. Spice 4, W. E. Spice 5, W. Spice, sen., 7, G. H. Spice (conductor) 8. A birthday quarter-peal for Mrs. Spice, sen.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal of Horsmonden Bob Minor was rung at Lamberhurst, Kent, on Saturday. The method is given on page 21 of the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' and is described on page 113 as one of the methods in which 6-5's are inevitable. But the peal rung consisted of seven different compositions, each keeping 5-6 the right way behind. Two of the 720's were Nos. 75 and 76 on page 101.

The jubilee commemoration dinner of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs is to be held at Wolverhampton on November 4th.

RINGERS' ANTHOLOGY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some of your readers may remember a letter published in 'The Ringing World' a few months ago in which I asked for material for a ringers' anthology of prose and verse. It may interest those who so kindly responded to that appeal to know that the collection is now ready for the Press. Since, however, the book, if published, would necessarily have only a very limited sale among the general public, it will be necessary to guarantee that at least 750 copies will be disposed of in order to produce the thing at a cost of 5s.

I should, therefore, be very grateful if all who are willing to buy a copy would inform me as soon as possible, in order that it may be ascertained whether or not publication is feasible.

The book would contain about 170 pages, and would consist of selections from the works of many different types of authors, both humorous and serious. It is also hoped to include a number of black and white drawings.

(REV.) C. E. WIGG.
Hampton Road, High Wycombe.

THE DANGERS OF 'CLOCKING'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I had hoped someone who is more able than I am would explain to an inquirer writing in your issue of July 7th the dangers of bell clocking. It is quite possible and surprisingly easy to break a bell by giving it heavy blows in quick succession, and to momentarily hold the clapper against the side by a rope attached to the clapper. The reason is that the clapper tends to check the vibration in the locality of the blow, and a bell will not stand up to a very heavy blow if it cannot vibrate freely. One may say this could not happen with a careful operator. Perhaps not, but his place may be taken on some occasion by an ignorant or careless person. The remedy is never to allow a rope to be attached to the clapper.

With a properly constructed chiming apparatus, properly fitted and in good order this danger is hardly present, but it should be noted that if the bells get on the swing the chiming hammer may meet the bell coming towards it, or may strike the bell too low on the lip, thus causing damage. Clock hammers seldom cause damage unless they are allowed to rest on the bell instead of on the spring. Bellringers who go into a strange tower and start ringing without making sure that everything is clear should in future be advised to stay at home.

If chiming gear must be used, frequent examinations should be made to ascertain that all is in order.

Mr. Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing' gives a list of 22 bells in the London district, nearly all tenors, cracked by 'clocking' for funerals.

W. A. OSBORN.
Galhampton, Somerset.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS' FIRST PEAL.

TABLET UNVEILED AT COLERNE.

An interesting ceremony took place on Sunday afternoon, July 16th, at the Parish Church of Colerne, Wilts, when a tablet was dedicated recording the first peal rung by a band of Royal Arch Masons. After preliminary touches on the fine ring of eight bells, the hymn, 'Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore Him,' was sung, as the surpliced choir and clergy made their way in procession to the foot of the tower, where the tablet has been hung. The Rector, Rev. H. W. St. Leger Chambers, in a few well-chosen words, expressed his pleasure in accepting the tablet on behalf of the parish, after which the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) read the first part of the dedication service.

The Rector then unveiled and dedicated the tablet, using the form issued by the Salisbury Guild, and the brief ceremony concluded with the hymn, 'Angel voices, ever singing.'

The tablet, designed by Mr. A. Prince, the conductor of the peal, and skilfully executed by Mr. H. Cross, of Bath, is an exceptionally fine example of craftsmanship, and won universal admiration. The record of the peal is surrounded by numerous masonic symbols, in which both Latin and Hebrew inscriptions are introduced. The lettering is clear and dignified, and the rich colouring highly effective.

Unfortunately three of the original band were unable to attend. Companions W. Bolton, E. Bishop, W. H. L. Buckingham, F. Ll. Edwards and A. Prince were present, and with the assistance of other ringers from the neighbourhood well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples were rung after the dedication and again for evensong, at which the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards occupied the pulpit.

HIGH COURT ACTION OVER BELLS.

Application for Injunction.

AMICABLE SETTLEMENT ARRIVED AT.

A case concerning church bells came before the High Court last week, when, in the Chancery Division, before Mr. Justice Luxmoore, Mr. Manley Collins, who lives in West Heath Drive, Golders Green, sought an injunction to restrain the Rev. H. Trundle, Vicar of St. Alban's, West Heath Drive, 'and all persons acting under his direction,' from tolling or ringing the bells of the church so as to cause any nuisance, disturbance or annoyance to Mr. Collins or his family.

The defence was a denial that the bells were a nuisance.

Mr. F. R. Evershed, K.C., for Mr. Collins, said what was complained of in this case was the early morning ringing which, on Sundays, had been so loud and so long that sleep was impossible. There was evidence that on Wednesdays the bells rang from 6.45 to seven o'clock in the morning, and that on another occasion they were rung continuously from ten p.m. to 11.30 p.m. The latter, it was supposed, was for practice.

Mr. Evershed said that Mr. Collins suggested that they should not be rung before early morning service.

The Judge: They must be rung. I do not know any church in the country where it is not done.

Mr. Evershed said that, when a motion in connection with the action was heard, an undertaking was given to Mr. Justice Farwell that the bells should not be rung except at specified hours.

Mr. Ernest Hamilton, petrol dealer, West Heath Drive, said he complained of long spells of ringing without stop, and the strange times at which they took place. The bells woke him up on a Sunday morning. He wrote a letter saying that since the new church was built life had become quite intolerable, and complaining of the 'unpleasant and nerve-shattering din.'

The bells rang at seven o'clock in the evening when he was sitting down to dinner. The ringing had not improved his nerves, and he had taken steps to sell his house because of the noise.

Mr. C. J. Conway, K.C. (for the defence), asked Mr. Hamilton to what church he belonged.

'I usually play golf on Sunday,' replied witness, who added that he was an agnostic.

Evidence was given by various witnesses that the bells disturbed them. Mr. F. D. J. Mackintosh said the 'unmelodious sound' had disturbed his rest.

Mr. George Henry Lewis Marcus Samuel, cigar importer, West Heath Drive, N.W., said the ringing of the bells in the evening had kept his youngest child awake. 'The chimes are rapid and continuous, and they multiply into a great jangle.'

Mr. W. K. Hales, M.P., who lives in West Heath Drive, complained of the continuous chiming of the new bells. 'If they were ringing outside this Court, your lordship would have to stop them before we could continue,' he said.

Cross-examined, Mr. Hales agreed that he sometimes found the House of Commons an irritable place, but he threw off any irritation when he left there. The chiming of Big Ben, he confessed, sometimes came in at awkward moments (laughter).

Mr. Conway: Do you play golf on Sunday?—It is an old man's game! I have not started yet (laughter).

Plaintiff, who is a property owner and moneylender, said he wrote to the Vicar saying the nervous condition of members of his household had been affected by the ringing of the bells. The bells averaged about 130 strokes a minute.

On the third day of the hearing, as soon as Mr. Justice Luxmoore took his seat, he said that it would be a lamentable thing if the case continued. Counsel then consulted with the judge in his private room.

Mr. F. R. Evershed, K.C., for Mr. Collins, subsequently stated that his client and Mr. Trundle had agreed on terms for modifying the ringing of the bells.

'Mr. Trundle does recognise,' observed Mr. C. J. Conway, 'that Mr. Collins, in bringing the action, was actuated by perfectly honest motives. He thought he had a legal grievance, but the legal aspect would never be decided. The parties have shaken hands, and I suggest that, on this occasion, we ought to have a peal of bells' (laughter).

His lordship said the parties had been well advised. All proceedings were stayed on the terms agreed.

The bells at St. Alban's, Golders Green, are not a ringing peal. There are ten bells played by a clavier.

We understand that the arrangement arrived at provides for chiming a single bell for five minutes before 8 a.m. service, and chiming all the bells for a quarter of an hour before the ordinary morning and evening services.

QUARTER-PEAL ON RESTORED RING.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on Sunday, July 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Wright 1, R. Edwards 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8. First quarter-peal on the bells since being rehung by J. Taylor and Co.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

FESTIVAL AT SWANSEA.

The tenth annual festival of the Guild was held at Swansea on Saturday, July 15th, when ringers from all parts of the diocese attended. The festival service was held in St. Mary's Church at 5 p.m., the preacher being Canon W. T. Havard. In his address he said it was a great pleasure to welcome the Guild to St. Mary's for their annual festival, and paid a glowing tribute to the work of the ringers. Before closing his most interesting address, Canon Havard stated that St. Mary's would always welcome the Guild whenever they wished to hold their festival at Swansea.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese, who read the lesson, pronounced the Benediction.

After service, tea was partaken of at Messrs. David Evans by kind invitation of Canon Havard.

At the annual meeting which followed, the Lord Bishop presided. The accounts were presented and passed as correct.

The president (the Lord Bishop of the diocese) was re-elected, as also were the vice-presidents, with the addition of Canon W. T. Havard.

The following officers were also re-elected: Master of the Guild, Mr. S. T. Rackham, Gilwern; hon. treasurer, Mr. Chas. Powell, Brecon; hon. secretary, Mr. L. T. Havard; hon. auditor, Mr. E. I. Rowlands.

Mr. Gwynne Lewis, Cadoxton, was appointed to represent the Guild at the next Central Council meeting. The Rev. W. Wilmer was elected to serve on the committee vice the Rev. H. O. Williams. The other committee members were re-elected en bloc.

It was decided that the annual festival for 1934 should take place at Brecon.

With regard to the ringing competition next year, Mr. Stich stated that Canon D. M. Jones, Llanelly, had extended the Guild a hearty invitation to Llanelly (Carm). The Canon's invitation was accepted, and the secretary was instructed to thank him for his kindness.

On the proposition of Mr. E. Stich (Aberavon), seconded by Mr. J. Williams (Gorseinon), it was resolved that the names of the Guild's officials shall be printed in the next issue of the 'Ringers' Directory.'

Considerable discussion took place with regard to the Guild's report, to the cost of which the hon. treasurer drew attention. It was decided that instead of printing the reports annually they should be issued every three years, the whole position to be reviewed at a later meeting.

Mr. G. Lewis (Cadoxton) raised the question of medals to be presented to the shield winners, and it was resolved that in future the secretary be empowered to purchase more suitable medals as advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Havard for entertaining the ringers to tea, and for the use of the St. Mary's bells throughout the day.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BANBURY BRANCH PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Adderbury on Saturday in glorious weather. The fine peal of eight were set going soon after 2.30 p.m., and ringing continued amid profuse perspiration until the service at four o'clock, which was conducted by Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, Vicar of Adderbury, the chairman of the branch. The vice-chairman, Rev. A. L. E. Williams, Vicar of Banbury, preached the sermon, and a collection was taken for the Guild restoration fund.

Some seventy ringers sat down to the tea kindly provided by Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, and the business meeting followed. Once again the secretary was able to record a very satisfactory year's progress; the number of honorary and ringing members had increased, with a consequent improvement in funds. Swalecliffe bells had been restored during the year, and it was pleasing to have Rev. A. Foreman Cox, the Vicar of Swalecliffe, at the meeting, who proposed the election of ten Swalecliffe ringers as members of the Guild. Rev. A. F. Cox also invited the branch to make Swalecliffe the next place of meeting, and this was gratefully accepted.

After the re-election of the various officials, Mr. R. T. Hibbert and Mr. A. J. Wright each had a congratulatory message—and something further. They urged the members to profit by the fine example of their late Master, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and to live up to the high standard he set by a hearty backing-up of the officials, that the Guild might not slip back, but that it might become the finest monument to the memory of that beloved man and the memorial he himself would wish to have.

Besides the ringers and clergy of many of the towers in the branch there were present visitors from Abingdon, Faringdon, Bicester, Oxford, Enstone, Warwick and Exeter. Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master), Mr. Hibbert (general secretary), and Mr. A. J. Wright (general treasurer) were also present.

The neighbouring towers of Banbury and Deddington were open, and good use was made of these bells, as well as of those of Adderbury, during the evening. Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major being among the methods rung.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 455.)

THE DISCUSSION ON PEALS OF MINOR.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, continuing the discussion on the Minor resolutions, said the Council had just agreed to an alteration of their rules under which they expected the affiliated societies to carry out any rule that the Council liked to pass, even if it concerned such a thing as the ringing of peals. That involved an obligation on their part that they should not do anything which might in any shape or form be contrary to the best interests or the improvement of the Exercise. History taught them that when ringing had been flourishing there had been continually going on a process of breaking or of adapting old rules, but throughout history, from the time changes were invented, they had never got beyond two principles—truth and completeness. But rules had altered. There was the rule that change ringing should be done in whole pulls; then someone broke it and rang changes in half-pulls. There was the rule that no peal should be less than 5,040 changes, then someone said, 'Why not ring 5,008 on eight bells?' And in more recent times people had found the benefits of spliced ringing on six and eight bells, and they had broken the rules to do it; and so with the Little methods. And they would find that that would have to happen in the future, for this reason, not only in ringing, but in every human activity progress was made by trial and error. They had to experiment. When ringing was progressing in the eighteenth century they were continually doing these things. Then they came to a period in the nineteenth century when they got little or no improvement, and the standard of the ringers went down both intellectually and socially. Now, in the last 50 years, ringing had advanced and the standard of ringers had risen. It did not follow, continued Mr. Trollope, that if they made these new rules everyone was to ring these things: it was simply that they must not do anything that would discourage a forward movement. It had been said that these rules would let in a lot of things that were rubbish; he thought they need have no fears on that score. No one would go for a peal and ring the first lead over again before going on to the second, and then the second again before going on to the next; ringers did not do these things, and they could safely ignore such fears. To allow a little latitude was in the best interests of the Exercise. When he took part in the peal of Oxford Treble Bob, composed by Mr. Turner, he did not consider he did anything to lower the intellectual standard, and it was very much better to ring a peal of Minor with the tenors always the right way than having them frequently the wrong way. But although he took part in a peal of this kind, he did not ask anybody else to do so if they did not want to. He certainly did not consider he was lowering the standard of ringing; rather was he encouraging that spirit of looking forward, experimenting and getting the best out of the art.

'A HOPELESS JUMBLE.'

Mr. P. J. Johnston asked the Council if they realised where these resolutions of Mr. Wood and Mr. Coles would lead them? He disagreed with Mr. Trollope as to the way in which the standard of length of a peal had developed; he suggested that the standard for a peal of Major was set up by the limit of physical effort, but because a peal on eight bells was reduced from 5,040 changes to 5,000, it did not justify them in reducing the number in a 720 to 719.

Mr. Trollope: I did not say that, and I did not mean it, either.

Mr. Johnston said that was what was implied by those who had spoken in favour of these motions; if it wasn't, then these gentlemen did not know what they were speaking about (laughter). There certainly were not 720 changes, in what was called the first 720, in the Bankes James composition. They had been told they ought not to come to any decision that was contrary to the desires expressed by certain people. What was it caused them to arrive at the decision with regard to what were called legitimate methods, when they came to the conclusion only to accept methods that had Bob Major lead-ends? Some of them would remember Oxford Surprise, a method by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, which was said to be far more difficult than London. There had been no peals of that rung since the Council's decision, because it did not produce Bob Major lead-ends? If the five and six-bell ringers wanted to ring these irregular things, let them ring them—the Council had no right to say they should not ring them—but to say that the people who rang them should decide for the whole Exercise what should be the standard of a peal was another matter altogether (hear, hear). Mr. Wood wanted to make an exception of the Bankes James arrangement. If they were going to admit exceptions, the Council would have to decide on all the various experiments that were made before coming to a conclusion whether they were worth ringing or not. He would ask the six-bell ringers whether they did not get enough scope by spliced ringing, and whether it was not better than ringing the Bankes James arrangement? By splicing they did ring complete extents of 720 changes; under the Bankes James principle they did not do so. Paragraph 4 of Mr. Coles' motion, which, literally interpreted, meant that they could ring the whole 5,040 as they wished—it was a hopeless jumble—provided that no change occurred more than seven times ('No.'). If they were going to carry this resolution they were going to admit as peals things that any tyro or schoolboy could produce, and they would have to come many miles

at great expense to deliberate on things that were not worth deliberating on at all.

Mr. J. Hunt said, as a sensible body of ringers, sent by the associations because they were supposed to have a little bit of intelligence, he appealed to the Council to squash these motions once and for all, and say that every 720 in a peal should begin from and finish with rounds. Mr. Hunt referred to the Isham peal which, he said, consisted of seven 360's, ending with a single and then another seven 360's, ending with another single. That, as a plain ringer, was what he called piffle and nothing but rubbish (laughter). His association had rung none of these things. Mr. Dyke, in the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association's report, this year had put forward a thing which they had known for the last 40 or 50 years, that if ringers wanted more than the old ten six-scores of Grandsire Doubles they could use Extremes, and they could get 42 different 720's starting from and finishing with rounds. If they wanted anything more they could have 60 Grandsire Doubles and 60 of Steadman coupled together with singles, and they would have a true extent. That was what he (the speaker) called real progress. He urged the members of the Council to vote for the amendment.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said he had been of opinion that, since the Analysis Committee accepted these peals, they were practically recognised by the Council. Fancy, he said, a schoolmaster saying to his pupils, 'Here is a rule; if you don't like it you can do as you like.' That was what this motion said with regard to the 720's. 'If you do not like them you can ring a 5,040 in any other way and we will accept it.' Could they say in the face of that that they were leading the Exercise? The theory of Mr. Bankes James arrangement might be absolutely true, but in practice it was false. Despite all the arguments of the highbrows, they did not start to ring their 5,040 with the backstroke. If they wanted to ring a composition of Minor which did not consist of seven 720's they should not say it was true, because it wasn't. If they wanted to ring it they should not call it a peal, they should call it 5,040 changes.

'AN EXPERIMENTAL CONCESSION.'

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said it was impracticable to retard the wheels of progress. This kind of experiment would go on, and the best thing they could do was to make it clear in the resolution that it was only an experimental concession. He suggested that paragraph 4 of Mr. Coles' motion should read: 'That any departure from the above standards is not encouraged; but that in view of the present experimental stage of development in composition any arrangement of 5,040 changes in an acknowledged method or methods may be recognised as a peal, provided that no change is rung more (or less) than seven times in a peal of Minor, or 42 times in a peal of Doubles, and that the whole starts from and ends with rounds. Such a peal may be lengthened, provided that no change is rung more than once for each additional 720 (or 120) changes, and that the whole ends with rounds.'

Mr. A. D. Barker said the Council had just passed a resolution urging five and six-bell ringers to ring peals in more than one method, and, if possible, peals of Minor in not less than seven methods. Those who wanted to ring seven 720's of Cambridge Minor had eight compositions which would keep the tenors the right way, which ought to be quite enough without calling on the ingenious arrangement of Mr. Bankes James. There were other methods in which they could not get seven 720's with the tenors the right way, but he hoped everyone would support Mr. White's amendment. If they did he was quite sure they would please the six-bell ringers.

In replying to various points raised in the discussion, Mr. Wood said he thought Mr. Coles had made out a very good case for the Bankes James arrangement, but not so good a case for the rest of his own motion. His (Mr. Wood's) case for the Bankes James arrangement was that if they wanted it let them have it honestly as an exception to the rule. He did not consider Mr. Coles' motion was logical, because, first of all, he wanted to discourage certain peals and then said, 'Let us let them in.' That was not the way to discourage them. Mr. Edwards had said something about the present experimental stage of composition. Experiments in composition were not confined to 1933; they had been going on since about 1600. It would be of no use to have a temporary motion; they would always be experimenting. The one question they had to ask themselves was, 'Is it in the interests of ringing that this arrangement should be rung?' They were not concerned in his motion with anything about starting at backstroke, or whether rounds came first or last, or whether, even this peal was true; they were there to say whether they would accept it as being for advancement in the right direction. That was all he asked them to vote on. His motion was included in Mr. Coles' motion, and those who were prepared to support Mr. Coles must, to be logical, vote for his also. With those who would vote for the amendment he had a good deal of sympathy, but he asked them to bear in mind that the amendment was not going to end the trouble. He asked them to give as unanimous a vote as possible to let in the Bankes James composition as an exception and nothing else.

'AMENDMENT IS HYPOCRISY.'

Mr. Coles, also replying, flatly contradicted Mr. Hunt that his association had not rung any of these special compositions, and said that peals of Grandsire Doubles rung by the Bath and Wells Association

between 1926 and 1932 included six in which Pitman's or Morris' arrangements or both appeared. With regard to the mover and the seconder of the amendment, who said that ringers did not want these compositions, he pointed out that their own association, the Midland Counties, had rung Morris' arrangement probably more than any other association, and their own secretary called it so often that many people thought it was his own composition. Further, they passed a resolution in 1930 declining to recognise peals which included these compositions, but that did not prevent them publishing in their report for 1931 a peal of Cambridge Minor rung on these lines. Did they have the courage to withdraw it? asked Mr. Coles. 'They didn't,' was his reply. Moreover, they rang the Pitman and Morris arrangements in a peal that most people would have taken exception to, a peal which included both Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. 'I say their amendment is hypocrisy,' said Mr. Coles, 'and they have been driven into this position by Mr. Willson's "hopelessly false" resolution at Chelmsford.' As to the position of the Council, Mr. Coles said they had accepted these peals. Whether the Analysis Committee had been justified in putting them in the analysis or not by the rules of the Council, no protest had been made, and no protest was made when the Analysis Committee's report was brought up that day. Mr. Johnson had said that under his (the speaker's) motion they would be allowed to ring a hopeless jumble, but he pointed out that his motion provided for the peal being rung only in a recognised method.

Mr. Johnson: What I said was that paragraph 4 was a hopeless jumble, not the methods ('Oh!!').

Mr. Coles said that was not what he understood Mr. Johnson to say. He went on to suggest that the old seven 720's had become much too easy for the average conductor, and his resolution would permit them to ring things which were harder, such, for instance, as the varieties of 240's and 360's published by Mr. Lindoff. Mr. Coles said if his own motion were defeated, he would be bound to vote for Mr. Wood's, but he would point out that Mr. Wood's motion did nothing for the five-bell ringers—it did not mention Doubles.

The President: It was intended that it should.

Mr. Coles said he hoped the Council would pass his resolution; it would end the controversy once and for all, and the way would be quite clear. If the resolutions were passed there would be no fear of ringers departing from recognised methods; neither did it mean that ringers would have to ring these things if they did not wish to ring them.

The President said Mr. Wood's motion was intended to cover Doubles similarly. It was absolutely his (the president's) mistake in passing on the motion. There should have been in the motion a paragraph that a peal of Doubles should consist, in general, of 42 extents.

Mr. W. E. White mentioned, with regard to the peal in the Midland Counties Association's report, referred to by Mr. Coles, that as soon as it was noticed it was deleted, and it was not recorded in the association's peal book. The peal was cancelled, and now when a peal was rung, if the composition was not given, they asked where the figures were to be found.

The amendment was then put to the meeting, and the President announced that it was carried by 44 votes to 26. This was greeted with applause, and on being put as a substantive motion there was again a majority in favour, but as, under the old rules which governed the meeting, matters outside the private business of the Council had to be carried by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the meeting, and this majority not being obtained, the President had to announce that it was not carried by the requisite number. The position, therefore, remains exactly as it was before the meeting.

WARWICK FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

The next business was the place for the next meeting. The President said two places had been suggested—Warwick and Wolverhampton. The Standing Committee did not make any definite recommendation, but it was the turn of the Midlands to have a meeting.

Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford) gave an invitation to the Council to visit Wolverhampton.—This was seconded by Alderman Pritchett.

Warwick was proposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and seconded by Mr. J. H. White.

On being put to the vote, Warwick was selected.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the following grants were made to the various memorial schemes for which appeals had been received:—

Five guineas to the Law James memorial at Surfleet.

Ten guineas to the memorial to Sir Arthur Heywood at Duffield.

Three guineas to the memorial to Mr. H. W. Wilde.

Three guineas to the memorial to Mr. Edwin Barnett.

A vote of thanks to the president was passed on the motion of Canon Elsec, and the President then proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned in the meeting and social arrangements: to the Skippers' Company for the use of the hall; the Worshipful Master of the Company for his welcome; to the societies and their representatives on the joint committee who had arranged the social programme; to the Middlesex County Association for their hospitality in inviting the members of the Council and their friends to tea; to the authorities at the South Kensington Museum; to H.M. Office of Works for the use of the bells at the Imperial Institute; and the incumbents of the

various churches for similar facilities in regard to their bells; and to the respective steeplekeepers; also to the Rector of St. Clement Danes' for the use of the vestry at that church for the meeting of the Standing Committee on the preceding day.

This concluded the business, and the Council then rose.

The report of the round of social events connected with the meeting of the Council has already been reported in our columns.

MR. COLES' REPLY TO MR. GEORGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should have thought that my letter contained enough evidence to show Mr. George was fully aware of the creation of the tablet at Painswick, and that he was a party to it, to satisfy anyone, but he evades all I said, and still asks for proof. Well, I have no desire to go all over the ground again: the evidence is there, and the proof. As regards my statement at the Council meeting, I still say that Mr. George made no protest. This is proved by Mr. George himself, who admits that his letter to Mr. Wright was not written until the following September, i.e., nearly twelve months too late. My statement as to Mr. George's wishes I am not in a position to prove, and for that reason only I withdrew it. The evidence against Mr. George is quite good enough without it, and it can go.

Mr. George had a great responsibility as an hon. member of the Central Council, and should have repudiated the whole business. Instead, he attended the unveiling ceremony and forced the Council to take the only action open to it, consistent with its dignity. He then saw his error. At this year's meeting his friends tried to stage a 'come back' for him by putting in hearsay evidence and statements that Mr. George had had nothing to do with the matter, although all the available evidence proves exactly the opposite. My only regret is that I relied on hearsay evidence when putting up my protest, instead of putting in the facts which can be proved by anyone who takes the trouble to read 'The Ringing World' regularly. I still consider my protest was justified, and that the attempt to have Mr. George reinstated should never have been made, especially with the unsatisfactory evidence put in on his behalf.

C. T. COLES.

ANTIQUITY (?) CHALLENGED.

BY IRENÆUS.

Thryherga, a stone's throw from Rotherham, was a known place before the days of William the Conqueror, and was mentioned in Domesday Book. Now it is mentioned in something just as famous, to wit, 'The Ringing World.'

I am no Thrybergonian, nor am I Rotherhamite, or Eborencian, or 'of antiquarian turn of mind with musical quality thrown in.' No, I am one of two VANDALS who received instructions to inspect the old bells (1821) and frame and report in writing to the Rotherham Church Council.

Now, when Mr. Dawe was throwing in the effulgence of his antiquarian mind, plus the musical quality, plus the 'baking, boiling, broiling and drowning,' before the 'C.C.'—reader, in future 'C.C.' has a cryptic significance, it stands for 'cookery class'—and after he had 'drowned' nothing except common sense, he tried to make everybody there believe he knew more about Rotherham old 10 than anyone else. P'raps he does; p'raps he doesn't! I, being an 'up-to-date'! and a vandal! am pitting inherited antiquarian 'taste' with his acquired antiquarian turn of mind. Battle Royal will I do with him on the old Rotherham 10, and will in the end TRIUMPH, not only over Mr. Dawe, but over physical disability.

Now, reader, when I started this rejoinder I intended to give Mr. Dawe a sample of what I deem to be bells of antiquarian value. However, one now decides to use those opening remarks as a foil leading up to a challenge!

In the near future (D.V.), and with the editor's permission, gladly will I give you a genuine example of antiquity—which hangs in Thrybergh tower.

Here's my challenge to Mr. Dawe: Who cast the eighth bell in the old ten at Rotherham? Was she a 'maiden,' born in the province of Canterbury? or was she 'hatched' and 'chipped' in the province of Eborencia?

If Mr. Dawe can answer those questions it will go a long way towards making me believe he does know, at least, a little about Rotherham old ten.

Rotherham bells of to-day ARE BELLS! Formerly they were not! To-day you may find inscribed in fidesimile what history was left—by the vandals of 1821—you will also find to-day bells with a musical quality 'put in' (happy phrase)—not thrown in. In conclusion if, when one answers the 'home' call, these vandalistic bones of mine should be crumbling 'neath a nameless mound, of a truth my anonymous footprints in Rotherham steeple will be—my memorial!

BOLTON RINGER'S DEATH.

For evening service with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Mr. John Catterall, a member of the band at St. Bartholomew's Church, Bolton, Lancs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with the six-scores spliced on Lindoff's principle: H. Weall 1, R. Knowles 2, T. Longworth 3, E. Edwards 4, Peter Crook, sen. (conductor) 5, J. Aspden 6.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

A SILVER CUP FOR GOOD STRIKING.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association held in Kilkenny on Whit Monday was attended by members from Arklow, Bray, Dublin (three towers), and the local company. The bells of St. Carice's Cathedral (eight) were placed at the disposal of the ringers, and some good touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were brought round.

Luncheon was served in Lewis' Hotel, 75 members sitting down, after which the business was proceeded with, the president (Mr. W. H. Wilson) being in the chair.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. R. Lynch, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson, Bray; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

Dublin was selected for the next annual meeting.

The attendance shield was carried off by St. George's, Dublin, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and St. Saviour's, Arklow, each with 100 per cent.

A discussion arose as to getting a new trophy to be awarded for progress. It was considered that funds would not permit, but Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., kindly offered a silver cup for an annual competition in striking. Needless to say, this offer was accepted and Mr. Murphy thanked for his kindness.

The formation of a fund out of which towers getting their bells renovated could be assisted, caused a lively discussion. The result was that Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., offered a gentleman's gold watch, and Mr. J. Hutchinson, P.C. a lady's gold watch, as prizes in a 'stop watch' competition, the gentleman's watch to go to the gentleman making the nearest guess, and the lady's to the nearest lady. The proceeds at twopence per guess will go to the fund. These kind offers were gladly accepted, and Mr. Murphy and Mr. Hutchinson warmly thanked.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Dean for granting the use of the bells, and to the chairman for presiding.

LAVENHAM'S ANNIVERSARY.

The Lavenham Society celebrated the 122nd 'ringing day' on June 24th, when many touches, each of short length, were rung in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. Fourteen towers were represented by visiting ringers; notably amongst them being Messrs. E. Alex. Young, G. Fardon, F. Claydon, A. Saunders, D. Elliott and Miss Hilda Snowden, an aspiring Essex ringer. During the tea hour some of the handbell novices tried their abilities at double-handed ringing. One of the ringers present, Mr. D. A. S. Symonds, is the fifth generation of that family to attend these annual gatherings.

HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY ARTHUR CRAVEN.

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False course-end 24365.

The first peal in the method was rung at Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire, on July 15th, 1935, conducted by J. D. Johnson.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE CLASHING OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The Rochester district's choice of Tunstall for the last quarterly meeting for the year proved to be entirely suitable, touches of Spiced Major and cricket in alternate courses being successful in relieving congestion in the somewhat small ringing chamber. The local company were at full strength, and were supported by members from Sittingbourne, Queenborough, Maidstone, Rainham, Chatham, Rochester, Frindsbury, Gravesend, Northfleet and Crayford.

The service was conducted by the Rector, who is an honorary member of the association. The presence of Mr. G. H. Wills, one of the churchwardens, who is also an honorary member, was very much appreciated by the ringers, as was also the attendance of the choir, ably led by Mrs. G. E. Spice, one of the local company, who officiated at the organ. During the singing of the last hymn a collection was made in aid of the benevolent fund of the association.

Tracks were then made to the Church Hall, at which upwards of 60 sat down to partake of the splendid tea which Mr. Spice had generously provided, and to which everyone present did ample justice.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding, supported by Mr. G. H. Wills, Messrs. Spice and Belsey, district representatives, and the district secretary. An apology was sent by Mr. Mitchell, general secretary, who was unable to be present.

Rochester Cathedral was chosen for the annual district meeting, the date being left for the secretary to arrange with the Dean as convenient.

The secretary read a letter received from the Lewisham district secretary regarding a resolution adopted at their last meeting dealing with the clashing of dates of the meetings in the Rochester and Lewisham Districts, and also his reply to this letter. The members endorsed the secretary's preliminary action and voted unanimous support for every attempt to be made to bridge this difficulty.

A resolution was also passed to extend the scope of the arrangement of dates of district meetings so as to embrace all districts. The matter is to be brought up at the next general committee meeting.

In addition to touches on the tower bells, which included London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, a notable touch, amongst others on handbells, was one of Grandsire Triples by Mr. Spice, two sons and his daughter-in-law.

At the Church Hall, before reassembling at the tower, the Secretary explained that this was Mr. Spice's jubilee year. The response to three hearty cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Spice it was feared would cause the clouds to burst, but the weather remained fairly kind to the last.

AN INVITATION MEETING.

There was a memorable gathering of the Tonbridge District on July 15th, when a meeting was held at Brasted by invitation of Mr. E. H. Lewis. A large number of members attended from this and the Lewisham Districts, and among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. A. A. Hughes, and several other well-known London ringers, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (general secretary of the Kent Association), etc. Ringing was kept up by mixed bands in various methods during the afternoon and evening. The usual service was held, conducted by the Rector. The organist and full choir were in attendance, the association form of service being used, and the hymns, 'Ring out, wild bells,' by Lord Tennyson, set to music by Mr. T. H. Wood, and 'Unchanging God, Who livest,' were heartily sung. The address was given by Rev. E. L. M. Allen, Vicar of Edenbridge, and a collection was taken for the association benevolent fund. The service was very hearty throughout. The only 'fly in the ointment' was that the clerk of the weather was not in a very good humour, and the tea, which was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis at their residence, could not be partaken of outdoors as was intended. But the host and hostess were equal to the occasion, and the large company were accommodated inside the house.

The business meeting followed, Mr. Lewis presiding. The ringers of Brasted, who have been under Mr. Lewis' tuition for the past year, were elected members of the association. Votes of thanks to the Rector, Rev. E. L. M. Allen, the organist and choir were passed and replied to.

Mr. Lewis, replying to a vote of thanks to himself and Mrs. Lewis for their hospitality, expressed his great pleasure in meeting such a large company. Mr. Lewis, referring to the ringers of Brasted, said that they had only commenced ringing a year ago, and the reason they were not further advanced in change ringing was that he insisted on their striking being perfect in rounds before starting in change ringing.

The weather having by this time improved, Mr. Lewis suggested that the younger members should try the maze he had erected, which suggestion was taken up not only by the younger but some of the older members. Handbell ringing, both in the house and on the lawn, was indulged in, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

If any ringers happen to be in Brasted on Thursday evenings they will be heartily welcomed at the tower by Mr. Lewis.

RINGER-RIFLEMAN'S SUCCESS AT BISLEY.

Flying Officer Charles Bunch, late R.A.F., a member of the Yateley, Hants, Parish Church ringers, had remarkable success as a rifleman at the Bisley N.R.A. meeting last week. He was the silver medalist in the second stage of the King's prize, his aggregate at the three ranges being 145 out of a possible 150. In the first stage he tied for second place. In addition he won the English Twenty championship, was second in the Wimbledon Cup, second in the Alexandra competition, and 4th in the Stock Exchange competition. He was also a member of the English Twenty team that won the International trophy, and of the English Eight that won the Colapere Cup. The Exercise will congratulate Mr. Bunch on his great achievement.

Several ringers from different parts of England took part in the meeting.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcester and Districts Association was held at the Priory, Great Malvern, on Saturday, July 15th. About 40 members and friends were present, representing eleven towers, together with visitors from Bromsgrove, Erdington, King's Norton, Northfield, Newport, Ross, Reading and Selly Oak.

At the business meeting Mr. R. G. Knowles spoke of the loss the Western Branch had sustained by the accidental death of Mr. C. G. Bowkett, a prominent and very much respected member of the Hallow band.

It was decided to hold the autumn meeting, if possible, at Claines. The ringers then adjourned to the Winter Gardens for tea, kindly given by the Vicar, Rev. Bartlett, and the churchwardens. After tea Mr. Knowles tendered a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their generosity in providing tea and for the use of the bells. In replying, the churchwarden (Mr. Hilier) welcomed the association to Great Malvern, and hoped that the Priory would again be visited in the near future.

At the service which followed, Rev. Fraser, in the absence of the Vicar, gave an excellent address.

The tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going until 8 p.m. to touches of Triples and Major. This brought a very successful meeting to a close.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Guild took place at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 15th. There was a splendid attendance of members from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Croft, Husband's Bosworth, Leicester, Lillington, Rugby, Stoke, Nuneaton, Wigston and Wolvey, with the local band. The majority of the better-known methods were rung on the fine-toned peal of eight before tea, which was served at the Den-high Arms. This was followed by the business meeting, Mr. J. H. W. White, Master of the Guild, taking the chair.

The following meeting places were decided upon: Exhall for August, Berkswell for September, and Solihull for the October quarterly meeting.

The names of Messrs. T. W. Thorpe and J. Taylor, who were elected members prior to a peal, were ratified.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar and the local ringers.—Mr. J. Harrison responded.

A return being made to the belfry, further ringing followed, including a course of Wigston Surprise Major. Other methods rung during the meeting were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise.

After the lowering of the bells in peal a return was made to the tea room and handbell ringing indulged in by the experts and those who hoped to be some day. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by five members rejoicing in the name of Joseph, namely: Joseph H. Beale 1-2, Joseph H. W. White 3-4, Joseph B. Fenton 5-6, Joseph A. Fenton 7-8, Joseph Carter 9-10. Stedman Triples was rung by: D. H. Argyle 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, J. A. Fenton 5-6, L. G. Watkins 7-8; and Stedman Caters by D. H. Argyle, H. C. Burt, F. W. Perrens, J. A. Fenton and A. H. Beamish. Tunes on the handbells were rendered by C. H. Webb, J. B. Fenton and J. A. Fenton.

Thus closed a very pleasant meeting, which everybody appeared to enjoy. D. E. H.

LADIES' GUILD.

A meeting of the Northern Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, July 15th. A good number of members and friends assembled from Bulwell, Cotgrave, Collingham, Handsworth, Long Eaton, Rotherham, Sheffield, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Treeton, Nottingham, etc.

The bells, a light peal of eight, proved admirable for the ladies to ring, and were kept busy during the afternoon and evening. Touches of Cambridge, Superlative, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob, rounds for beginners in the art and a touch of Grandsire Triples by a ladies' band being rung.

An excellent tea was served in the Institute, to which the company was welcomed by the Vicar.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the ladies who provided so well for the 'inner man,' and to the local ringers for their kindly welcome.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, July 29th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea. Travelling allowances at this meeting. All ringers welcome, and a good attendance is looked for. A card would be appreciated.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. a head. Business: Election of branch secretary and committee men, also nominations for association vice-president, ringing secretary, treasurer and two auditors. A good attendance is required.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 29th, at St. Michael's, Mottram-in-Longdendale. Bells ready 3 p.m. A good attendance, please.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, July 29th. Tea, 6d. each.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By the invitation of the President (Canon C. C. Marshall) and the ringers of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, a summer meeting will be held at the above tower on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in the Schools at 5 p.m. No committee meeting or business meeting. The Vicarage gardens will be open to all ringers and friends. Please send in names for tea to Canon C. C. Marshall, St. Chad's Vicarage. — J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Chester on Saturday, July 29th. Service in Cathedral 3.15. Preacher: The Lord Bishop. Annual meeting in the Cathedral Parlour 4. Tea in Refectory 5.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North - Western District), **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District).—A joint meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at Wright's Restaurant 5.30 p.m. Christ Church bells available after tea. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Belchamp St. Paul's on Saturday, July 29th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caldicot on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting follows.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at North Shields on Saturday, July 29th. The bells of Christ Church (10, tenor 19 cwt.) will be available from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. each.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Soham on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (10) 3.15 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — F. Warrington, Ashcroft, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Elveden, near Thetford, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited to attend.—R. C. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Suffolk Guild.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Deeping on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in school.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Crondall on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please come and help towards the success of this meeting!—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea, at 9d. per head. Please do try to make this a bumper meeting. — E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod Parish Church on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wilden on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by Rector, 5 p.m. Please make an effort to attend. — Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Friskney on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting. All ringers will be welcome. — John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Llangarron on Saturday, July 29th, at 2.30. It being the bi-centenary of the bells (6), a good meeting is hoped for. Tea, in Parish Hall, at 5 o'clock.—J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Hereford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting, Northchurch, near Berkhamsted, Saturday, July 29th. Usual arrangements. — W. Ayre, Sec.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—Ring of 6, tenor 8 cwt. Re-hung in new frame with new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication on Sunday, July 30th, at 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Oxford. Visiting ringers welcome.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 3rd and 31st. *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 8th, St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th, and

*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: Election of officers and fixing date for annual social.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Marden on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) available 4 to 8.30 p.m. Tea, at the Volunteer Inn, 5.30 p.m. Please notify me not later than Aug. 2nd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Middleton on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 5th. 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, Nell St., Milnrow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Members and friends are invited to St. Andrew's, Holborn, London, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in The Court House for those who notify me by July 31st, followed by social.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. 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. All outstanding subscriptions must be paid at this meeting. — J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on Aug. 5th at Widford (6 bells). Bells ready during afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea after, 1s. each. All welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, August 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea in Schoolroom at 5. Edington bells also available during the evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stradbroke on Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8) available all day. Also Wilby (8), Fressingfield (8), Wingfield (6), and Laxfield (6). Tea, 1s. each, at the Queen's Head, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8). For tea please notify

without fail Mr. B. R. Raisey, Wortley, near Sheffield, not later than Aug. 3rd.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Yaxley on August Bank Holiday Monday. Usual arrangements. Tea will only be provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, Aug. 2nd. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Brightling on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by kind invitation. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday prior to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me as early as possible?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held on Saturday, August 12th, at All Saints', Rainford. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. For tea, please notify Mr. J. W. Hall, Bank Villas, Rainford, not later than Wednesday, August 9th. Good bells, excellent bowling facilities, beautiful scenery. All ringers and friends welcome.—Claude I. Davies and Norman Brown, Branch Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Preliminary Notice.—A dinner to commemorate the jubilee of the society will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. The Lord Bishop of Lichfield has promised to preside. Details later. Please book the date.—H. Knight.

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM.—Usual Thursday evening practice, 7.30 to 9, has now been resumed. The company will be pleased to welcome all visiting ringers.

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At the business meeting Mrs. E. Osborne, of Scaford, was elected a member, and on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Merritt, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his address and kindness in inviting the ringers to tea, also to the organist and Mr. Stanning, of the local company, for having everything in readiness.

A further visit was then made to the tower, and the bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m. in various methods ranging from Grand-sire and Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise Major.

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