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COUNCIL'S VARIED ACTIVITIES.

The activities of the Central Council are growing. No one who has followed the proceedings of that organisation through the post-war years, and particularly those who knew it earlier still, are likely to dispute that fact. There was clear evidence at the meeting at Shrewsbury that in many ways the Council is anxious to expand its work in the interests of the art of ringing and of the members of the Exercise. There never was yet any assembly of elected members which did everything everybody wanted in the way in which they wished to see it done, and there are still ringers who have the idea that the meetings of the Council are a waste of time. It is true that a good deal of time is spent at the Council meetings in talk, and it may be that some of it is not very profitable; but, after all, the Council meets for debate, and the level of the debates, as well as the subjects discussed, largely depend upon the members whom the various ringing associations and guilds elect to represent them.

The discussions, which may or may not be of general interest, are not, however, a complete guide to the good work which the Council is doing. Many a ringing association could quite well be run, as far as the organisation is concerned, by its elected committee and officials, without the holding of an annual meeting, but an annual meeting serves the very useful purpose of helping to maintain the interest of the members. It does other things as well, of course; such as giving an opportunity for changing rules, airing grievances, or finding new officials. It is just the same with the Council, except that its annual gathering is really more essential. The work of the Council goes on among the committees and the officers throughout the year. The annual meeting is the occasion when the committees' work comes up for approval or criticism.

Among the things which at last week's meeting clearly proved how useful and valuable is the Council's work was the decision to republish several of the works issued under the authority of the Council. The demand has exhausted the supply—what better evidence is needed of the usefulness of the Council's work in this direction? The publication of three other works was authorised; a pamphlet on variation of compositions, a book on compositions for conductors in many methods, and a collection of Surprise methods. Without the Central Council, who would undertake work of this kind, and with it the risk of financial loss? The Council also decided to collect records of ancient peal boards and tablets and to undertake the compiling of biographies of past members. As

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the latter include most of the prominent men in the Exercise for the last fifty or sixty years, this, alone, in years to come, will be a record of historic interest. And again, who but the Council would be prepared to undertake, without remuneration, labour of this kind for the benefit not only of the ringers of to-day, but of future generations? And there is more work before the Council. Someone has got to keep an eye upon the forces which are growing for the suppression of unnecessary noises. It may be that some few cranks will endeavour to get church bells brought under a ban, and, if this threatens, it will need all the watchfulness and weight of a representative body to guard against the whim of a minority being thrust upon a country which at heart loves the sound of its bells. Who but the Council could undertake the task or organise opposition to such a proposal if it should materialise?

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

ALBERT E. NORMAN Treble	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 2	JAMES GEORGE 8
A. PADDON SMITH 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 9
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	FRANK E. PERVIN 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 11
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	LOUIS J. LOCKYER 7
GEORGE PRESTON 3	WILLIAM A. HOULTON 8
A. F. MARTIN STEWART 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 9
D. C. WILLIAMS, Mus. Bac. 5	*WILLIAM C. SHUTE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Royal. Arranged specially for the wedding of Miss F. M. J. ('Joy') Waller, only daughter of the Mayor and Mayoress of Southampton (Councillor and Mrs. G. A. Waller), and Mr. G. P. P. Chesshire, son of the late Mr. P. Chesshire, R.N.R., and the late Mrs. Chesshire, of Parkstone, Dorset, who were married in the above church earlier in the afternoon.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDISE GATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FREDERICK A. FORSTER ... Treble	THOMAS HORD 6
WILLIAM FITCHFORD 2	*ANDREW THOMPSON 7
*ALAN D. STEEL 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 8
ROBERT G. LEWIS 4	CHARLES H. PAGE 9
RICHARD T. HOLDING 5	*ARTHUR ALLMAN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE
* First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of the Silver Jubilee. The peal was arranged a fortnight previously, but had to be cancelled. The first ten-bell peal in the tower.

A CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.

To commemorate the fourth anniversary of the dedication of SS. James and Basil's Church, Fenham, Newcastle, the following touches were rung by the local Guild: 11 a.m., 720 Bob Minor: A. Dodds 1, D. Reay 3, N. Pairman 4, P. Wishart 5, K. Arthur (conductor) 6, T. Crowe 7, R. Grosbie 8. 6.30 p.m., 720 Bob Minor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

HERBERT MARKWELL ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 6
*GEORGE WIGGINS 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 8
†FREDERICK W. STIMP ... 4	HENRY STALHAM 9
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 5	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. Mr. Stalham has now 'completed the circle' of the tower.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 7
JOHN W. JONES 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	JAMES H. SHEPPARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 25.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ARTHUR G. THOMAS ... Treble	†JOHN H. COLLEY 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	†REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6
†ARTHUR R. MOSELEY ... 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
†THOMAS H. YOUNG 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Oxford Bob Triples on the bells. 300th peal together by 7th and tenor ringers. Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Rev. A. G. Pettigrew's entry into the ministry, 19 years of which have been spent at this church.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS JONES Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
FRED DUNKERLY 2	JAMES A. MILNER 6
JAMES FENNLEY 3	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung in honour of the birthdays of their Majesties the King and Queen.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke, Blakenhall,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BRANT ... Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS 5
*HOWARD HOWELL 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE 6
THOMAS G. MARTIN 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
BARNABAS G. KEY 4	CHARLES R. COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. S. H. Viggars, of Winding Ways, Langton Green, Kent, who died on Wednesday, May 29th. He was Vicar of St. Luke's, Blakenhall, from October, 1919, until 1926.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 2, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR ... Treble	FRANK WELHAM 5
HAROLD TAYLOR 2	RALPH WALKER 6
HAROLD JACKSON 3	ERNEST GARSIDE 7
HARRY PICKLES 4	JOHN CLAYTON Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by RALPH TAYLOR.

Rung as a Jubilee peal for the borough and a farewell to the curate (the Rev. H. Dawson), who is taking up similar duties at St. Peter's, Swinton, Lancashire.

IVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALAN R. PINK ... Treble	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	EDGAR HANCOX 6
*REGINALD E. DARVILL ... 3	FRANK CORKE 7
PERCY E. JONES 4	WILFRED S. CHILDS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal in the method. The first peal of Triples on the bells. Rung in honour of His Majesty's birthday and as a Silver Jubilee peal for the parish.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

AN EIGHT-PART VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON 5
EPHRAIM W. RANDES 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
HAROLD G. JENNEY 3	A. JAMES HARRIS 7
W. ARTHUR SKINNER 4	FRANK A. GRABAM ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

Rung to commemorate the 70th birthday of H.M. King George V.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN CURRY ... Treble	*CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
ARTHUR J. FARR 2	GEORGE LADD 6
HARRY NICHOLS 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
*HAROLD BARSLEY 4	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal of Triples. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

*KEITH CONSTABLE ... Treble	H. LASKEY 5
MRS. H. F. CARTER 2	ERIC DURRANT 6
W. J. FORD 3	W. H. MILLER 7
H. F. CARTER 4	W. C. MEDLER Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

* First peal. Rung in honour of H.M. the King's 70th birthday.

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DEPTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT A. FOSDIKE Treble	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5
CHARLES ELLIOTT 2	THOMAS A. EASTERBY 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	CHARLES DAVIS 7
HARRY HOSKINS 4	JIM HORRELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung in honour of the Silver Jubilee and 70th birthday of His Majesty King George V.

BARNES, SURREY.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY G. MILES Treble	CHARLES F. W. HUNT 5
MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPEREY 2	ERNEST A. REEVES 6
E. RALPH MACRELL 3	FRANK SKERVINGTON 7
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN 4	WILLIAM H. SEABROOK Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKERVINGTON.

Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	* ROGER W. DANIELS 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
HENRY H. FEARN 4	C. HOWARD STANLEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT

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

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

* FREDERICK J. HODGKIN ... Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	HARRY BAKER 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	LUTHER J. HONESS 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	FREDERICK W. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the King's 70th birthday.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 4, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD BROWN Treble	SAMUEL YATES 5
THOMAS METCALFE 2	RALPH W. JACKSON 6
MRS. R. WARRIOR 3	* JOHN W. PASSEMAN 7
GEORGE KEMBALL 4	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by MRS. R. WARRIOR.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the King's 70th birthday.

Also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2nd and tenor.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
* ALFRED T. POULTON 3	EDWARD T. SUMMERS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* 100th peal on tower bells for the Guild.

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

On Wednesday, June 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOHN PERRY 2	BERT HORTON 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	* EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
ROBERT PICKERING 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* 50th peal for the society. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. Broughton-Thompson, who was inducted on May 21st and who congratulated the band after the peal.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

* E. DENNIS POOLE Treble	WALTER LAGO 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal on eight bells.

CAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ERNEST DREW 2	WALTER LAGO 6
FREDERICK HINTON 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	THOMAS DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM HECTOR Treble	† RYLAND E. MARCH 5
* LESLIE RUDD 2	WALTER WALLINGTON 6
FRED E. WALLINGTON 3	ARTHUR MANNING 7
† JOSEPH C. CHESTER 4	† WILLIAM KILSEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. First peal at this church by an entirely local band, a very creditable performance and rung at first attempt.

ORAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 5
* RENE REDPATH 2	HERBERT E. ADSLEY 6
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
MOLLIE REDPATH 4	EDWIN A. BARNETT Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FRANK WARRINGTON Treble	HENRY J. PARKER 5
* ELLIS CLARKE 2	ERNEST WAKELING 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	MANSFIELD GINN 7
GEORGE L. PERKINS 4	HERBERT FIELDS Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung in honour of the Silver Jubilee and 70th anniversary of H.M. King George V.

ALLOA, SCOTLAND.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, GLASGOW, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At St. John's Episcopal Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*HENRY F. SARGENT Treble	†SIDNEY G. LEWIS 5
REGINALD O. STREET 2	*ERNEST STAFFORD 6
STEPHEN H. WOOD 3	WILLIAM H. PICKETT 7
*THOMAS WINDERAM 4	†JOHN EWING Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. First peal of Triples on the bells. First tower-bell peal by the St. Mary's, Glasgow, Society. All the above are Sunday service-ringers at St. Mary's Cathedral except the conductor, who was their first captain.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. COLES Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
†WILLIAM WELLING 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DANCH. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. † 350th peal.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN GODFREY Treble	RUSSELL CURSON 5
HERBERT READ 2	HENRY TOOKE 6
ALFRED BROME 3	WILLIAM MAYERS 7
HANBURY CARTER 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

WARE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSEPH LADLEY Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 5
FREDERICK C. PERRIN 2	STANLEY A. CARTER 6
GEORGE GRAY 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
REGINALD DORE 4	SIDNEY CADLE Tenor

Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ... 5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	LEONARD OFFORD 6
*RONALD B. DAKIN 3	LEONARD PRYKE 7
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Major on tower bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. G. Nash and Miss R. Pakeman, of Horsey, London, who were married the same day at Foxearth, Essex.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 120's, five 240's of Morris' and 10 of Pitman's, 25 callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES T. RANDLE Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
*OWEN DAVIES 2	ERIC R. WEBB 5
G. HARRY GRIFFITHS ... 3	ALBERT E. JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a Jubilee peal.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George, FORDINGTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

H. CHARLES CLUETT ... Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 2	ARTHUR G. CHUBB 5
HAROLD C. R. VINE 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's 70th birthday. The Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Bartolet kindly entertained the band after the peal.

DANBURY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

*FRED GALLEY Treble	HARRY JOYCE 4
*DICK ROAST 2	HENRY SHADRACK 5
*ERNEST ROAST 3	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BURGESS.

* First peal. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 each of Plain Bob and St. Simon, and 2,160 Grandsire, 20 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS R. MOGG ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCEFIELD ... 4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 2	EDWARD S. RUCK 5
†LESLIE C. SMITH 3	EDWARD J. DIXON Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal in three methods 'inside.' Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of King George V. Also as a birthday compliment to Miss Molly Newton, the conductor's twelve-year-old granddaughter, and the 40th anniversary of the marriage of the conductor and Mrs. Ruck. The conductor has now completed the circle as conductor in the tower. The same band made an attempt on Jubilee Day, but came to grief after one hour and three-quarters' good ringing.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 16 six-scores of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire, with ten callings and eight changes of method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*EDWARD A. R. PALMER ... Treble	HAROLD E. BROWN 4
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 5
CHARLES E. J. WATT 3	WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. First peal in two methods by all except Messrs. Gardiner and Kynaston. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. S. Roberts (captain of the tower) on the occasion of his marriage.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

*R. A. KNIGHT Treble	J. WALLIS 4
*A. G. WELCH 2	†A. F. CHEESLEY 5
F. J. SANDERS 3	H. R. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

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

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Double Bob, Fulbeck, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ERNEST BRITAIN Treble	MRS. J. BRAY 4
GEORGE W. MOODY 2	JACK BRAY 5
FRANK LORD 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

Mr. J. Bray has now 'circled the tower.'

FELKIRK, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following: Felkirk Delight, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Kingston, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

CYRIL COOK Treble	CHARLES E. NETHERWOOD ... 4
DANIEL SMITH 2	ERNEST COIT 5
MOSES PERRY 3	HAROLD CHANT Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

ARNESBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 120's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and St. Dunstan's, and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 lb.

*Dr. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... Treble	HENRY FAULKNER 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles.

SANDY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and two of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob.

*CHARLIE BLAIN Treble	CHARLIE J. BALL 4
STANLEY GRAVESTOCK ... 2	PERCY TOMPRENS 5
JOHN CHURCH 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* First peal and first attempt.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, June 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of (1) Stamford; (2) Rossendale; (3) Wells; (4) London; (5) York; (6) Durham; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne.

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

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Jose.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT BELLS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL RECOMMENDS WELDING.

At a recent Visitation, the Archdeacon of Ludlow (the Ven. H. T. Dixon) uttered a warning against the employment of steeplojacks by church authorities without the advice of the diocesan committee. He quoted the report of the National Council for the Care of Churches on this matter and also on the subject of church bells.

Serious damage, said the report, might be done to the structure of the tower by incorrect or unscientific methods of hanging bells, and it was essential that no work of this kind should be undertaken without the supervision of an architect of experience, or the advice of the diocesan committee.

The Archdeacon said that the report also pointed out that there was an increasing number of cases where cracked bells had been satisfactorily welded instead of being recast. In this way ancient bells had been preserved and needless expense avoided.

DEATH OF MR. W. MEAD.

FOUNDER OF CLUN RINGERS' SOCIETY.

The death has occurred at Clun, Salop, of Mr. William Mead, who will be remembered by his ringing friends for the work he did in connection with the augmentation and restoration of the bells of Clun, and the restoration of the tower, carried out in 1914, at a cost of about £1,300. He formed the St. George's Society of Ringers and remained captain as long as his health permitted. He filled many offices in the parish, was a member of the choir and of the Parish Council, of which he was at one time chairman.

Mr. Mead, who was 72 years of age, was a native of Yorkshire, and had lived in Clun for 50 years.

The funeral service was choral and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Harrison), assisted by the Rev. F. B. Massey. Among the wreaths was one from St. George's Society.

COMBINED MEETING AT LYDD.

A quarterly meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent Association was held at Lydd on Saturday, June 15th, in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild. Ringers were at first slow in putting in an appearance, but the number gradually increased until there were about thirty present from eleven towers. A short service (with equally short address) was conducted by the Rector, Canon P. A. Collins.

At the business meeting two new members were elected, the election of one non-resident life member confirmed.

It was proposed to hold a by-meeting at Willesborough, between now and September, providing a suitable date can be arranged.

The Romney Marsh Guild arranged to hold a combined meeting with the Hastings Guild at Tenterden in July.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector, and afterwards good use was made of the bells.

A VETERAN SERVICE RINGER.

One of the oldest active ringers in the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. G. Andrews, of Ash—he still rings regularly for the Sunday services—was 85 years old on Whit Monday. To celebrate the event 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by Mrs. H. W. Ogden 1, Miss K. Avenell 2, W. H. Viggers 3, E. Sherwood 4, G. Chandler 5, E. Bragg (conductor) 6.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, June 15th, at St. Mary's Church, Finchley, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 180 Plain Bob) by T. Tubb 1, F. Cherrett 2, W. J. Norton 3, B. Tubb 4, R. Newman 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6, was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. A. Warren (captain of the local band) to Miss Woodward. The ceremony took place at New Barnet the same afternoon.

At St. Michael's, Flixton, Lancs, on Monday, June 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Jones 1, J. H. Collier 2, D. Brown 3, P. Williams 4, G. Mason 5, H. Collier 6, R. Davies (conductor) 7, R. Thomas 8. It was rung for the wedding of Miss K. Dyson, daughter of a local ringer, and Mr. Porter, which took place at Flixton the same day.

MR. J. G. NASH AND MISS R. E. PAKEMAN.

The pretty little village church of Foxearth, Essex, was nearly full on the occasion of the marriage on June 10th of Mr. John G. Nash to Miss Rosalind E. Pakeman. The Rector of Foxearth (the Rev. G. H. Basset) officiated at the ceremony. The bride was charmingly attired in Jubilee blue and was attended by four bridesmaids. The best man was Mr. A. G. Bird. As the happy pair left the church the bells pealed forth, touches of Treble Bob, etc., being rung and the bells 'fired.' The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, at which the Rector proposed the health and happiness of the bride and bridegroom. On Thursday, June 13th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung: S. Gridley 1, T. E. Slater 2, H. G. Herbert 3, A. Taylor 4, A. Maxim 5, J. G. Nash 6, T. Chinery (conductor) 7, S. Evans 8.

HEREFORDSHIRE RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Whit Monday, the wedding of Mr. William J. Beniams and Miss Gertrude Annie Allen was solemnised at the Church of St. John, Stokesay, near Craven Arms, the Rev. S. Z. Edwards, Vicar of Stokesay, assisted by the Rector of Ludlow, officiating. The bridegroom has been a member of St. Lawrence's tower, Ludlow, for the last 15 years, and for several years has been Ringing Master and hon. secretary of the Ludlow and Church Stretton District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. The bride is a daughter of Mr. George Allen (captain of the Stokesay ringers) and Mrs. Allen, of Craven Arms. Mr. Jim Price, of Knighton, acted as best man, and the bride was given away by her father.

The reception was held in the Railwaymen's Club Room, Craven Arms, immediately after which, the happy couple left for their honeymoon in Jersey.

As the bridal party left the church the bells were rung to Grandsire Doubles and 'fired.' A peal was later rung to mark the event.

The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many presents from friends, ringers and otherwise, including a canteen of cutlery from the best man.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beniams have the best wishes for their ringing friends, far and near, for their future happiness.

THE YOUNGEST LADY CONDUCTOR.

Miss Doris Coles, of Portishead, proves to be the holder of the record as the youngest lady peal conductor. She called a peal in 1915 when 15 years 6 months 19 days old. Miss Rene Redpath, who conducted a peal on May 17th last, was then 15 years 8 months 10 days old. There is only a 'short head' in it. Miss Redpath asks us to thank our Portishead correspondent for her good wishes.

'LAMINATED' OR 'CONTAMINATED'?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. James Hunt's suggestion that certain spliced peals should be described as 'laminated,' may I suggest that peals in which Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal are spliced could more appropriately be termed 'contaminated'?

Alperton, Middlesex.

WILFRED G. WILSON.

BOB MAJOR AT PATTINGHAM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to the footnote to peal of Bob Major at Ptingham recorded in 'The Ringing World' last Friday, I desire to inform Mr. Bert Horton that the first peal of Major was rung at this church on Sunday, July 10th, 1892, conducted by James E. Groves, the 6th being rung by myself; see 'Bell News,' Vol. 11, page 192.

JAMES GEORGE.

FOR BEGINNERS.**GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AND HOW TO CALL IT.**

There are many young ringers who would like to take up the calling of touches. As has already been pointed out in this column, there is a great deal of difference between merely calling bobs and conducting. The latter requires experience as well as study, the former can be done with a little practice. It should, however, never be the ultimate end of the young ringers' aspirations. He should aim at making himself a competent 'conductor,' but most beginners in this direction have to be content at first with just calling the bobs.

In an eight-ball tower the calling of Grandsire Triples is often the first step, and it is a very interesting method from the conductor's point of view. It is different from most other methods, in that a bob affects all the working bells but one. That one is the bell that is going to make 3rd's place, after passing the treble in 1-2. You can get a touch of 350 changes by calling a bob every time your bell comes into this position.

Call the bob when you pull off at your handstroke lead. You will know beforehand when this lead will occur. Not only have you the fact of dodging in 4-5 up in the previous lead as a guide, but the treble will turn you from behind and course you down to the front.

This, too, if you are observant, will enable you to call this touch with some other bell than your own as the observation bell. When, as you hunt up, you meet the treble immediately after your 'observation' you know the bob must be called when the latter leads.

Five bobs like this make up the complete touch. You need not, unless you like, count them, for the return of the 2nd into the hunt will tell you when the last bob has been called; and the 2nd will go into the hunt when it comes down from behind immediately in front of your observation bell.

How many leads you will have to ring, after the last bob is called, before the bells come round, depends upon which bell you have made your 'observation.' If it is the 3rd, the bells will come round at the same lead end, if it is one of the others it may be anything from one to four leads—but always it is when the 2nd is in the hunt, and you should also, of course, know which it is by the position of your own bell. For instance, if you are ringing the 6th, the bells come round at the lead you came into 6-7 down.

The only thing you cannot do is to call a touch in this way from the 2nd, because the 2nd is in the hunt at the start, and, therefore, cannot be brought into the right position at the first bob.

A bob called when the observation bell is going to make 3rd's is known as a bob 'Before,' because this bell is hunting before the treble.

We will deal with other calling places in Grandsire Triples next week.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Rippingale bells, for the restoration of which an appeal was made in these columns last year, have now been thoroughly overhauled and are to be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Lincoln on Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m.

The unusual occurrence of the opening of two peals of bells in one county on the same day took place in Devon on Saturday week, when the restored and augmented ring of six at Throwleigh and the restored ring of eight (including three trebles recast) at Highweek were dedicated. The work in each case was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and further details will be published next week.

Some of the members of the Central Council, after their duties on Tuesday week at Shrewsbury, enjoyed relaxation at Coalbrookdale on Wednesday, when a peal of Stedman Caters was rung on this fine Whitechapel ten.

By the way, was 'Kate' responsible for the telegram which reached one well-known ringer at lunch after the peal?

Ringin' comedy followed by tragedy occurred during the Shrewsbury gathering. A party of eight well-known ringers went for a peal of Double Norwich at Condover. It took them 3 hours 40 minutes. It was not until some time later in the day that they, the conductor included, discovered they had rung, not 5,024 as they had thought, but 5,472! It was a good joke and duly appreciated. The 'figures,' it appears, had been jotted down about 11 o'clock the night before by someone else. The hour may have accounted for those extra courses creeping in.

The tragedy was discovered the morning after the peal. The extra courses made the peal false! The 'Someone else' had a bad quarter of an hour when he realised it; but the look on his face was nothing to the looks on the faces of the other eight when they heard the news. But it was a bit of bad luck, wasn't it?

Shere, reputed to be one of the prettiest villages in England, will be the venue of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's Summer Festival on July 13th. Ringers who want a half-day in glorious surroundings should make a point of attending this gathering.

Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, on Whit Monday rang the treble to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Worksop, Notts. Fifty years ago, on Whit Monday, May 25th, 1885, to be exact, he took part in the first peal on the bells.

Messrs. T. Groombridge, sen. and jun., have rung 200 peals together. The late Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., rang 236 with his son. Mr. Groombridge, jun., would like to know of any more fathers and sons who have rung 200 peals together.

CHURCH BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

ANTI-NOISE LEAGUE OPINION DIVIDED.

The subject of church bells was one of the things that came before the first annual meeting of the Anti-Noise League held last week.

A woman member asked if the Council were still considering the noise of church bells and the tinkling of bells on ice-cream carts, which were heard continuously in the suburbs.

Lord Horder, the chairman, said complaints were being catalogued, according to the number received, but he could not say how far down the list church bells were.

'It was never intended that individual citizens who are annoyed should unload all their annoyances on to the league, which is hoping to make the country "noise conscious" so that people will make efforts themselves to stop needless noise,' he said.

The view was expressed by another member that church bells were among the loveliest sounds which still remained.

A resolution was passed urging the Executive Council to approach the authorities to stop all unnecessary noises.

JUDGE AND CHELMSFORD BELLS.

On Whit Monday, the subject of bellringing was brought to the notice of Mr. Justice Hawke presiding at Essex Assizes at Chelmsford. The Shire Hall, where the Court sits, is next door to the Cathedral, where ringing was taking place in connection with the annual meeting of the Essex Association, and the bells could be plainly heard in Court.

When asked if the bells should be silenced, Mr. Justice Hawke, having ascertained the occasion for the ringing, said he would not have the bells stopped. It was Bank Holiday, it was the ringers' annual festival, and he would not interfere with their pleasure.

Mr. Justice Hawke told counsel and witnesses to speak up, observing, 'There appears to be some sort of celebration, which I should be sorry to stop. I understand that it has been going on on Whit Monday for some 50 years.'

When Mr. Whitmee (counsel) was addressing the jury, his words became somewhat inaudible in parts of the Court, and the Judge observed: Please speak up. There is a rival entertainment (laughter).

A JUBILEE PEAL.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S LETTER FROM HOME SECRETARY.

A copy of 'The Ringing World' containing the report of the peal at Oakham, in which he took part for the Jubilee celebrations, was sent by Mr. James George to H.M. the King, through the Home Secretary. Mr. George has since received the following reply: 'I am directed by the Secretary of State to inform you that your letter informing His Majesty that you took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Oakham when aged over 81 has been laid before the King.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. SHREWSBURY MEETING.

'The Ringing World's' Special Report.

The third session of the fifteenth Council (43rd annual meeting) was held in the Council Chamber at Shrewsbury Castle on Whitsun Tuesday. The President presided over the business meeting, at which 90 members were present and received a welcome from the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

The 51 associations affiliated to the Council were represented as follows:—

	Associations.	Members present.	Members absent.
Fully represented ...	20	43	—
Partly represented ...	19	37	30
Unrepresented ...	12	—	18
	51	80	48
Honorary members ...		10	5
		90	53

At the outset of the proceedings, the Lord Bishop, who was warmly received, said he had to welcome the Council in a double capacity, because the Mayor of Shrewsbury, much to her regret, was unable to be with them, and in her name he had to welcome the Council to that beautiful town of Shrewsbury, as well as in his own name to welcome them to the diocese of Lichfield. He was particularly glad to be able to address a meeting of bellringers, because it had been his privilege to be in charge of churches where there were fine peals of bells, and he realised the value of their services. While bellringing was an art founded upon an exact science, they were to-day recognising more fully than ever that that art was allied to the work for God. Our God was the God of beauty and the God of truth, as well as the God of goodness and of love, and everything that ministered to beauty in sight or sound was of God and might be dedicated to God. As their presence there showed, they regarded the art of bellringing, and rightly regarded it, as an art connected with the worship of God, and it was rather a significant fact that in England, almost everywhere, the tower which contained the bells was part and parcel of the church itself, and those who ministered to God by the art of bellringing were closely associated with the worship of God in the church. His own experience had shown him how bellringers could, in the true sense, help the worship of God. His great-grandfather, continued the Bishop, was Vicar of a church in Gloucester, his father was Vicar of Whitmore in Somerset, where they had a fine peal of bells, his father was Vicar of Trumpington, near Cambridge, and since his own ordination he had had a variety of experiences of churches with peals of bells, among them Gateshead and St. Nicholas', Liverpool. Therefore, he knew something about the immense help bellringers could be to the services of the church (applause). Bells were a reminder of God's presence with them, and were associated with their national life, both in rejoicing and sorrow. Those who had assembled there that day represented a great and a beautiful art, an art closely connected with the worship of God, and he most heartily wished them Godspeed in their work and that God's blessing would rest upon them and upon every company of men and women whom they represented (applause).

THE BISHOP THANKED.

The President, in expressing thanks to the Lord Bishop for his cordial welcome, said he was in Liverpool when the Bishop first went to that city, and he had the unique distinction of having a peal of twelve bells and a peal of ten in his care. The peal of ten at the old Church of St. Peter were hanging in a tower that had been condemned by the city surveyor, and the bells were not allowed to be rung. He (Mr. Lewis) had just made a confession to the Bishop, that by the merest accident one night a 720 was rung on the front six (laughter). At that time St. Nicholas' bells were not rung, and he thought probably because the ecclesiastical authorities did not take sufficient interest in their ringers. That had been changed, and, as they all knew, there was now a very flourishing band at St. Nicholas', but St. Peter's had been pulled down. The Council, Mr. Lewis proceeded, very much appreciated the opportunity of coming to that beautiful town of Shrewsbury, which was famous for its bells, as well as for many other things. It was a place of many happy memories for him. About 29 or 30 years ago he had the happy lot to ring on the back ten bells of St. Chad's his 50th peal, and he would make a confession of having done something which ought not to be done by a president of that Council. There was the nucleus of a keen band of change ringers in the town, and one night four of them went to St. Alkmund's, where the bells were 'clocked,' and chimed the first part of Holt's ten-part (laughter). He did not think any of the bells were cracked as a result. In conclusion, the President thanked the Bishop for his welcome and his address.

The Bishop having offered prayer, the President stated that he had received a letter from the Mayor of Shrewsbury expressing regret at her absence, as she was away from home; and an apology from the Bishop of Hereford, who was attending the consecration of the new Bishop of Truro.

Proceeding, the President said the Standing Committee suggested the sending of a congratulatory telegram to H.M. the King upon his Jubilee. The terms of the message were read and approved.

The message, together with His Majesty's reply, were given in our last issue.

The President added that, talking of Jubilees, he believed that on the previous day the Bishop of Lichfield had completed 25 years of office as Bishop of the diocese, and he was sure they would all offer his lordship their congratulations (applause).

THE COUNCIL'S MEMBERSHIP.

The Council then began their long agenda. The hon. secretary reported that the total membership of the Council was 143—128 representatives of 51 associations and 15 honorary members. That was one more than last year, because they filled the remaining honorary membership at the last meeting. Two subscriptions were still unpaid, the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association and the North Staffs and District Association. With regard to the applications made for these subscriptions, two notices appeared in 'The Ringing World' and he had also written to the secretaries of both associations.

The President pointed out that under the rules, representatives of these associations, if present, were neither allowed to speak nor vote at that meeting.

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the retiring hon. members, Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. A. Walker. The Council at once agreed.

Five new members were introduced to the president, and the following apologies for absence were received: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, Ancient Society of College Youths; W. J. Davidson and J. W. Parker, Durham and Newcastle Association; E. Guise, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association; J. Phillips, Lincoln Diocesan Guild; D. G. Clift, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association; W. Pickworth, Middlesex County Association; O. E. Borrett and F. Nolan Golden, Norwich Diocesan Association; the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, North Notts Association; Messrs. R. T. Hibbert, Oxford Diocesan Guild; R. G. Black, Peterborough Diocesan Guild; Gwyn Lewis, Swansea and Brecon Guild; H. G. Bird and J. D. Johnson, Worcester and Districts Association; W. J. Nevard, Essex Association; J. H. Cheeseman, Kent County Association; T. H. Taffender, London County Association; A. Coppock, Society of Sherwood Youths; S. H. Symonds, Suffolk Guild; F. W. Perrens, Warwickshire Guild; H. Baxter, Peterborough Diocesan Guild; J. Clark, Hereford Diocesan Guild; Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, C. W. Roberts and C. Dean, hon. members.

MEMBERS LOST BY DEATH.

The President said that during the past year they had lost the following members by death: Mr. J. Cotterell, who represented the Yorkshire Association from 1918 to 1934, and who had attended eleven meetings during that period; Mr. William Pye, who represented the Middlesex Association from 1912 to 1925, and who attended four meetings. He was well known throughout the country as probably the most prominent ringer they had ever had. His special qualifications for ringing heavy bells were well known to them all, and he need not enlarge upon them, but he was sure they would feel his loss in the Exercise as much as they would that of any member they had ever had. Mr. G. R. Fardon, representative of St. James' Society from 1906 to 1911, attended three meetings, and in later years was demonstrator of the Carter Ringing Machine, to which he paid very great attention. Mr. E. P. Debenham represented the Hertford County Association from 1894 to 1902. He was also very well known for the good work which he did for his association. He was very pleased to be able to be present at the Jubilee of his association last year, but he only survived it for a very short time. Mr. F. F. Lindley represented the North Lincolnshire Association from 1891 to 1897, and attended one meeting. They had also just heard of the death of Mr. Ernest Bishop, who represented the Gloucester and Bristol Association from 1922 to 1928, and from 1832 to the time of his death. In that time he had attended four meetings.

The members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

GREETINGS FROM AUSTRALIA.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed on the motion of Canon Coleridge, seconded by Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith reported that the Council's message of greeting to the ringers of Australia, passed last year, was duly conveyed by the ringers who went out from England to the Commonwealth. The message was beautifully illuminated on vellum by Miss Kathleen Hughes, and received with great pleasure by the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne. The presentation of the address was made by a lady member of the Council, Mrs. Richardson, and he had been asked to bring to the Council the thanks of the society and their cordial greetings and good wishes. At every tower which was visited copies of the Council's publications were distributed and gratefully received. There was no doubt that in some of the towers these would prove of great value. The collections of photographs of cathedrals and churches, which were so readily contributed to by the associations and guilds of the British Isles, developed into very handsome and valuable volumes, and both at Melbourne and Hobart, where they were presented, were received with great interest and appreciation (applause).

Mr. E. M. Atkins asked whether the hon. secretary had in hand the scheme for a census of ringers and whether anything further had been done?

The Hon. Secretary said the big trouble was to find time for such an undertaking. He suggested that Mr. Atkins should take the work in hand. He (the hon. secretary) would give him any assistance he could, but at the moment he could not undertake any extra work.

A GROWING LIBRARY.

The honorary librarian presented the following report: There has been no trade depression in this department; the record of the last year's sales has not quite been reached, but the demand for all publications has been good. The new book of Triples methods has been published and seems to have met with a good reception. The method sheet of Double Norwich and Cambridge Court has been reprinted in a smaller size, more suitable for carrying in a pocket. Reprints of 'Laws' and 'Rules for a Model Company' are needed. The value of the books sent as a gift to Australian towers was £5 2s. 6d. and carriage 2s. 6d.

For the library proper I have to record the following additions: By purchase: 'Church Bells of Essex,' 'Church Bells of Northamptonshire,' 'Church Bells of Bedfordshire,' 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' 'Church Bells of Staffordshire,' 'Church Bells of Somerset,' 'Cathedral Bells of Exeter,' 'A Book About Bells.' By gift: From Mr. C. T. Coles, 'The Church Bells of Guernsey, Jersey and South Pembroke'; from the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, 'Hampshire Church Bells'; from Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 'The Ringing World,' Vol. 29. A complete catalogue of the library will soon be available.

The number of publications disposed of during the year was 1,818, of a value of £35 13s. 6d. These included 1,182 copies of 'Hints for Instructors,' 193 methods sheets, and 89 copies of the new book of Triples methods. The receipts were £36 5s. 8d., and there was a balance on the year of £24 10s. 4d. The value of the stock on hand was £193 12s.

In moving the adoption of his report, the Hon. Librarian said the past year had been one of activity, and the sales had gone on steadily throughout the year, quickening at the end when the new book on Triples methods came out. They had made several additions to the library by purchase, and they hoped shortly to make others. They had had several gifts, and only that morning Mr. Sharman, of the Bedfordshire Association, had put into his hands for the library a copy of 'Campanologia,' probably the third edition published in 1713 (applause). In addition, Mr. Trollope had handed to the Council his manuscript volumes on the Surprise Major methods to be deposited in the library. The catalogue of books was complete and would be in the hands of the members of the Council fairly soon. He would like to emphasise the fact that members of the Council and responsible ringers could borrow books from the library by payment of the carriage one way. Hitherto little use had been made of that privilege, but if the library was to be of real value it should be made use of. He was also making arrangements with one of the local ringers to carry out a limited amount of searching, if it were required. If a ringer wished to have information about any peal that had been rung or about any bells that appeared in any of the county histories they happened to have, it could be supplied without the expense of the books being sent to them. He hoped ringers would avail themselves of that service, although if there was to be a very long search, he hoped some small remuneration would be made to the local ringer who undertook it. Of course, if the person preferred it, he could have the books and make the search himself. The librarian added that he would welcome further gifts of any books connected with ringing which could find a place in the Council's library (applause).

The adoption of the report was seconded by Canon Elsee and agreed to.

BOOKS TO BE REPRINTED.

The President said the Standing Committee recommended that the pamphlet on the 'Laws Affecting Church Bells' be reprinted, after referring the matter to Alderman Pritchett, with particular reference to the question of the insurance of ringers who are entirely voluntary. On this subject there was no ruling laid down in that book, and he thought it was well that it should be made clear. The Standing Committee also recommended that the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods' should be reprinted, after revision by the Methods Committee. The stock of that book was getting very low.

The Rev. H. Drake asked if, when the pamphlet on 'Laws' was reprinted, the leaflet relating to faculties would be incorporated.

The Librarian: We can put that to Alderman Pritchett.

The recommendations were adopted.

The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts, audited by Messrs. A. A. Hughes and C. T. Coles, was presented. The balance in hand at Whitsun, 1934, was £64 11s. 9d. Receipts: Affiliation fees, 1933-4 arrears 10s.; 1934-35 £31; hon. members' subscriptions, £2 2s. 6d.; interest on £71 3½ per cent. Conversion Stock, £2 9s. 8d.; on £63 0s. 9d. 4 per cent. Consols, £2 10s. 4d.; sale of publications, £24 10s. 4d.; total £127 14s. 7½d.

The cost of new publications was £32 7s.; additions to the library, 24 1s. 9d.; donations to memorials voted at the last meeting, £13 13s.; Carter Ringing Machine fees, 10s. 6d.; gift publications to Australia, £5 5s.; other items, £13 2s. 2d.; balance at Whitsun, 1935, £58 15s. 2½d.; total £127 14s. 7½d. The investments have a book value of £100, but a present market value of £149 2s. 8d.

The accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine (Mr. E. A. Young and Mr. A. Hughes) reported that from visits of inspection made

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The date of publication will be announced later.

in regard to the machine, they were satisfied that it is running normally and kept clean.

The demonstrator, Mr. Sharman, informs them that he had had it running and made some small adjustments. The question of another demonstrator being appointed in place of Mr. Fardon, deceased, was referred to the Council.

Mr. Young, who proposed the acceptance of the report, referred with regret to the death of Mr. Fardon, and said it was very desirable that they should have someone qualified to fill the position. In appointing a colleague for Mr. Sharman, they had to bear in mind that it was desirable they should have a ringer and someone who understood small mechanisms and electrical contrivances governing that machine.—Mr. Hughes seconded.

The President said the Standing Committee recommended the payment of the usual fee to Mr. Sharman for testing the machine and that the appointment of a second demonstrator be left in the hands of the trustees, who would endeavour to find a suitable person. The appointment was not a thing to make in a hurry.—This was agreed to.

Canon Elsee said they had hoped to have Mr. G. F. Woodhouse with them that day to demonstrate his ringing machine, but when leaving home, at Sedburgh, to come to the meeting, Mr. Woodhouse, while looking round to see that he had everything with him, backed his car into a gatepost and damaged it so much that he could not proceed. He had been looking forward for a year to demonstrating the machine to the Council, and he was very sorry indeed to disappoint them. Canon Elsee added that he was sure the Council were also very sorry, both for the accident and for Mr. Woodhouse's disappointment and for their own (hear, hear). He suggested he should write and express the Council's great regret and telling Mr. Woodhouse that they shared his disappointment (applause).

The President said he was sure the Council would like Canon Elsee to write to Mr. Woodhouse on the lines suggested.

The formal report of the Standing Committee stated that they met on the previous night and again that morning to consider the agenda, and recommendations had or would be placed before the Council, when the various items to which they related came up for discussion. The 'Pamphlet on Variations' had been received and would now be printed, and the committee recommended that it be sold at a price of 1s. per copy.

The President's proposal that the report and recommendation be adopted was agreed to.

A COLLECTION OF COMPOSITIONS.

The adoption of the report of the Peal Collection Committee was proposed by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher. It was as follows: A good collection of compositions has been made, and the committee are now in the midst of making their selection. We had hoped to have been through with this, so as to present the complete work to this meeting, but owing to the time that it takes in passing these things round to all the members of the committee, we have found it quite impossible. Our collection of Grandsire Triples contains at present about five times as many peals as are authorised. It has been suggested that it might add to the popularity of the work if a larger quota of these compositions were allowed by the Council.

The President said the Standing Committee recommended that the Peal Collection Committee be given power to increase the number of compositions in any one method, if they so wished, but to keep the total number of compositions to the prescribed limit.

Mr. G. R. Newton said he had been allowed to have a small share in this work, but Mr. Lindoff had borne the major portion of the work. It was a colossal task, and no one would envy him. He (Mr. Newton) felt that he was responsible for Mr. Lindoff having to carry the burden of it. When he first suggested there should be a register of compositions, his friend, the late Mr. Harry Wilde, said he could not have anything to do with it, for the simple reason that he knew it would involve such a lot of work that he would not be equal to it. He (Mr. Newton) could say now that Mr. Wilde was perfectly right in what he said.

The report and recommendation of the Standing Committee were adopted.

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TRURO CATHEDRAL BELLS.

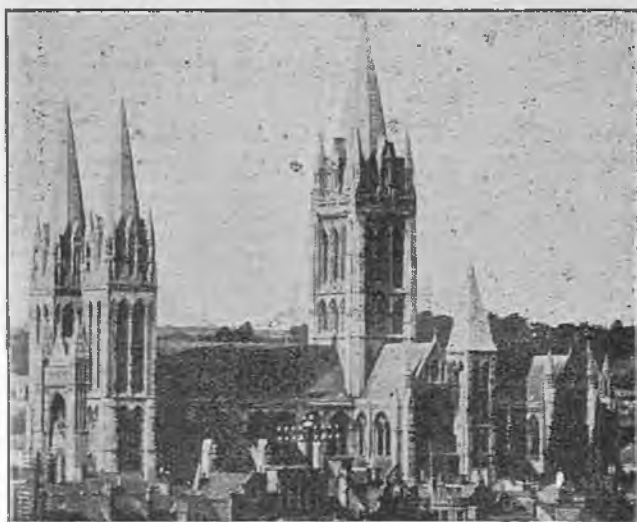
THE SILVER JUBILEE.

Story of a Fine Peal.

Twenty-five years ago to-day, on June 21st, 1910, the dedication took place of the ring of ten bells which hang in the North-West Campanile, dedicated to Queen Alexandra, of Truro Cathedral. It is difficult to imagine the thankfulness which must have been felt on that great occasion by those who were directly responsible for the provision of such a magnificent ring of ten bells.

The instigator of the whole scheme was the late John Claude Daubuz, of Killiow, St. Kea, who, when deliberately maintaining that bells should be provided, discovered that no provision had been made in the western towers then being built. Alterations were hastily made, and, as can be seen, a solid stone and granite foundation forms the base of the bell chamber, so that the north-west tower contains only two-thirds of the number of louvers compared to the south-west tower.

The provision for bells having been made, a definite scheme was planned and various donors for the ring of ten were found, each bell, except the treble, which is 'the Children's Bell,' being a personal gift. The plan is not yet completed, for the Nunc Dimittis is reserved for the Bourdon bell, which, it is hoped, will some day be placed in the south-west tower. In all his plans Squire Daubuz was helped by the practical knowledge of the beloved president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, Dr. J. Symons, who only last month declared to 120 ringers, assembled for a branch meeting at Camborne, 'I was here 53 years ago for the opening of these bells, and now I must congratulate you on the recent rehanging.'



TRURO CATHEDRAL.

June 21st, 1910, was the great day. The bells were officially opened by a representative band of Cornish ringers, of which the present Master of the Cathedral company, Mr. W. H. Sleeman, was one, and by a band of life members of the Truro Guild from various parts of England. Numerous visitors attended, including the Rev. J. F. Hastings, the Rev. E. V. Cox (now president of the Devon Guild), Messrs. J. R. Newman (Worcester), C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield) and those two brilliant young London ringers, Bertram Frewett and Robert Stavert, who were cut down in the Great War.

Over a quarter of a century visitors have been numerous, but one is outstanding in the person of the late William Pyc. In 1913 he brought a touring band to Cornwall, but a misunderstanding prevented a peal at the Cathedral. However, 21 years afterwards, in September, 1934, his desire was fulfilled, for he turned in the tenor to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, which proved to be his last peal on ten bells, for he was soon after stricken down by illness and in March he passed away.

The peals to date have been as follows: December 26th, 1910, Grandsire Caters, 3 hours 45 minutes; September 17th, 1926, Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3 hours 31 minutes; April 27th, 1927, Grandsire Triples, 3 hours 19 minutes; November 11th, 1927, Grandsire Triples, 3 hours 26 minutes; May 3rd, 1929, Grandsire Caters, 3 hours 22 minutes; May 29th, 1931, Grandsire Caters, 3 hours 22 minutes; Whit Monday, 1932, Stedman Caters, 3 hours 46 minutes; August 6th, 1933, Grandsire Caters, 3 hours 39 minutes; July 27th, 1934, Bob Major, 3 hours 28 minutes; September 18th, 1934, Cambridge Surprise Royal, 3 hours 46 minutes.

In all the peals of Grandsire, except the first, and the Bob Major, members of the local band have taken part, and this shows a live

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THE LATE MR. ERNEST BISHOP.

A PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING.

As already briefly recorded, the death has occurred at Swindon of Mr. Ernest Bishop, for many years a well-known figure in the Exercise.

The passing of Ernest Bishop, writes a correspondent, leaves one with a sense of irreparable loss, and his presence will be greatly missed. Of a kindly and courteous nature, he was beloved and respected by all who knew him. He was an excellent ringer and had conducted many peals, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Stedman Caters. A complete list of peals in which he had taken part is not available, but they were probably about 300 in number. The last peal in which he rang was at Cheltenham on March 9th, and he had done very little ringing since then, although his health did not give rise to any grave anxiety. His sudden collapse came as a great shock, and sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Bishop in her great loss.

Mr. Bishop was born at Horton, near Ilminster, and learned to handle a bell prior to moving to Bury, Lancs, where he followed up ringing. While still a young man he removed to Reading and became a member of St. Lawrence's tower. He went to Swindon about 1887 and had been associated with the Parish Church from then until his death, having been Master of the tower for nearly 40 years. The late Mr. O. W. Laing was already in Swindon when Mr. Bishop joined the band, and it can safely be said that these two gentlemen were the pioneers of change ringing in Swindon. The present fine peal of ten is a constant reminder of Mr. Bishop's interest and initiative in bells and ringing.

Several peals in which the deceased took part are worthy of note, such as the first peal by a band of Freemasons and the veterans' peal at St. Olave's.

Mr. Bishop was a member of many ringing societies and represented the Gloucester and Bristol Association on the Central Council.

Mr. Bishop had attained high rank in Freemasonry and had recently been appointed to hold office in Grand Lodge, but was not well enough to attend the investiture. He was also a past president of the Swindon Rotary Club.

The funeral took place on Friday, June 7th, and an exceptionally large gathering assembled to pay their last respects. The bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege approached the church and also after the interment, which took place in the shadow of the church he loved so well. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Gilbert), and the Masonic oration was delivered by P.M. J. J. Gale, Chaplain of Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 355, of which Mr. Bishop was a Past Master.

Amongst the visiting ringers were Messrs. W. A. Cave, A. Prince and L. A. Wilson, while the local band all present to show their respect to a gentleman and a friend. The Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was represented by Messrs. Trueman (chairman) and W. B. Kynaston (secretary), while Mr. H. Hatton represented St. Mark's ringers. Amongst the beautiful wreaths was one in the shape of a bell from the Parish Church ringers, also one from the Swindon Branch. There, in the old churchyard, within sound of his beloved bells, we left Ernest Bishop 'until the day dawns and the shadows flee away.'

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interest amongst the band for method ringing and progress. Since the war the band has had its ups and downs; in fact, Mr. W. H. Southard is the only pre-war member who remains. But definite progress has been made since 1927, and at present the company can boast of several most capable ringers. Youth seems to predominate, which should greatly aid future prospects. It is hoped that to-day's celebrations will be worthy of the occasion, that the benefactors of a quarter of a century ago will be remembered both in thanksgiving and personal message, and that Cathedral Chapter, ringers and friends may unite to commemorate a day long gone by, but which is still perpetuated by the sound of the bells themselves.

A member of the Cathedral company has marked the occasion by presenting a silver bell inkstand to the tower, and Mr. E. Denison Taylor is remembering his firm's work by providing a patent balanced clapper for the tenor bell in this Silver Jubilee year. A. S. R.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HON. SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION. Need for 'Missionary' Work.

On Whit Monday, the 56th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford, where there was a gathering of members from all parts of the county. The result of a referendum of members on the proposition that the name of the association be changed from the Essex Association of Change Ringers to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild was announced. The vote resulted: For retention of the present title, 412; for the alteration, 178. The title of the association thus remains unchanged, as it has been for 55 years.

In the morning there was service at the Cathedral, at which the ringers' form was used, and the address was given by the Rev. R. B. Bertin, Vicar of St. Peter's, Colchester. Mr. E. P. Duffield, Master of the association, read the lesson. Luncheon was served at the Golden Fleece Hotel, and the business meeting followed in the Cathedral Hall.

The Master, who presided, referred to the loss the association had sustained by the death that day of Mr. William Lincoln, of Chelmsford, who had long service in the association, and was a supporter of the belfry at Chelmsford Cathedral.

The members stood as a mark of respect.

The Master presented his report, which recorded a successful and interesting year's work. The number of subscribing members during 1934 was within six of the highest ever reported, and constituted a large increase on the figures for 1933. West Tilbury had ceased to be affiliated, and the number of towers in union was 109. Divisional meetings had been attended by an average of over 50 members. There was a sharp decline in the number of peals rung in 1934, the total being 95, of which 14 were on handbells. The conducting of peals was shared by 33 members, Mr. W. Keeble, as for many years past, heading the list with 44 peals. Seven members rang their first peals as conductors. Death had created a number of gaps in the ranks, notably that of Mr. William Pye, Master of the Middlesex Association, who resided in Essex all his life, and no other ringer made a greater contribution than he to the advancement of ringing. With the Silver Jubilee an unusual amount of bell restoration and augmentation was put in hand. A completely new peal of six had been installed at Wanstead to replace the old steel bells. At Fobbing a treble had been added to make six, while Pebmarsh, Purleigh and North Ockenden had been similarly augmented. The peal of five at Little Waltham had been rebung and a treble added. The bells of Hatfield Broad Oak had been tuned and rebung. The financial position of the association was satisfactory. The total income for the year was £70 0s. 6½d., against £62 15s. 8d. Only one grant, £2 2s. to Pebmarsh, was made from the fund, which stood at £51 16s. 6½d. The total expenses were £71 0s. 8½d., against £85 16s. 6d., the increase being almost entirely attributable to the expenses of the referendum. The balance in hand was £26 15s. 3d. and assets £275 7s. 2d. Mr. F. J. Pitstow, Saffron Walden, who for 14 years had faithfully discharged the duties of hon. general secretary and treasurer of the association, had intimated his intention to relinquish office. He had rendered splendid service, particularly during the last two years, in which period came the severe illness of the former Master, Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree, and the work of referendum.

Mr. Duffield was unanimously re-elected Master, and, in accepting the post, said he did not think it well for one to be Master for an undue length of time.

Mr. F. J. Pitstow said he was obliged, owing to disability which prevented him getting about as he would wish, to retire from the office of hon. secretary and treasurer. Both numerically and financially, the association was stronger than when he took office 14 years ago. He should continue to take the keenest interest in the association.

Mr. Leslie J. Clark, Chelmsford, was appointed to the position. Messrs. G. R. Pye, H. T. Wilson, G. Green, W. Keeble and F. Dench were elected on the committee, and Mr. L. Wiffin (Braintree) was chosen for the new office of secretary to the Peal Committee.

Messrs. C. H. Howard and W. J. Nevard retired from the Central Council, Messrs. E. P. Duffield and L. Wiffin being elected in their stead.

Messrs. J. Day (Dagenham) and H. Street (Walthamstow) were elected members.

Mr. A. Pye proposed and Mr. G. W. Faulkner seconded that an entry of appreciation of Mr. Pitstow's services as hon. secretary and treasurer to the association for 14 years be entered on the minutes, and this was carried with applause.

Mr. Pitstow thanked the officers for the assistance he had received since he succeeded the late Rev. H. T. W. Eyre. Mr. Pitstow called attention to the rule providing for funds to train beginners in the art of bellringing, and said very few first peals by new members had been recorded in the past year. The Essex Association had ample financial means, and what the money was being saved for he could not understand. There were some ringing towers in the remote parts of Essex which were standing practically dormant for want of someone to ring the bells. Old ringers were dying off and new ones were not brought in to fill their places. During the 14 years he had been hon. treasurer, not one penny had been spent from the funds to train beginners in the art of change ringing. No one could learn ringing from a book. He favoured expert ringers being sent out as missionaries to the 'wild parts of Essex' to teach the young, and he

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DEATH OF AN ESSEX STALWART.

MR. W. LINCOLN'S 50 YEARS OF ACTIVITY.

The death occurred on Whit Monday, at Chelmsford, of Mr. William Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln, who was in his 69th year, was working up to Easter, when he was taken ill. Deceased was well known and highly esteemed in Writtle, being a native of the village, and gardener at the Vicarage for upwards of 50 years, leaving that employ in 1927. Over 40 years were spent in the Service of the late Canon T. L. Papillon, and one of Mr. Lincoln's treasured possessions was an inscribed marble clock presented to him by the Canon at the end of 40 years. He also served under two other vicars. Deceased resided at The Bungalow, Church Lane, for 31 years, and on the death of his wife went to live with his son at Chelmsford. He continued to cycle backwards and forwards to Writtle, attending to various gardens.

For over half a century Mr. Lincoln was an enthusiastic bellringer, and for many years was conductor of the Writtle band. He was a member of the general committee of the Essex Association, and at the annual festival of the association at Chelmsford on Monday, the members stood in silence as a tribute to his memory. He was well known throughout Essex, having taken part in over 200 peals in various towers. Since leaving Writtle he had rung regularly at Chelmsford Cathedral. Mr. Lincoln was also a member of Writtle Parish Church choir for over 40 years. Deceased leaves two sons.

The funeral took place on Thursday, June 13th, a service in the Chelmsford Cathedral preceding the interment in Writtle Churchyard. Provost Morrow, warden of the Cathedral ringers, conducted the service, which was attended by a number of ringers and others. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. William Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lincoln (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs. J. N. Milner (sister), Mr. and Mrs. A. French, Mr. and Mrs. E. Clarke (brothers-in-law and sisters), Mr. L. J. Clark, Master of the Cathedral Ringers, and Mr. H. W. Shadrack, district secretary, represented the County Association; and other Cathedral ringers attending were Messrs. H. Allen, R. C. Thrift, A. E. Saltmarsh and Miss K. Meadows. Those also present were Miss A. E. White, representing the ringers of All Saints', Springfield; Mr. C. Gentry, a former Cathedral ringer.

The Rev. J. H. Upton, Vicar of Writtle, took the committal service in the churchyard, and Provost Morrow was also at the graveside. The deceased was laid to rest in the grave of his wife, which had been tastefully lined with evergreens and flowers by Mr. Ben Bond. Those present around the graveside included Messrs. W. Emery, H. Kirton, H. Devenish, T. Lincoln, E. J. Runter and F. Radley, all members of the Essex Association. There were several floral tributes, including those from the Chelmsford Cathedral Ringers' Guild; five old fellow-choirmen of Writtle; friends and neighbours of Henry Road; and former employers.—After the service, with muffled bells, 504 Grandsire Triples were rung by W. Emery 1, H. Allen 2, H. Kirton 3, H. Devenish 4, L. J. Clark (conductor) 5, R. C. Thrift 6, T. Lincoln 7, F. Radley 8; followed by further ringing, in which Messrs. E. J. Runter and T. B. Fairhead took part.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

At Woodbridge, Suffolk, on June 3rd, in honour of His Majesty's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. C. Willis 1, C. V. Grayston 2, C. J. Trotman 3, A. S. Woodard 4, W. A. Woods 5, F. G. Woodruffe 6, F. L. Fisher (conductor) 7, R. Maister 8.

In honour of the King's birthday, on Monday, June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes) was rung at High Wycombe, Bucks. G. White 1, G. Hinton 2, J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor) 3, R. Coles 4, F. Hayes 5, G. Twitchen 6, S. Goodchild 7, F. Boreham 8, D. Boreham 9, E. Coles 10. Also a plain course of Grandsire Triples—70 changes representing the King's age in years.

At the Parish Church, Cannock, Staffs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Beech (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Bradbury (conductor) 2, T. Benton 3, W. Benton 4, T. Fowell 5, F. Bate 6, A. Williams 7, R. Bailey 8, in honour of the King's 70th birthday.

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warmly recommended this course to the committee (hear, hear).—It was agreed to make a grant of £2 2s. towards restoring the bells at Little Waltham.

During the day the bells at the Cathedral and churches in the district were rung, the methods ranging from Cambridge Surprise Maximus to Grandsire Doubles.

NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The joint meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough districts which was to have been held at Bigby to-morrow (Saturday) **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**—H. Mingay, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 27th, *St. Michael's on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Ferriby, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6), recently rehung and augmented, available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, 1s. 6d. per head.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Meopham on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of the Vicar. —Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells: Cathedral from 3 till 3.45, and again after the general meeting; St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3. Tea at 5 in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Wade Street. Fully paid-up members 9d., others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at West Wycombe (8 bells) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. A lecture on Samuel Pepys is being given by the Rector at 3 p.m. All welcome. — M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Will all ringers make a special effort to attend.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—First quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 22nd, at North Wingfield. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet in Schools 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whittlesey on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (two towers of 8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will also be welcome.—S. Shipp, Dis. Sec., Wilburton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) & **LADIES' GUILD** (Northern Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 9d. each. A good muster is requested. — D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ratby (8) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Frequent buses from All Saints' Road, Great Central Street.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Wath on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Special preacher, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church House, at 1/3 each. A very hearty welcome is extended by the Vicar and ringers of Wath to all ringers of the various associations to try out the new peal of 8. It is hoped a good attendance will be recorded.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—A ringers' service will be held on Sunday, June 23rd, at 3 p.m. (25th Anniversary of Opening of Peal). Bells from 2 p.m. and after Service. Tea arranged for those who notify by June 21st. A hearty welcome to all.—R. Clark, 33, Hamilton Road, Bishopstoke.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—An evening meeting at Orwell on Friday, June 28th. Bells (5) available at 6.30 p.m.—K. Willers.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.30 to 5.30, followed by service and tea. Please advise me for tea by June 26th; 1s. each will be charged. Nearest station Wembley Park (Met.) and bus to Blackbird Cross. Willesden bells open from 7 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmshore, St. Thomas' Church, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Nominations are invited for Association Officers. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

RIPPINGALE, LINCS.—The Archdeacon of Lincoln will dedicate the bells on Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge to those who notify Mr. S. Laxton, The Post Office, Rippingale, Bourne, Lincs., not later than Wednesday, June 26th. The peal has been restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern division will be held at Ditchling on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (plain 1s., salad 1s. 3d.). Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.), allowed to this meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Purleigh on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 26th, certain, so that adequate arrangements can be made for tea.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than the 26th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bistol 5.

HOYLANDSWAINE.—St. John's Church.—Six bell ringing contest (open). (Short test piece, rise and fall.) Each company to have four regular service ringers in band. Entries, 7s. 6d. per band, will be taken up to Tuesday morning's post (June 25th). Teas not guaranteed if not applied for. Contest to take place on Saturday, June 29th.—E. Brooks, Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary, Horsell, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Come prepared for ringing a fresh method. A welcome to all. A card for tea, please, by Wednesday, 26th.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly notify me by June 26th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District).—Meeting at Croft on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea (1s.) and meeting. All ringers invited.—A. E. Rowley, Dis. Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service probably at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will intending visitors kindly let me know not later than the 25th inst.?—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead. Please note change of address.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The annual festival of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Meat tea at 4.45 p.m. (tickets 1s. 6d.). Service 6 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, 27th inst.?—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debdon Road, Saffron Walden.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Gransden on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Branch meeting at Mobberley on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. S. Duckworth, 11, Hall Bank, Mobberley.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting at Brabourne to commemorate the signing of the Peace Treaty will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Rector, at 5 p.m. Kindly notify me of your intention to be present, by June 26th.—F. Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Idle Parish Church on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m., the Right Rev. Bishop C. R. Duppuy will dedicate the new ring of 12 bells by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A meeting will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Hagger's Cafe.—R. C. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Newmarket.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer festival will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 29th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 50, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Banbury (10) and Deddington (6) bells available after. All ringers welcome. For tea please notify before Wednesday, July 3rd.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Tea free. Half fares (up to 2s.) will be paid to members attending this meeting. So that satisfactory arrangements may be made for tea, it is particularly requested that all those intending to be present notify Mr. Frank W. Brenchley, 21, Green Lane, St. Peter's, Broadstairs, not later than Thursday, July 4th.—P. W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each. For tea notify Mr. H. Grundy, Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bosham on Saturday, July 6th. Ringing to commence 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at Miss Collins' Tea Gardens 4.30. Those requiring tea should write Mr. J. Blake, Old Fishbourne, Chichester, not later than Wednesday morning, July 3rd.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Divisional Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Duscombe's Café. Business meeting to follow. Please notify me regarding tea not later than July 2nd.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, July 6th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head), at Railway Hotel. Business meeting to follow. Half fare to members (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will take place at Tring on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual

arrangements. Please let me know by July 3rd if you require tea. Subscriptions for 1935 are due.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burnham on July 6th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Ringing afterwards till 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by July 2nd.—G. A. Card, 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W. 6.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wrington on July 6th. Bells available: Wrington (10) from 2.30 p.m.; Congresbury (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Blagdon (8), 6 to 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Golden Lion.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint mid-week meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10th, at Benhilton, Sutton. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at the Rendezvous Café. All are welcome. Please notify D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, re tea by Monday, July 8th.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer Festival will be held at Shere on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse Hotel, 1s. 3d. each. Numbers must reach me not later than Tuesday, July 9th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, E.C., on Saturday, July 13th. Further particulars later.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

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