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THE COUNCIL MEETING.

Those who attended the Central Council meeting at Canterbury last week must have been quite satisfied with a day well spent. It was not an occasion when the agenda produced much diversity of opinion, except on the definition of what should constitute a peal of Doubles, but there was some very solid work done, which revealed once more the continued and useful activities of the committees of the Council and its officers. The proceedings of the Council have been reduced to a very businesslike basis, but despite this, the meeting lasted, in all, nearly five hours, and interest was thoroughly maintained throughout.

Canterbury is the only place which the Council has visited more than once, if we except Birmingham, where the preliminary meeting, to pass resolutions forming the Council was held, followed by a routine meeting two years later. The first annual meeting of the Council was held in London in 1891; it was not until 1905 that a visit was paid to Canterbury, and it is instructive to contrast the interest displayed in the meetings of the Council in those days with the present time, judged by the attendance. At the first Canterbury meeting, when the total membership of the Council was exactly a hundred, the attendance was 41. There have never been fewer at a meeting, but it was not much below the then average provincial gathering; for the ten meetings outside London up to that time had had an average attendance of only 45. Last week the attendance was 95, out of a total membership of 150. Only five members present in 1905 were at Canterbury in 1937. They were Canon Cole-ridge, the only person who has attended every meeting of the Council since its formation, and Messrs. J. H. Cheesman, C. Dean, R. Richardson and J. A. Trollope. Indeed, there are not many members left who were associated with the Council thirty-two years ago. Time, even so comparatively short a time, works wondrous changes, and one of the most noticeable differences is in the atmosphere of the gatherings. In these days the social distinctions have entirely disappeared.

This year's meeting was marked by an unprecedented incident. The rules debar any representative member of the Council from voting at a meeting if the affiliation fee of his society is unpaid. The President found himself in this rather unfortunate position, for the Cambridge University Guild, of which he is a representative member, had failed to pay the necessary fee before the meeting. The Council, therefore, took the step of electing the President an honorary member as a solution of the difficulty. It seems strange that so important a person

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as the President should be dependent for the discharge of his office upon the payment or otherwise of the current subscription of the society which he has been elected for three years to represent, but it was a position that was not foreseen when the rules were drafted. It might be well in future if steps were taken to place the three chief officers of the Council above this risk, because there may not always be vacancies among the hon. members of which advantage can be taken.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ABERDARE, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELVAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

JACK HALLETT Treble	A. SCRIBBINS 5
F. SHAVE 2	G. MEADE 6
J. DARCH 3	G. KERLEY 7
F. THYER 4	B. SHELDON Tenor

Conducted by G. KERLEY.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Kerley, father and mother of the conductor. First peal as conductor.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, LEYTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

CHARLES A. HUGHES Treble	HENRY T. WILSON 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ROBERT C. HEAZEL 6
ERNEST J. KING 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK 4	*FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the birth of Mr. E. W. Furbank. At the completion of the peal the band wished him 'many happy returns.'

SIX BELL PEAL.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, May 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

30 six-scores Grandsire, 12 six-scores Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

*ARTHUR J. ALLEN Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
†P. GEORGE GOLDER 2	HOWARD HOWELL 5
HARRY V. PARDOW 3	JOHN H. D. RATCLIFFE Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

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

CAMBERWELL.—For evening service on Sunday, April 11th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: W. Massey 1, A. Harriess 2, Miss B. Mills 3, Miss O. Ashbrook 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, W. D. Grainger 6, E. J. King 7, F. Graunbury 8, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 9, W. Maxwell 10.

CORONATION PEALS

In honour of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth in Westminster Abbey the following peals were rung:

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Four Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 49½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	REGINALD ROWE 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 9
*ALBERT HILL 4	WILLIAM LEWIS 10
GEORGE HINTON 5	CHARLES CAMM 11
DENNIS R. MORRIS 6	REGINALD WOODYATT 12
	WILLIAM RANFORD Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal on twelve bells.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION AND SOCIETY OF CROYDON PARISH CHURCH BELLRINGERS.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

JAMES E. COOPER Treble	*HERBERT G. PRATT 7
*ROYDON DAVIES 2	*GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES 8
[JAMES RUMBOLD 3	*FRANK E. MITCHELL 9
[EDWARD ACOCK 4	*AMOS W. CLARK 10
HERBERT J. SKELT 5	DANIEL D. COOPER 11
*DUDLEY BUXTON 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells. ‡ First attempt for a peal. First peal of Cinques as conductor. First peal on the bells since their restoration and augmentation to twelve by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Rung by twelve members of the regular Sunday service band.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ALBERT M. TYLER Treble	ALFRED PEARCE 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	GILBERT PEARCE 8
MRS. E. WILKINS 3	HENRY PRING 9
*MISS ANNIE BROWN 4	EDWIN JOHN BROWN 10
FREDERICK G. LEARER 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE 11
RICHARD CLARK 6	CECIL F. MOGFORD Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Cinques.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

LESTER GRAY Treble	*ERNEST BOUMPHREY 7
*FRANK VARTY 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 8
*THOMAS G. HORRIDGE 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
*ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	CLAUDE I. DAVIES 10
[GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	ERNEST CAUNCE 11
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 6	*ERNEST F. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † 300th peal for the Lancashire Association. ‡ First peal 'inside' in any method.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, April 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Jeffery 1, W. Watts 2, J. Jeffery 3, E. Mitchell 4, G. Lewry 5, C. L. Mitchell (conductor) 6, G. Apps 7, F. Leney 8.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 7
ERNEST BRETT 2	JOSEPH MARKS 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	GEORGE H. DEBENEAM 9
RAYMOND G. COUSINS 4	HERBERT LANGDON 10
JACK M. CRIPPS 5	ALFRED B. PECK 11
GEORGE N. PRICE 6	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN A. FREEMAN Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES 7
KENNETH W. MAYER 2	JOHN WALDEN 8
JOHN FREEMAN 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 9
CHARLES C. MCGUINNESS 4	HAROLD MARCON 10
*GEOFFREY M. MAYER 5	HAROLD WALKER 11
*PERCY HOLMES 6	HERBERT LOWMAN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTT, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD Treble	FRANK SKEVINGTON 6
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 8
E. RALPH MACKRILL 4	HENRY G. MILES 9
PERCY L. MILES 5	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by H. G. MILLS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST J. KING Treble	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	FRANCIS E. DAWE 7
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 3	HENRY T. WILSON 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK 9
RONALD H. BULLEN 5	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

The peal commenced at the completion of the service in the Abbey.

WORSLEY, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

CARTER'S BROADSHEET, No. 31.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILFRED GRUNDY Treble	JAMES K. WELSBY 6
BENJAMIN T. ALLRED 2	FRED GRUNDY 7
CHARLES RIDYARD 3	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 8
ROBERT ALLRED 4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 9
ERIC YATES 5	ROBERT JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

First peal of Stedman Caters by all except the 2nd, 3rd and 9th ringers. First peal as conductor. Also rung as a birthday peal to Viscount Brackley, son and heir of the Earl of Ellesmere, his birthday taking place on the 10th.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday morning, April 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstons): S. Smith 1, A. Crane 2, F. Stenton 3, H. Morris 4, W. Sear 5, H. Sear 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, E. Smith 8. Arranged for Mr. A. P. Cannon.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles, Camberwell,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... Treble	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 6
*MISS HILDA H. MILLS ... 2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 3	FRANK E. DARBY ... 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 9
ERNEST J. KING ... 5	NORMAN H. MANNING ... Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER
First peal on ten bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, May 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... Treble	WILLIE ROUGHTON ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 7
HENRY G. MILES ... 3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 8
ERNEST BRETT ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
GEORGE N. PRICE ... 5	RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
PHYLLIS E. TILLET ... 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
HOBART E. SMITH ... 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 5	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS
First peal of Rochester Surprise Royal ever rung.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	*FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 6
MISS DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... 2	*NORMAN H. MANNING ... 7
HERBERT W. LIDBETTER ... 3	FREDERICK G. BALDWIN ... 8
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 9
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 5	HARRY BROOKS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal in the method.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

C. ERNEST SMITH ... Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 7
THOMAS E. DENYER ... 3	WILLIAM T. BRESON ... 8
CHARLES W. DENYER ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Treble	†ARTHUR G. WILLET ... 6
Mrs. C. H. KIPPIN ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 7
RONALD A. TOFFIN ... 3	†AMBROSE T. SHELTON ... 8
FRANK B. JEAL ... 4	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 9
*GEORGE OLLIVER ... 5	WALTER CLAYDON ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. COSS. Conducted by W. CLAYDON.
* First ten-bell peal. † First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

H. PLATT ... Treble	V. SYKES ... 5
O. MOORES ... 2	I. KAY ... 6
F. LAWTON ... 3	H. BARLOW ... 7
J. LEES ... 4	C. E. PLATT ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by C. E. PLATT.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Watford Society.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
A PEAL OF WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*FREDERICK BULLOCK ... Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 5
WALTER G. PAUL ... 2	RICHARD G. BELL ... 6
ARTHUR W. DIX ... 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 4	HAROLD G. CASEMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal of Major. This is the first peal in the method.

LANCASTER, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Priory Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

R. HARDEN ... Treble	J. ORR ... 5
F. POSTLETHWAITE ... 2	B. THOMPSON ... 6
W. BATESON ... 3	E. JAGUES ... 7
A. ALDREN ... 4	J. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. POSTLETHWAITE.
First peal by all.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*EDWIN L. CAMPTON ... Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
EDWARD J. CLOUGH ... 2	ERNEST RIVITT ... 6
†WALTER J. CLOUGH ... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7
GEORGE DUDLEY ... 4	†JOHN VEASEY ... Tenor

Conducted by F. K. MEASURES.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

WHITEBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES TINDALE ... Treble	GEORGE WHITE ... 5
ALFRED E. OXLEY ... 2	WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 6
ALBERT V. COATES ... 3	HARRY SHORT ... 7
SYDNEY ELWICK ... 4	RICHARD HANSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by H. SHORT.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTONS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
HERBERT MAREWELL ... 2	ALFRED C. PANKHORST ... 6
HAROLD S. HODDEN ... 3	ERNEST GOWER ... 7
EDWARD BRAY ... 4	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal of Stedman.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES E. RAYSON Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT 5
JOHN GIBBONS 2	*PERCY STONE 6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 3	HARRY HARRIS 7
MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... 4	JOHN E. S. MORETON Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by A. H. BEAMISH.

* First peal of Bob Major 'inside.'

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE W. WARNER Treble	C. JOHN TROTMAN 5
A. STANLEY WOODARD 2	FRANK L. FISHER 6
WILLIAM A. WOODS 3	*ALDERMAN LING 7
W. JAMES WOODRUFFE 4	ROBERT MALSTER Tenor

Conducted by F. L. FISHER.

* First peal in the method.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

FREDERICK C. WILSON Treble	ELIJAH PAMMENTER 5
FRANK PICKERING 2	THOMAS COOPER 6
FREDERICK F. WILSON 3	GEORGE TUKE 7
ALBERT FIRTH 4	HARRY MORTMORE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by H. MORTMORE.

The Royal Salute of 21 'shots' was fired at the end of the peal.
All are Sunday service ringers.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD Treble	EVEREST FORD 5
CEDRIC MOORE 2	MAJOR CROOK 6
WILLIAM TYSON 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7
PETER NUTTALL 4	RICHARD W. MOSELEY Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*EDWARD RAMSEOTHAM Treble	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 6
JOHN JACKSON 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 7
ADAM BLOGG 4	ALFRED BLOGG Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 13). Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG

* First peal. This composition, a 7,360 reduced, was rung for the first time.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DEREK M. SHARP Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	JOHN A. C. ABSON 6
ALAN J. HOPPER 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 7
GEORGE W. FOGDEN 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

D. M. Sharp's 50th peal. E. A. Barnett's 100th peal on the bells.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb.

*FRANK CHAPMAN Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS 5
*GEORGE MASKELL 2	†ALBERT GOLDSMITH 6
OLDER WAGHORN 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE 7
*EDWARD BISHOP 4	JAMES G. POWELL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. G. POWELL.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' Rung by a local band. First peal in the method on the bells by resident ringers.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

MISS JOAN PEARCE Treble	JAMES TOPP 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
LESLIE PEARSON 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

The conductor's 400th peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ARTHUR B. CLOSE Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
HARRY LEWIS 2	WILLIAM HOPWOOD 6
JOHN HAYES 3	THOMAS MATHER 7
†JOHN BEST 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	JOHN GODFREY 5
STANLEY GALL 2	R. WILLIAM BARBER, JUN. 6
PHILIP W. J. FRYER 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
*WILLIAM T. DE VILLE 4	ROSSER J. CORSON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

* First peal of Major. First peal of spliced by all except ringers of treble and 7th.

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LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*STEPHEN LAWRENSEN ... Treble	*JOHN H. FOSTER ... 5
*JONATHAN ALLANSON, JUN. ... 2	*ROBERT CARDWELL ... 6
*JOHN BOARDMAN ... 3	GEORGE MARIES ... 7
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 4	PETER CROOK ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

MIDDLETON'S.	JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6	
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7	
MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor	

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD ALLPORT ... Treble	HAROLD SHUCK ... 5
WILLIAM POTTER ... 2	HECTOR G. BIRD ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	JOHN LLOYD ... 7
*BERNARD LAWTON ... 4	†ERIC MYLES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM FORRESTER ... Treble	†BERTRAM C. HINES ... 5
ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 2	JOHN H. SITCH ... 6
†LESLIE THRIFT ... 3	†CHARLES E. PRYKE ... 7
†ALBERT E. PRYKE ... 4	†ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ROBERT C. HEAZEL.

* First peal. † First peal of Oxford. First peal as conductor. All are members of the local band.

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 27 cwt. in D.
FRANK JONES ... Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 5
GEORGE JONES ... 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 6
WILLIAM HOPWOOD ... 3	HARRY THOMAS ... 7
THOMAS PUGH ... 4	EDWARD PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES, JUN.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble	*MISS MARY WHITE ... 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 3	HARRY DAVISON ... 7
KENNETH SIMPSON ... 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method and first attempt on an 'inside' bell. The 100th peal on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's all different. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

REV. R. L. B. OLIVER ... Treble	GEORGE BATTERBER ... 4
*KENNETH BUGG ... 2	*ALEC NURSE ... 5
*RALPH BURTON ... 3	FRED RIX ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIX.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD BROWN ... Treble	HERBERT TAYLOR ... 4
CHARLES PERKINS ... 2	CHARLES E. BLACK ... 5
WILLIAM DUFFY ... 3	FRANK TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

D. WATERWORTH ... Treble	C. L. SYKES ... 4
T. W. MOORHOUSE, JUN. ... 2	L. RAWLINSON ... 5
W. MOORHOUSE, SEN. ... 3	N. M. NEWBY ... Tenor

Conducted by N. M. NEWBY.

All are service ringers except the conductor, who is from Ulverston. First peal and first attempt by all except conductor.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents each of St. Dunstan's and St. Bartholomew's, six each of St. Simon's, Stedman Slow Course, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and ten of Grandsire, with 33 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

WILLIAM RUTLEV ... Treble	†HAROLD C. R. VINE ... 4
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 2	ARTHUR G. CHUBB ... 5
*MAURICE BATTEN ... 3	WILLIAM GROVES ... Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' All are members of the local band.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MISS PEGGY MARSH ... Treble	†PHILIP N. TOCOK ... 4
LIONEL H. PINK ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
HAROLD E. WHITE ... 3	*JOHN B. POWLESLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Peggy Marsh is only 11 years of age.

THURLEIGH, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*REGINALD PARROTT ... Treble	ERNEST ASQUE ... 4
†GEORGE SETH ... 2	DONALD L. COCKINGS ... 5
*J. HAROLD SWEPSTON ... 3	*ALBERT STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

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

EDWARD BUTCHER Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS 4
*GEORGE BROOKER 2	HARRY BISHOP 5
TOM SAUNDERS 3	†WILLIAM H. DARTNALL ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. HONESS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

LYTCHETT MINSTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN B. POWERSLAND ... Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
PHILIP N. TOCCOCK 2	HAROLD E. WHITE 5
*FRANK H. WILLS 3	*SIDNEY F. SIMS Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. WHITE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Rung with 4-6-8 covering. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DODGLAS E. ROWLES ... Treble	DENNIS BROCK 5
*JOHN W. STEWART 2	STEPHEN COOTER, SEN. ... 6
†RONALD F. ALLFORD 3	ARTHUR F. PUTLAND 7
*STEPHEN COOPER, JUN. ... 4	*VAGHAN L. P. DAVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. PUTLAND.

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

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY ANDREWS Treble	GEORGE BAATZ 4
*ROBERT J. LAWRENCE 2	†REGINALD W. PERRY ... 5
CLAUD S. KNOTT 3	WILLIAM G. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal on the bells. All the band are attached to this church.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*LEONARD E. A. DAVIES ... Treble	HUBERT JONES 4
†EDWARD SULLIVAN 2	ARTHUR NASON 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	GEORGE ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the tenor.

BIGBY, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of College, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

HAROLD MORWOOD Treble	MARTIN WALKER 4
RONALD BOWNES 2	*GEORGE BLANCHARD ... 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3	GEORGE L. HALL Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First seven-method peal 'inside.'

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. GIDDINGS Treble	RON HARDING 4
ROY HARDING 2	P. HARDING 5
S. WILTSHIRE 3	W. WHEELER Tenor

Conducted by P. HARDING.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 15 six-scores of Stedman, 23 six-scores of Grandsire and four six-scores of Bob Doubles.

*WILLIAM WEBB Treble	*STANLEY BUNTING 3
*SIDNEY BUNTING 2	ERNEST JAGGARD 4

SIDNEY BROWN Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY BROWN.

First peal on the bells. * First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

SANDAL MAGNA, WAKEFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London, Duke of York, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal Exercise, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

H. SPENCER Treble	E. COTT 4
*A. LAMB 2	J. W. MOXON 5
C. E. NETHERWOOD 3	G. COTT Tenor

Conducted by E. COTT.

* First peal.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's Kent Treble Bob, two of Woodbine and 720 Oxford Treble Bob.

VALENTINE TURRELL ... Treble	ROBERT LANGRIDGE 4
*FREDERICK ROBERTS 2	FREDERICK TURRELL 5
VICTOR GOACHER 3	WILLIAM DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by W. DENMAN.

* First peal.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

ALDENHAM.—On May 2nd for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bishop 1, A. Wootton 2, Rev. P. Buries 3, O. Evans 4, C. H. Horton (conductor) 5, W. Inwood 6, W. Gilks 7, W. Lawrence 8. First quarter-peal by treble and tenor ringers, and first 'inside' by 3rd ringer.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: O. Bond 1, Mrs. R. Blaby 2, R. Blaby 3, F. G. Briggs 4, E. Timpson 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, R. Biggs (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by the ringers of 1, 2 and 5.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sunday, May 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Hiscock 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, O. W. Powell 3, G. H. Whitmore 4, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, H. G. Keeley 6, F. E. Blackmore 7, E. Hawker 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by E. Hawker.

PATLERSBURY, NORTHANTS.—On April 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Smart 1, B. Smart 2, F. Webb 3, J. Foster 4, E. Smart (conductor) 5, P. Foster 6. First quarter-peal and first attempt by the local band.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On April 17th at St. Mary Magdalene's Church for Holy Eucharist service, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, W. Aley (first quarter-peal) 2, S. Clark 3, B. Copping 4, L. Cordell 5, V. Tipton 6, W. Wheeler 7, E. Rochester (first as conductor) 8.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, April 11th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. Alfrey 1, E. Rapley 2, C. Wood 3, T. Adams 4, H. Wood 5, W. Wicks 6, R. Wood 7, R. Wood, jun. (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 2.

ADWICK-LE-STREET.—At St. Lawrence's Church for evening service on April 4th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Lewis (first quarter) 1, H. H. Goodale (conductor) 2, F. P. Newton 3, W. Fay 4, C. Nottage 5, I. Hampshire 6.

CORONATION JOY BELLS.

MORE RECORDS OF THE CELEBRATION.

Another attempt for the Coronation peal at St. Paul's Cathedral is to be made to-morrow. On Saturday week, the peal of Stedman Cinques came to grief after two and a half hours' ringing.

By a printer's error the peal on Coronation Day at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was described last week as Grandsire Cinques. The peal was Stedman Cinques. As a matter of fact, it is over 40 years ago—to be precise, on December 28th, 1896—that the last peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung there.

Among those who took part in the Coronation peal were Messrs. Walker, Mansell and Paddon Smith, who also rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's for the Coronation of King George V. and Queen Mary, on June 22nd, 1911—the only twelve-bell peal rung on that date.

For a united service held on Coronation Day at St. Mary's Church, Fairford, a quarter-peal of Minor in different methods was rung after meeting short for Triples, viz., Double Court, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob: B. Guy 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, W. A. Law 3, E. Cooper 4, H. Accock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Old Church, Smethwick, Birmingham: T. Johnson 1, C. Hastings 2, R. Willetts 3, D. T. Matkin 4, S. O'C. Holloway (conductor) 5, F. Masters 6. All except the ringer of the 4th are members of the local band, and it was their second attempt for a quarter-peal.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was begun at St. James' Church, Taunton, at 6 a.m.: B. T. Holt (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Hunt 2, W. T. Jeanes (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 3, A. A. Walker 4, A. H. Reed 5, H. Bungay 6, W. G. Gigg (conductor) 7, T. Jarman 8. At 9 a.m. a start was made for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, but a shift occurred in the last course of the 3rd part. J. Hunt has now rung for three Coronations.

SUFFOLK RINGING.

Ringling commenced at Halesworth, Suffolk, at 7 a.m. A royal salute was 'fired' on the bells, and touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major and Triples were rung. The ringing was continued at intervals throughout the day.

At Wissett, too, the six bells were fired at 7 a.m. and touches of Grandsire Doubles rung by the local band at intervals until 3 p.m.

Ringling, which began at 9 a.m., carried on until 6 p.m. at Chediston, Suffolk, while at Wenhamston the bells rang before and after the united service at the Parish Church.

The newly-formed young band at Ramburgh rang the five bells in call changes and 'fired' a royal salute. Many touches were rung on the eight bells during the day at Southwold.

A Coronation touch was rung at Highclere, Hants, after evening service on Sunday, May 16th. It was 720 Bob Minor after meeting short for Triples: Miss Irene Knapp 1, A. Challice 2, Miss Doris Honeywell 3, P. Batchell 4, F. Knapp (conductor) 5, G. Chesterman 6.

Seven members of one family took part at Appleton, Berks, in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): F. S. White 1, F. C. White 2, G. Holfield, sen. 3, H. C. White 4, F. Messenger 5, A. H. White 6, C. G. White 7, G. Holfield, jun. (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10.

KING'S EMPLOYEES RING PEAL.

The only peal of bells on the King's Sandringham estate is at Dersingham (a mile from Sandringham), and it was fitting that a peal should be rung there on Coronation Day. The peal was rung by the regular Sunday service ringers, most of whom work on the estate. The Vicar took part in the peal.

The Coronation peal on the new bells at Croydon Parish Church was rung by twelve members of the regular Sunday service band, of whom six rang their first peal on twelve bells and one other his first ever. This is a good 'send-off' for the peal ringing history of this fine ring, the product of the local foundry.

A peal at Kidsgrove, Staffs, was in honour of the centenary of the church as well as of the Coronation.

At Moorside, Oldham, the Coronation peal, rung on May 10th, was also in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Crossland, of New Earth Street, Oldham.

The ringers of the Priory Church of St. Mary, Lancaster, must be a proud band. Their peal of Grandsire Triples on Coronation Day was the first peal by all the band.

At Willesden on May 11th, 1,440 Spliced Bristol, London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major: F. B. Bartley 1, J. A. Trollope 2, J. H. Riding 3, T. J. Lock 4, Miss K. M. Bradford 5, C. C. Mayne 6, H. Kilby 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt for the same methods.

At Kilmersdon, Somerset, a quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of three six-scores of Plain Bob, three of Old Doubles and 42 Grandsire: E. Connock (first quarter-peal) 1, H. K. Rhymer 2, R. W. Rhymer (conductor) 3, W. Johnson 4, E. H. Nash 5, F. Dredge (first quarter-peal) 6.

EARLY BELLS.

Ringling began at 6.10 a.m. at St. James Church, Taunton, with a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. T. Holt 1, J. Hunt 2, T. Jeanes 3, A. Walker 4, A. H. Reed 5, H. Bungay 6, W. G. Gigg (conductor) 7, S. Jarman 8.

At Selby Abbey ringling began at 5.45 a.m. when an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. This, however, came to grief owing to a 'change course' after 1½ hours' ringling, but afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, with F. Cryer taking the place of W. Terry, of Hemingbrough: F. Cryer (Selby) 1, Mrs. E. Bradley 2, Miss M. D. Hawley 3, F. Terry (Hemingbrough) 4, R. H. Vigor 5, H. S. Morley, conductor (Selby) 6, E. Bradley 7, T. H. Foster (Selby) 8. Ringers of 2, 3, 5 and 7 from Sherburn-in-Elmet.

The peal at Hethersett, Norfolk, was begun at 6.17 a.m. It was rung by the local company, with the inclusion of the hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association as conductor.

Messrs. Cotton, Dexter and Taylor, who took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques on the new ring of twelve bells at Leicester Cathedral, rang in peals in the same tower for the Coronations of King Edward VII. and King George V.

The bells at Apsley End, Herts, went into changes at six minutes to six a.m. and came round at 8.38. That was an early start. At the conclusion of the peal the bells were fired.

One of the earliest peals in the area of the North Staffordshire Association was rung at Norton, where seven Surprise methods were begun at 6.40 a.m.

A HAPPY COINCIDENCE.

Mr. John Flint, of Bolsover, rang his 500th peal on Coronation Day—a very happy coincidence. It was also the 150th peal which he and Mr. Jesse Moss had rung together.

The first peal of Stedman Triples in West Dorset ever rung by a local band was scored at Lyme Regis, under the conductorship of the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Cox). The band are all Sunday service ringers and three of them rang their first peal of Stedman.

The treble to a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Lindley, Huddersfield, was rung by Geoffrey Gee, a 16-year-old youth, who thus rang his first peal after only six months' training. He had never rung the method before, and his striking roused the admiration of the whole band.

The local band at Evershot, Dorset, rang a peal of Doubles in seven methods, and special credit is due to Maurice Batten, who scored his first peal at the first attempt. He was 15 years 14 days old on Coronation Day and only learned to handle a bell 16 months ago.

The band who rang the peal at Monk Bretton, Yorks, afterwards went on to Barnsley and were hospitably entertained by Mr. C. D. Potter.

Prior to 8 a.m. Communion service, at Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. E. Rayson 1, H. Harris 2, J. Draycott 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, P. Stone 5, J. Gibbons 6, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 7, J. E. Moreton 8.

At Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): A. Lawrence 1, R. G. Townsend 2, S. Palmer 3, W. W. T. Daniel 4, H. W. Bishop 5, W. B. Kyuaston (conductor) 6, A. G. Wells 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, E. J. Berry 9, A. E. W. Smith 10.

At St. Mary's Church, Southampton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,331 changes): J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 1, H. Smith 2, E. J. Trimmer 3, R. Curtis 4, N. Curtis 5, L. M. Squires 6, F. Mursell 7, H. Reeves 8, E. Brown 9, J. Elliott 10. Roy Faithfull was the reserve for the occasion.

A HALF-PEAL

At Ottery St. Mary, Devon, on Coronation Day, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, 2,520 changes (the first half of Holt's Ten-Part), was rung in 1 hour 34 minutes: Victor Pyne 1, John H. Godfrey, jun. 2, Lewis Hine 3, Charles J. Turner (conductor) 4, John H. Godfrey 5, Edward Marks 6, John Arbury 7, Robert Wood 8. It was the longest touch of Grandsire for all the band with the exception of the 5th and 7th ringers.

Three local ringers scored their first quarter-peal at Bray, Berks, on May 12th, when 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung by N. Tomalin 1, W. Clark 2, F. J. Russell (conductor) 3, B. G. Ludlow 4, H. W. Russell 5, J. Hine 6. It was the first quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2 and 6, and all the band are regular service ringers at this church, where the tenor is 27 cwt. and the bell frame is supported on stanchions carried up from the ground floor.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at All Saints' Church, Weston, Bath: R. Brewer (first quarter-peal) 1, G. H. Cross, sen. 2, G. H. Cross (first quarter-peal away from treble) 3, G. Brewer 4, S. S. Woodburn (conductor) 5, G. Drew 6.

At Chattham, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Norris 1, H. Poulter 2, D. T. Hills 3, F. G. Southgate 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, C. E. J. Norris 6, W. A. J. Knight 7, G. Lawrence 8.

After ringling for service at 8.45 a.m., the ringers of Manaccan, Cornwall, met again at 2 p.m. for a peal of Doubles. The conductor, Mr. J. Ninnies, whose first attempt at conducting a peal it was, had unfortunately a badly sprained ankle. However, he gallantly made the attempt, but after half an hour he was only able to stand on one foot. In spite of this, he went on to call the bells round to a splendid quarter-peal (1,260 changes). All 10 callings were used—a very creditable performance at a first attempt with a dog 'gnawing at your foot': O. Lovesy 1, C. F. Jerram 2, R. Vague 3, E. Cossentine 4, J. Ninnies 5, J. Vague 6.

As a prelude to the Coronation festivities at Crawley, Sussex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: C. Charlton 1, Reginald V. Johnson 2, Miss F. Whymman 3, Cecil Ince 4, K. Snelling 5, N. Elliott 6, O. Sippetts (conductor) 7, W. Diplock 8.

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YOUNGEST CORONATION PEAL RINGERS.

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Miss Peggy Marsh, of Lytchett Matravers, Dorset, is probably the youngest ringer to ring a peal on Coronation Day. She is only eleven years of age and is to be congratulated on ringing her first peal upon such an auspicious occasion. She had rung her first quarter-peal two days earlier, for a Confirmation service. In both she rang the treble and the method was Grandsire Doubles.

Another young ringer to score his first peal during the Coronation celebrations was Reginald W. Collis, of Croft, Leicestershire, who, at 13 years of age, rang the treble to a peal of Doubles in five methods. Harry Cheesman scored his first peal at the age of 14, at Banstead, on May 17th; and it was a peal of Stedman Triples, too.

The Coronation peal rung at St. Giles', Camberwell, by the London County Association was also as a compliment to the Master of the association, Mr. T. H. Taffender, who had received direct from His Majesty the King the King's Coronation Medal for his service as a senior supervising officer in the General Post Office.

LOYAL SENTIMENTS ON OLD BELLS.

At Pavenham, Beds, where a Coronation peal was rung on the five bells on May 15th, the 2nd bell is inscribed, 'God save the Queen, 1602,' and the tenor, 'God save the King.'

The Coronation peal at Mullion, Cornwall, was the first peal on the bells. The peal of Doubles at Rampisham, Dorset, was also the first peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

A quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor was rung at St. Margaret's Church, Barley, Herts: V. Lee 1, W. Chapman (first 'inside') 2, W. Mannfield 3, H. Howard 4, W. Tack 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.

On May 15th at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, Cirencester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 1, H. L. Cooke 2, Miss Kathleen E. Fletcher 3, Miss Dorothy R. Fletcher 4, H. C. Bond 5, H. S. Parsons 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. G. Cook 8. Misses Fletcher are from Beaconsfield, Bucks.

At St. Katherine's Church, Merstham, Surrey, 720 Bob Minor: Alec Cheasely 1, George Welch 2, Charles Killick 3, Bernard H. Wells 4, Robert Andrews 5, James Batters (conductor) 6. Afterwards the bells were 'fired' and lowered in peal.

For 10 a.m. service at Burnham, Bucks, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Bob Major by local band: M. A. Blamey 1, P. A. Blamey 2, J. E. Taylor 3, C. A. Burgess 4, B. O'Neill 5, G. W. Limmer 6, G. H. Limmer 7, G. Gilbert 8. From 8 a.m. until 8 a.m. early celebration, touches of Little Bob, Kent and Bob Major were rung by the same band.

In the evening at Hitcham, Bucks, a quarter-peal of Minor (consisting of 720 Plain Bob, 360 Canterbury Pleasure and 180 Single Oxford): H. Webb 1, Miss J. A. Blackman (Wokingham) 2, A. J. N. Rance (Binfield) 3, W. C. Woodley 4, R. W. Walker 5, J. E. Taylor (Burnham) (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Minor by 1, 3 and 4, who are local men.

The Coronation peal at Barton-on-Humber on May 15th was also rung as a compliment to Miss M. Eayres and Mr. G. Johnson, both members of the local band, on the occasion of their marriage, and in honour of the birth of a son to Mrs. H. J. Chapman, wife of another local ringer, who took part in the peal.

A band who had arranged a Coronation peal at Stamford, Lincs, on Whit Monday, looked like being one short for the attempt, but Mr. W. H. Smith stepped into the breach at the last moment to ring the treble, and the peal was successful. The rest of the company are grateful to Mr. Smith for his kindness.

CITY WITHOUT BELLS.

The city of Ely was without bells for Coronation Day. The ring of eight at St. Mary's Church are silent, as the foundation beams and frame have been condemned, and it is feared that ringing would damage the tower. It is hoped a restoration may soon be undertaken, but matters have been delayed, as the parish at present is without a Vicar.

The peal rung at Marlow, Bucks, for the Coronation was the first in the tower for 33 years!

The band which rang the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on May 15th, in honour of the Coronation, was practically a 'local' band, Mr. J. Ridyard, who hails from Southport, being the only member who could not be strictly termed 'local.'

It is interesting to recall that the last occasion on which a local band rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Nicholas' was for the late Queen Alexandra's funeral (November 28th, 1925). Messrs. Newton, Hammond, Cave, Davies and Caunce were in both peals.

A quarter-peal of Bob Major in honour of the Coronation was rung at Overseale, Derbyshire, on Whit Sunday for evensong: H. C. Adams 1, G. W. Clayfield 2, L. Freeman 3, W. Brooker 4, W. E. Clayfield 5, P. W. Grice 6, J. W. Cotton 7, W. H. Curson 8. First quarter-peal of Major by the local band.

A touch of 1,764 Grandsire Triples was rung on May 15th at Harwell, Berks, to commemorate the Coronation: H. Bishop 1, W. V. Webb 2, G. F. James 3, W. Lambell 4, R. G. Rice (conductor) 5, E. R. Robey 6, J. Nobes 7, E. Mulford 8.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Coronation Day at Hatfield, Herts: R. Young 1, A. Shepherd (conductor) 2, S. W. Cull 3, J. G. Dunham 4, W. T. Holmes 5, H. Nobbs 6, A. R. Lawrence 7, L. V. Cull 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Maurice Atkins was a sufferer from the failure of the Cambridge University Guild to pay the affiliation fee for its representatives on the Central Council. He broke his holiday in Devonshire and travelled all the way to Canterbury—for nothing.

We regret to record the sudden death of one of the band of ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia. Mr. J. Birtles, who was a native of Great Budworth, Cheshire, expired suddenly while attending a dog show on Easter Monday.

If anyone should ask Messrs. John Worth and Wilfred Stevenson, of Macclesfield, what they think of the view of the Manchester Ship Canal from Warrington Swing Bridge, they will be surprised at the lack of these ringers' appreciation of a wonderful piece of engineering.

They had been invited to take part in the Coronation peal at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, and were held up en route at the bridge for 20 solid minutes. They arrived finally at the tower just in time to hear the bells break into rounds.

Albert Tyler, a son of the late Mr. Jesse Tyler, who rang the treble to a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, is only 14 years of age and has just left Redcliffe School. His only two previous peals have also been Stedman Cinques.

Among the visitors to this country for the Coronation are the Ven. Archdeacon Blackwood and Mrs. Blackwood, of Hobart, Tasmania. The Archdeacon is Vicar of Holy Trinity, where two peals were rung on the Australian tour in 1934, and the tourists are looking forward to meeting these visitors before they return to the other side of the world. This week they have been spending a day or two with Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson at Surfleet.

The King has been pleased to acknowledge through his private secretary a letter of loyal assurances on the occasion of their Majesties' Coronation sent by the St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, Society.

Mr. Tom Fowler, of Cookham, a well-known member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, won the 75 yards race for grandfathers, starting from scratch, at the local Coronation festivities. His prize was a bread knife. A few years ago he won two pairs of hair brushes in one day—and he was as bald then as he is now!

LOST PEALS.

HOW MANY FAILURES?

In due course reports of all the peals rung in celebration of the Coronation will be published in these columns. Up to the present we have received records of over 200.

It would add interest in the activities of ringers on this historic occasion if it were possible to ascertain how many Coronation peals were lost. Will our readers help us to do this by sending a postcard in all cases where a peal was lost, stating

Date of attempt
Place
Method
Time rung
Cause of failure?

CAMBRIDGE U.G. OFFICIALS' APOLOGY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May we, through the medium of your paper, express our regret that, owing to an oversight, the Cambridge University Guild was blacklisted at the recent Central Council meeting for non-payment of subscription.

We tender our apologies to all concerned, and especially to the Guild's representatives.

ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH, Master.

MICHAEL B. SHAW, Hon. Secretary.

THE PEAL AT ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I find that I made an erroneous claim in connection with the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal rung at Walthamstow on April 24th, as about six years ago a similar peal was rung on the bells. I should, of course, have known better, but I was 'aided and abetted' in this error by some ringers in the earlier peal. I rather fancy they imagined the date to be April 1st instead of the 24th. With apologies to all concerned.

C. T. COLES.

SCHOOLBOYS' QUARTER-PEAL.

At East Buckland, Devon, on May 3rd, the West Buckland School Guild of Ringers rang a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 660 of Stedman and 600 of Grandsire rung in alternate six-scores: J. A. Turner 1, P. R. Dale 2, H. L. Morgan 3, E. V. Westcott 4, the Rev. J. E. B. Andrews (conductor) 5, F. P. W. Bray 6.

First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 6, and first quarter-peal 'inside' by ringer of 4th. It was the first quarter-peal in two methods, or in either Grandsire or Stedman, by any of the band.

The boys have been ringing Stedman since February, but they rang their first 120 of Grandsire only last week.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ATTENDANCE AT THE CANTERBURY MEETING REGISTER OF METHODS ESTABLISHED.

The meeting of the Central Council at Canterbury on Whitsun Tuesday was held in the Chapter House of the Cathedral. Mr. E. H. Lewis (president) occupied the chair, and the following members were present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck.
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Brown, J. T. Dyke, J. Hunt.
Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. King.
Cambridge University Guild: Messrs. E. M. Atkins, E. H. Lewis.
Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. Crawley, H. Parker.
Devon Guild: Mr. T. Laver.
East Derbyshire and Notts Association: Mr. T. Clarke.
Ely Diocesan Association: Messrs. C. W. Cook, F. Warrington, Miss K. Willers.
Essex Association: Messrs. E. J. Butler, G. R. Pye, L. W. Wiffen.
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. W. B. Kynaston.
Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. L. Grover, A. C. Hazleden, A. H. Pulling.
Hertford County Association: Mr. W. Ayre.
Kent County Association: Messrs. J. H. Cheesman, T. Groombridge, F. M. Mitchell, T. E. Sone.
Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson.
Lancashire Association: Messrs. W. H. Shaker, L. J. Williams, T. B. Worsley.
Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Messrs. J. Bray, R. Richardson.
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. W. Jones, C. H. Peiry.
London County Association: Messrs. F. E. Dawe, T. H. Taffender, J. A. Waugh.
Middlesex County Association: Messrs. C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. Hollier, W. G. Wilson.
Midland Counties Association: Messrs. A. J. Harris, J. H. Swinfield, E. Denison Taylor.
Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. L. Coleman, F. Nolan Golden.
North Staffs and District Association: Mr. A. Thompson.
Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Messrs. A. D. Barker, A. E. Lock, R. H. Post.
Oxford Society: Mr. W. G. Collett.
Oxford University Society: The Rev. C. E. Wigg.
Romney Marsh and District Guild: Mr. P. Page.
St. Martin's Guild: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild: The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. S. H. Hillier, C. H. Jennings, F. W. Romaine.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. Gilbert, J. Parker, G. W. Steere.
Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. B. Horton, H. Knight.
Suffolk Guild: Rev. E. Drake, Mr. C. Mee.
Surrey Association: Messrs. W. Claydon, D. Cooper, C. H. Kippin.
Sussex County Association: Mr. H. R. Butcher.
Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild: Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis.
Truro Diocesan Guild: Mr. C. Lanxon.
Warwickshire Guild: Messrs. D. H. Argyle, F. W. Perrons.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. Pullinger, F. W. Rogers, G. Williams.
Worcester and Districts Association: Mr. J. D. Johnson.
Yorkshire Association: Messrs. J. Hardcastle, P. J. Johnson, S. P. Palmer.

Honorary members: Messrs. W. A. Cave, G. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, J. H. B. Hesse, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner, A. Walker, S. H. Wood, E. Alex. Young.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL.

After the Council had been welcomed by Canon Helmore, the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) reported that the Council had now 50 affiliated societies, entitled to elect 138 members. The total elected was 135. There were 15 honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid except those of the Durham and Newcastle, North Wales and North Notts Associations and Cambridge University Guild (of which the president is one of the representatives).

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said it was unfortunate that the Cambridge University Guild subscription had not been paid. It made it impossible under the rules for the president to speak or vote at that meeting, because he was a representative of the Guild. That was an impossible position for the Council to be in, and in order to regularise the situation he had great pleasure in proposing that the president be elected an honorary member of the Council.

Mr. S. H. Wood, in seconding, said, as a member of the Cambridge University Guild, he would like to express regret that the omission of the Guild had placed the president in that rather unfortunate situation.

The motion was carried with applause.

The President proposed that a message of loyalty and congratulation be sent to the King upon his Coronation.

The text of the message (which was carried by acclamation), together with the King's reply, was published in our last issue.

On the motion of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. C. F. Johnston, the following retiring hon. members were re-elected: The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. A. A. Hughes, E. C. S. Turner and S. H. Wood.

Two members attending a Council meeting for the first time were presented to the president.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall (Yorkshire Association), the Rev. E. V. Cox (Devon Guild), the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (Bath and Wells Association), Messrs. R. G. Black (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), H. Barton (Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), G. Chester (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), G. Lindoff (Irish Association), W. H. J. Hooton, hon. Librarian (Midland Counties Association), S. E. Armstrong (Sussex County Association), G. R. Newton (Lancashire Association), E. P. Duffield (Essex Association), C. J. Sedgley (Suffolk Guild), A. E. Sharnan (Bedfordshire Association), K. Thacker (North Staffs and District Association), W. Saunders (Shropshire Association), G. E. Barrett (Norwich Diocesan Association), S. H. Symonds (Suffolk Guild), W. T. Cockerill (Ancient Society of College Youths), F. Colclough (North Staffs Association), C. H. Woodberry (Worcestershire Association), W. J. Davidson and W. H. Barber (Durham and Newcastle Association), H. E. C. Goodenough and C. W. Woolley (Hertford County Association), Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. C. W. Roberts (hon. members).

LOSSES BY DEATH.

The President referred to the loss of members and past members by death. They included the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, an hon. member of the Council from 1892 to 1928, and president from 1918 to 1920. The President said they all knew Mr. Boughey so well that he need say little about him at that moment, except, possibly, to refer to his extraordinary capacity for teaching young ringers both on handbells and in the tower. A great many of his pupils had occupied positions of importance in the Exercise, particularly among the clergy.

Others who had passed on were the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, representative of the Kent County Association and afterwards an hon. member, a member of the Council 1891-1932; Mr. F. Wilford, Central Northants and Peterborough Associations, a member of the Council 1904-1936; Mr. A. Coppock, Midland Counties Association and Sherwood Youths, a member of the Council 1924-1935; Mr. J. Phillips, Lincoln Guild, a member of the Council 1932-1935; Mr. H. S. Ellis, St. James' Society, a member of the Council 1912-1914; Mr. R. J. Dave, Sussex Association, a member of the Council 1909-1911; Mr. A. E. Wrecks, Lancashire Association, a member of the Council 1895-1896; and Mr. G. W. Stokes, Sussex Association, who was elected last year but never had the opportunity of attending a meeting.

Referring to the late Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the Rev. H. Drake mentioned that he was one of two famous brothers who served on the Council. Only a year or two before he died he gave a new treble bell to Stoke-by-Clare tower, had the bells rehung and taught a band of ringers.

The members stood for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect.

The minutes of the last meeting, held in London, having been printed, were taken as read, and adopted.

'GLOSSARY' STOCK TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

The report of the hon. Librarian was presented by the hon. secretary. It was as follows: The thanks of the Council are due to the following persons for gifts to the library: Canon Elsee (through Mr. Peter Crook); 'Carillons of Belgium and Holland' (Gorham Rice, 1915); 'Curiosities of the Belfry' (Briscoe, 1883); Church Bells of Leicestershire (North), Suffolk (North), Warwickshire (Tilley and Walters), Mr. R. A. Daniell: Note book, photo of Stedman's will. Mr. J. A. Trollope: 'Church Bells' ('Arts of the Church' series).

The only purchase has been a copy of the 'Tintinnologia' reprint. The library list is being revised.

As far as publications are concerned, I should be glad to have instructions for the disposal of 962 copies of the 'Glossary.' These might be sold at a reduced price if the Council thinks it advisable to circulate a book containing much out-of-date matter.

Stocks of the following books are exhausted: 'Rules and Decisions,' 'Model Rules for a Local Company,' 'Preservation of Bells.' The two latter are in demand and should be reprinted, while the stock of the 'Plain Major and Cater Methods' book is getting low.

The new book of 'Doubles and Minor Methods' and the book on the 'Law Affecting Church Bells' are in the press.

Two orders for books came from Australia, and a letter from Sydney asking for information about patent clappers for practice.

More than one inquiry for a book on double-handed handbell ringing had been received.

The secretary reported that the Standing Committee had considered the various recommendations in the Librarian's report. As to the disposal of the 962 copies of the 'Glossary,' the committee recommended that they be offered to associations free of charge, on payment of carriage, as it was thought they might be given away by the associations to people who would benefit from their use.

BOOKS TO BE REPRINTED.

With regard to 'Model Rules for a Local Company' and 'The Preservation of Bells,' the committee recommended that the reprinting be undertaken, and asked the Council to allow the committee to decide what number shall be printed, as they first wanted to make

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THE FATE OF 'THE GLOSSARY.'

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an estimate of the likely demand. As to a book on double-handed hand-bell ringing, the committee recommended that it be left to the officers to consider. The committee also recommended that a further supply of 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners' be printed.

The Rev. H. Drake suggested that the remaining copies of the 'Glossary' be destroyed. It did not seem to be right, he said, that they, as a Council, should continue to publish a book which the librarian said contained much that was out of date. Far too many were printed to start with, and he thought the best thing to do was to destroy the old copies and start making a new Glossary.

Mr. E. Alex. Young seconded the proposal, pro forma.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said although the 'Glossary' was not entirely accurate, it contained very much useful information. The committee's proposal was that they should make use of it by distributing it free, on payment of postage, and that, he thought, the Council should do.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the 'Glossary,' as far as it was a glossary, was one of the best books ever published by the Council. It was the work of Earle Bulwer, who devoted an enormous amount of research work to the compilation of the book. What was out of date about it was the final chapter, which consisted of about a quarter of the book; that was written before sufficient was known about the subject. The 'Glossary' itself was one of the best books the Council had ever issued.

Only the proposer voted for the motion to destroy the copies and all the recommendations of the committee were adopted, together with the suggestion of Mr. S. H. Wood that the final chapter of the 'Glossary' should be stamped 'out of date.'

THE PRESIDENT'S 'SHOP.'

The librarian's accounts showed that £18 18s. 2d. had been received from the sale of publications, and in addition 18s. from the Durham and Newcastle Association and 18s. 5d. from the president of the Council—making a total of £20 14s. 7d. After paying expenses there was a balance on the year of £14 3s. 5d.

The President said in the accounts he was down as an agent, having sold 18s. 5d. worth of books. It might interest members to know that he took a bagful of books with him to the annual meeting of the Kent County Association and opened a 'shop.' In about ten minutes he had 18s. 5d. in his pocket. He recommended that course of action to other members. There were still a number of copies of publications out on sale or return, and in these cases the librarian did not know what sales had been made, as there had been no return.

The hon. secretary said Mr. A. E. Sharman, of the Bedfordshire Association, had presented to the library a book written by Mr. Charles Herbert, of Woburn, containing all the 40,320 changes of Bob Major.

A vote of thanks was passed to all donors of books to the library.

FINANCIAL.

The statement of the Council's accounts was submitted by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, who is hon. treasurer. The receipts were as follow: Balance, Whitson, 1936, £68 16s. 3d.; affiliation fees, 1935-36 arrears, 10s.; 1936-37, £30 15s.; subscriptions, hon. members, £1 10s.; interest on Conversion Stock £2 9s. 8d.; interest on Consols, £2 10s. 4d.; sale of publications, £14 3s. 5d. The expenditure included: Publications, £1 1s. 1d.; 'Tintinnalogia' reprint, 6s.; Carter ringing machine (fees and expenses), £1 3s.; advertisements, £2 2s.; stationery, printing and postage, £10 9s.; Ringers' Directory, 2s.; balance in hand, £105 11s. 7d. The market value of the investments was £141 19s.

The accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles (auditors).

CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young, as a trustee, reported on the Carter Ringing Machine. The machine had been examined, and although it showed signs of wear, they detected no particular fault. On account of alterations being carried out at the Museum, it could not be run on power, but the demonstrator revolved it by hand and it ran over a plain course of Grandsire.

Mr. Hughes, the other trustee, seconded the report, which was adopted.

The President said he had had a letter from Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedburgh, Yorks, who regretted that, owing to the distance, he could not bring his machine to Canterbury for demonstration. As he could not travel more than 20 miles an hour when conveying the machine, it would take him three days to do the journey. He hoped, however, to be able to demonstrate the machine to the Council at some time when they came north.

The Standing Committee reported that they had considered the agenda and recommendations thereon had been or would be placed before the Council.—This was adopted on the motion of the secretary, seconded by Mrs. Fletcher.

PEAL COLLECTION DELAYED.

The hon. secretary said he had received a letter from Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, dated May 12th, in which he said that owing to several members of the Peals Committee not having yet returned their selection of peals, he was still unable to hand in the completed collection.

This letter was adopted as the report of the committee, on the motion of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. W. H. Hollier.

AN AUTHOR'S RIGHT TO A METHOD.

The report of the Methods Committee was as follows: At the last session of the Council we reported that the MSS. of the book on Surprise Major Methods and the third edition of the Minor Methods

Collection had been handed over. The Council has already approved publication of these and it awaits favourable financial conditions.

During the past year the question has again been raised of forming a Register of Methods. We wish to point out that the committee has in working order a scheme by which all methods can be tabulated and indexed, and any information regarding them can be obtained in a very few minutes. This scheme will be explained in detail at Canterbury and the assistance of the Council asked in making it operative.

The MS. collection given by the committee to the Council's library at Shrewsbury contains 817 of the best of the Surprise methods, complete with a full lead, diagram, false course-ends and a comprehensive collection of suitable peal compositions. These are arranged on a plan by which any method can readily be turned up once the places in it are known.

In addition the committee has a manuscript collection containing several thousands of Surprise methods and other members of the Exercise (notably Mr. Driver and Mr. Lindoff) have large and more or less exhaustive collections.

There is, therefore, no lack of methods, and any information respecting them will readily be given to any ringers or band asking for it.

But perhaps that is not what is asked for. It seems that what some people want is a scheme by which, when a man has worked out a method which he has reason to believe has not previously been rung or published, he can register a claim to it as his composition and property. If that is what is wanted we fear it cannot be done. It might have been possible years ago when every method was considered to be a separate thing, each with its own composer and owner, but a study of the mathematical laws which control method construction has shown that methods are not independent, but that the existence of one implies the existence of many more. We cannot separate methods and say that this one is the composition of A and that of B, this one belongs to C and that to D.

Given the existence of Stedman's Imperial Bob, such methods as Norfolk and Peterborough and Cornwall and many others automatically follow. Cambridge and Yorkshire were undoubtedly composed quite independently of each other, yet a man who knows the construction of Cambridge knows that Yorkshire must exist and that its lead ends and rows must be thus and not otherwise. It would be absurd to give to the man who first composed a method the credit for all those which spring from it about which he knew nothing, and it is impossible to consider any man as the author of a method which could have been got from an older one by merely mechanical means, no matter how it actually was got. Further, during the last 30 years many clever men have been working at methods, some on comprehensive and exhaustive lines. Their work overlaps and the same method may and probably has been composed by several persons. Between them it is not possible to distinguish. The old test of priority of publication altogether breaks down, for the vast numbers have never been published, yet no one can say they have not been composed. If A writes out a method on Monday and B works out the same on Saturday, quite independently, it is difficult to see why A should be considered the exclusive owner, especially as he may merely have more or less blindly written out some figures while B had worked on some definite plan. Therefore, even if a man could prove that he was the first to write out the lead of any method, we cannot see that he has acquired any ownership or proprietary right.

We must, however, emphasise the fact that this does not diminish the credit which rightly belongs to those men who have made so many good methods available for the Exercise. These men have the right to claim that they have composed methods. It is the claim to ownership and exclusive rights that fails.

Mr. J. A. Trollope formally moved the adoption of the report and Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded. The latter remarked that the committee had the proofs of the new edition of the Doubles and Minor book in hand, and they hoped it would be on the market very soon. They noted that the librarian had reported that the Plain Major methods was nearly sold out. The committee would take the reprinting of it in hand.

The report was adopted.

AN INDEX FOR METHODS.

Mr. S. H. Wood moved the following recommendation on behalf of the committee: That in order to assist the Council in keeping up to date a Register of Methods which have been rung, the secretaries of affiliated associations be asked to forward to the Council the figures of any method rung for the first time and the composition, together with particulars of first performance. Mr. Wood said that practically as long as he could remember, speaking campanologically, the Exercise had been calling, about every six months, for two things. The first was a register of compositions and the second a register of methods. So far a register of compositions had been ruled out as impracticable, and, as far as he could see, it would be impracticable for many years to come, for these two reasons: As far as he knew there was no method of working out all the possible compositions of even one method, say Bob Major, and if it was possible to work them all out, was there anybody in that Council who would be prepared to say whether any particular two of them were the same compositions, or variations, or different compositions?

In regard to methods, however, they were on very different ground. There was nothing to prevent somebody writing out all the possible

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Surprise Major methods, except that it would probably take longer than one man's lifetime; but it was a perfectly straightforward job. Although, perhaps, no one in that room was prepared to say how many there were, there was a definite number. Unlike compositions, there was no question of any two methods being the same; therefore, it was possible to have a register of methods. It seemed to him, however, that what was really required was a system of indexing, so that any method could be placed in its proper category and thus avoid two methods being rung under the same name, or two names given to the same method.

There were in existence a number of registers of methods—there was nothing new about that. The Records Committee had a very excellently kept register, which was indexed by names, but if somebody rang a new method and gave it a name there was no simple way of finding out whether those figures had been previously rung under a different name, which was what, it seemed to him, the Exercise really wanted. He had been working on a system lately which would fulfil the requirements. He need not describe the system, but it would be sufficient for the Council to know that if he were given half a lead of a Surprise Major method, he could tell them in less than one minute whether it had been rung before, and, if so, give them details. It was based upon the half-lead end, which was the first of the two rows in which treble lay behind. He had worked out all the possible half lead ends which would give regular methods. There were 1,116 of them, and they were written out in the index.

Mr. Wood proceeded to show by the example of Cambridge how the system worked, and went on to say that the recommendation asked that the Council should be furnished with the details of methods claimed to be rung for the first time, and as soon as they got the figures they would be able to say if they had been rung before. He thought it was clear that if a band wanted to make certain before ringing a new method, that had not been previously rung, they should write to the Council or to him and he would be glad to reply by return of post.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded the motion, which was carried.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

The Council next had before them the report of the Peals Analysis and Records Committee, published in our issue of April 23rd last.

Mrs. Fletcher, in moving its adoption, said that since the publication of the report it had been pointed out that a peal of Bob Minor, published as a non-association peal, had been credited to the Ely Association and this alteration had been made in the records. A peal in seven Surprise Major methods was omitted from the list of new methods and this had now been included.—Mr. G. R. Pye seconded the report.

Mr. A. D. Barker asked for information about the peals of Doubles which had included a method described as Oxford Singles.

The President said they had found out that Oxford Singles was a method with one bell lying eight consecutive blows behind. The Standing Committee had passed a recommendation that the Council regret that such a method should be rung, considering the number of methods there are. He added that with regard to the peal of Minor, in which an odd course of Woodbine Treble Bob had been rung, the Standing Committee recommended that further inquiry be made to ascertain at what stage of the peal this addition was included.

Mr. W. Ayre said the peals which included Oxford Singles were rung for his own association, the Hertford. He intended to bring the matter up before the association and suggest that these peals be deleted from the records.

ADVANTAGES OF HANDBELL PEALS.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards referred to the decrease in the number of handbell peals. The ringing of handbell peals should be encouraged as much as possible. He thought there were three advantages in handbell ringing. First it required a larger amount of skill and that was all to the good of the Exercise and progress. Second, it could be done without any annoyance to the neighbourhood, and, third, it was much easier for four people to meet for repeated attempts than it was for a larger number.

There was also, said Mr. Edwards, a serious decrease in the number of ringers ringing their first peal. So far as the Salisbury Guild, which he represented, was concerned, he was glad to say it was a conspicuous exception. In a large proportion of the peals rung by the Guild there was a ringer who rang his first peal or his first in the method. One other point he had noticed in the report was that seven peals were rung on royal occasions or birthdays and over 200 birthday peals as compliments to one or another of the band. It was very nice and very friendly to have these birthday peals rung, but he thought ringers would do well to consider the attitude of the general public towards it. The public could understand a peal rung for a royal birthday, but a peal for the birthday of an individual ringer appealed to no one outside the band of ringers. Ringers would do well to make the occasion for peals in these days more occasions of public interest (hear, hear).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, referring to the committee's statement that their inquiries as to Oxford Singles had not, at the time of the report, brought forth any information, moved that it be an instruction to the committee that, when necessary information is not forthcoming, when the statistics are made up, the peals should be ignored

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The 63rd annual meeting of the Devonshire Guild was held at Newton Abbot on Whit Monday with a gathering of about 150 members and friends from all the branches of the Guild. A service in St. Leonard's Chapel, conducted by the Rev. C. E. W. Russell, Rector of Wolborough, with Mr. C. R. Walker at the organ, was heartily rendered.

Luncheon was served at the Globe Hotel, followed by the business meeting, with the president (the Rev. E. V. Cox) in the chair. Reference was made to the death of Bishop Cecil, and the meeting stood in silence in respect to his memory as a worthy patron of the Guild. The president announced that his successor, Dr. Curzon, had consented to continue the patronage.

The report and statement of accounts for 1936 as published were adopted. The officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. E. V. Cox; eleven vice-presidents, of whom three were present; general secretary, Mr. T. Laver; general treasurer, Mr. T. G. Bartlett; auditor, Mr. J. C. Oke; and honorary members' representative to committee, Mr. A. Langman. Two places were proposed for the annual meeting in 1938, Cullompton and Plymouth, and on a show of hands Cullompton was chosen by a large majority. Six ringing and one honorary members were elected, and two from Ilfracombe re-elected. Mr. Southwood appealed to representatives of hands to make every effort to rope in young ringers in order to fill vacancies.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. T. C. Walters for his splendid address and the organist and Rectors of Highweek and Kingsteignton were carried with applause. Ringing was kindly permitted at intervals at Wolborough, St. Leonards, Highweek and Kingsteignton.

WIRKSWORTH BELLS RESTORED.

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SOUND.

The rededication of the ring of eight bells at Wirksworth Parish Church, near Derby, was carried out on Friday evening, May 7th, by the Very Rev. Herbert Ham, M.A., F.R.C.O., Provost of Derby Cathedral. Other clergy taking part in the service were the Vicar, the Rev. S. L. Gaiger, B.A., B.D., Canon G. A. Hazlehurst, Rural Dean of Wirksworth, and the Revs. W. J. E. Williams, R. H. S. Currey, M.A., H. Pickles and F. Kelly.

In 1934 the old bell frame and supports were found to be rotten, owing to the ravages of beetle grub, and it was, therefore, decided to discontinue ringing of the bells, except for very special occasions, until such time as the peal was thoroughly restored. This work has now been completed, the bells having been equipped with modern fittings and hung in an entirely new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Particular attention has been paid to the question of the sound of the bells both from the ringers' point of view and also to those residents in the immediate vicinity of the church. In the ringing chamber the sound of the bells is nicely subdued so that they can be tapped in the way which all good strikers delight in, whilst in the churchyard there is no 'shouting down at you' to interfere with the quietest of conversation.

During the rededication the bells were rung by members of the local band—G. H. Bowmer, L. Hanson, T. H. Greatorex, Brian Hilditch, J. Flint, K. Hanson, F. Johnson, B. Greatorex (captain). The Hanson family have been ringers for four generations. Mr. Fred Turner, a local ringer for over 50 years and an octogenarian, was in the belfry during the ringing. The visitors included ringers from Derby, Mallock, Ashover and Loughborough, the contingent from the latter place including Mr. Charles Allsop, a native of Wirksworth, where he first learnt the art of ringing, and he was privileged to call the first touch on the restored peal.

'They've made a fine job' was the general opinion expressed on Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s work.

EDINBURGH RINGERS VISIT NEWCASTLE.

St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Edinburgh, held their annual outing on April 19th, when they visited Newcastle-on-Tyne.

In the morning they rang touches of Grandsire Casters and Stedman Triples at All Saints' Church, Gosforth, and in the afternoon visited St. George's, Jesmond. The most interesting and enjoyable part of the day was a visit to the Cathedral, when they had an opportunity to ring Cinques.

The Newcastle Cathedral ringers gave the Edinburgh visitors a warm welcome and made their visit most enjoyable. It was interesting to meet again Mr. C. L. Routledge, who is an honorary member of St. Mary's Society, and Mr. W. H. Barber, who was conductor at St. Mary's, Edinburgh, for a number of years. The trip was an interesting departure for Scottish ringers.

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and omitted from the Analysis. Mr. Goldsmith said the Council could not expect the committee to hold up their work for the sake of dilatory correspondents, and it was unfair to ask them to expend endless time on seeking information. The Council could be quite sure that the committee would require only reasonable information.

This motion was seconded by Mr. A. Walker and carried, as were also the recommendations of the Standing Committee. The report was adopted, and, on the motion of Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. Pevrins, Mr. Walter Ayre was added to the committee.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

COURT AND DOUBLE COURT BOB.

In these notes a fortnight ago we had something to say about double methods and the grouping of methods. Let us look now at another well-known method which produces a perfect double. It is Court Bob, and it belongs to the group of which Oxford Bob is a member.

If you studied Oxford Bob you will remember that the main feature of its construction was the 4th's place made at each end of the lead as the treble passed up through 2-3 and down through 3-2.

123456	653142
214365	561324
241356	516342
423165	153624

The leads themselves are joined by 2nd's place made when the treble leads its whole pull, causing the two pairs in 3-4 and 5-6 to dodge.

Now Court Bob is exactly like Oxford Bob, without the 2nd's place when the treble leads. Row for row the leads of a plain course are alike in the two methods, except that they are joined by 2nd's in Oxford Bob and 6th's in Court Bob. Those who wish to study the method should be able to write out the course without further instruction and make their own diagram.

When they come to ring it, they will find that the change in the 'link' between the leads cuts out certain dodges and connects up the other work into a different sequence—but the construction of the method is the same.

The double method has the same relationship to the single version as Double Oxford has to Oxford Bob.

Places are made in corresponding places with the treble *above* 3rd's as when it is *below* 4th's. Thus the 4th's when the treble passes through 2-3 and 3-2 is duplicated in 3rd's when the treble passes through 4-5 and 5-4.

But while in Double Oxford there were places in 5th's and 2nd's with the treble behind and leading, respectively, in Double Court (following the example of the single method) there is neither 5th's nor 2nd's. Here again you should, with this information before you, be able to construct your own course and make your diagram. Just try it; the effort to do these things for yourself will enable you to learn much more than having the figures given to you.

This is how the places are made 'across the treble' in Double Court:

214365	645213
241356	465123
423165	641532
243615	614523

The second lead head of Court Bob (rounds being the first) is 135264. The second lead head of Double Court is, therefore, 135264 transposed by 135264, which produces 156342.

Because of the absence of 2nd's place when the treble leads, the calling of these two methods is not the same as Oxford Bob, viz., Wrong, Right and Wrong. As we pointed out recently, methods with 6th's made when the treble leads have as their 'standard' calling 'In, Out and In'—that is, bobs called when the observation bell runs IN to take the treble off, and when it runs OUT from the treble. In the case of Court Bob, if the tenor is the observation bell, the plain 'Out,' that is the 'Out' where there is no bob, comes first (at the 2nd lead) and the first bob 'In' the following lead. In the double method the plain Out comes at the first lead and the first bob 'In' at the fourth lead.

NEW VICAR'S INDUCTION.

On Friday evening, May 7th, at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Aldershot, prior to the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. J. B. Rowsell, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. W. Denyer 1, Miss Doris Viggers 2, F. J. Gower 3, Mrs. M. Eldridge 4, G. W. Challen 5, W. H. Viggers 6, P. L. Eldridge 7, T. E. Denyer (conductor) 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method for all except the ringers of the 1st and 6th.

LATE NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) available 3. Service 4.30 Tea, by invitation of the Rector, at 5 p.m. at the Rectory. Please notify for tea by Wednesday next. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (grand peal of 8) ready at 7. Tea at 5 p.m. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

DEATH OF THE DEAN OF ORIEL COLLEGE.

HIS SERVICES TO RINGING IN OXFORD.

On Wednesday, May 12th, after an illness of some months' duration, the Rev. John Freeman Russell, Lecturer, Fellow and Dean of Oriel College, Oxford, passed to his rest. A contributor has sent us the following appreciation of a most valued personality:—

Mr. Russell's name is one which will be unfamiliar to the majority of the readers of this journal, but he was typical of the best type of clerical ringer. He learnt to ring when he was an undergraduate at Pembroke College, Oxford, and though never an advanced ringer himself, he was a steady striker, and could be relied on in the standard methods.

But those who knew him will remember chiefly his unflinching readiness to help with the teaching and practice of beginners. In this direction there will be many members of the Oxford University Society and of the ringers at Cuddesdon College, who will remember him with gratitude and affection—gratitude for the many hours of unselfish labour which he put in on their behalf, and affection for one who was never impatient, who was always ready to give of his best to those who needed his help, and who was a real friend to all those with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Russell's distinguished academic and clerical career—he was only 39 when he died—would have been considered by a lesser man to have entitled him to a more prominent position in the ringing fraternity; he was, however, one of the most humble of people, and it would have been abhorrent to him to have pushed himself forward in any way. He remained in the background, ready to be of service when wanted.

The present writer desires to acknowledge the debt that he owes to Mr. Russell, from whom he learnt something of how a ringer should behave in the belfry. Mr. Russell never shouted, and never forgot that the belfry is part of the church. When asked to do so, he would conduct a touch, but when not conducting he never interfered; he sought no honour for himself, but was always ready when wanted.

He will be greatly missed by the ringers at Cuddesdon, and by the Oxford Society and the Oxford University Society. For the past two years he had been a vice-president of this latter society.

Those who knew him will feel that they have lost a friend, and the Exercise will be the poorer by the death of one who always put himself last.

BELLS UNUSED FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

RESTORED FOR CORONATION.

Unused for a quarter of a century, the bells of St. Michael's Church, Llanfihangel Rhydithon, Radnorshire, have been restored and augmented and were ready in time to ring for the Coronation.

The present Vicar, the Rev. E. W. Fowler, was inducted twelve months ago. A keen bellringer, he found on his arrival in the parish that the peal of five bells were out of order and had not been rung for 25 years. He launched an appeal for funds to restore the existing five bells and put in a new treble to augment them to six, and on Wednesday, April 28th last, his ambition was realised when the bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon (Dr. John Morgan, D.D.) before a large congregation.

The lessons were read by Canon Griffith Thomas, R.D. (Llandrindod) and Canon T. S. P. Griffiths (Knighton). The Bishop took for his text I. Chronicles xxix., 6. He spoke of the beautifying of the House of God and appealed to all churchworkers to carry on the good work in which they were engaged.

The work of rehanging the existing five bells and adding a new treble was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, and everybody present expressed their pleasure at the 'go' and tone of the restored peal. The new treble weighs 3 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

The opening touch was a six-score of Grandsire Doubles by C. M. Davies 1, B. H. Davies 2, W. D. Griffiths 3, D. H. Bennett (conductor) 4, S. C. Powell 5, S. L. Speake 6. The ringers were the winners of the Swansea and Brecon Guild 1936 bellringing contest. Other ringers were present from Brecon, Talgarth, Kington, New Radnor and Mr. J. H. Sheppard (Swindon) and Mr. J. E. Hyett, Worcester-shire Association Northern Branch secretary, were also present. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were represented by Mr. S. R. Roper.

DEATH OF AN OLD LEICESTERSHIRE RINGER.

We deeply regret to announce the death of John Hutchin Wildman, of Croxton Kerrial, Leicestershire, who passed away on April 22nd after a very short illness.

Mr. Wildman, who was 74 years of age, had been a ringer for 62 years. He was a member of the Framland Deaneries Guild and also a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

He was a good and well-known ringer in the Grantham and Melton Mowbray districts, and as a last token of respect four of his fellow-ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside on Monday, April 26th.

After the funeral service the tower bells were half-muffled, and 720 of both Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung: H. Thorpe (Grantham) 1, Sidney Proctor (Grantham) (conductor) 2, R. Bartram (Melton Mowbray) 3, A. Ward (Bottisford) 4, W. Thorpe (Grantham) 5, P. C. H. R. Woods (Grantham) 6.

BELLS FOR NEW CHURCHES.

BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD'S HOPE.

The ring of six bells at Harthill, Yorks, has been recast and augmented by two trebles by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon.

The old bells varied in dates and were hung in an oak frame which had become unsafe, and the bells themselves formed no kind of nucleus for a satisfactory diatonic scale. They had been silent for some years, and eventually it was decided to make an effort to raise subscriptions in order that the work of recasting and also rehanging in an iron frame could be put in hand and completed in time for the Coronation.

As the parish is not a large one and is mostly agricultural, the self-sacrifice of the parishioners is to be highly commended, whilst special mention should be made of the splendid example set by Mr. H. Garbett, a local gentleman, who has been responsible for raising some hundreds of pounds towards the total expenditure by the production of village pageants, etc.

A large congregation attended the ceremony of dedication, performed by the Bishop of Sheffield (Dr. L. H. Burrows), the seating capacity being taxed to the utmost. The service was conducted by the Rector of Harthill (the Rev. H. R. Everson). Amongst the clergy present were Canon S. T. G. Smith (Attercliffe), the Rev. R. Hodgson (Anston), the Rev. A. D. Alderson (Todwick), the Rev. A. E. Lewis (Thorpe Salvin), the Rev. W. A. Surtees (Maltby) and the Rev. A. M. Selle (Wales), who acted as Bishop's chaplain.

The Bishop gave an excellent address on the origin and uses of bells. He laid particular stress upon their connection between the church and the people, inasmuch as although serving their mission in summoning the parishioners to worship, they also, amongst other things, conveyed a message of comfort to those unable to attend through sickness and other causes. He also spoke of the present-day expansion of our town and city parishes, and stated that he hoped that every effort would be made by those responsible to instal a peal of bells wherever a new church was erected. Finally he tendered praise to the parishioners for their noble self-sacrifice, to the former Rector (the Rev. P. E. Boswell), who started the scheme, and to the present Rector, who took over the completion of the scheme on his induction to the parish some four months ago.

NEW BAND OF RINGERS TO BE FORMED.

The South Anston Sunday service ringers rang rounds at the actual dedication, and immediately after the service the same band rang a well-struck touch of Bob Major, when the beauty and full tone of the new peal was heard to good effect by a large number of visiting ringers from Eckington, Handsworth, Killamarsh, Rotherham, Retford, Sheffield, Worksop and Wortley. Touches were afterwards rung by the various visitors present, the bellfounders being represented by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of Croydon.

The Yorkshire Association was represented by Mr. Sidney F. Palmer (hon. treasurer), Mr. George Lewis (vice-president, Southern Division), and the Sheffield and District Society by Mr. M. E. Wilson, hon. secretary.

At present there is no band of ringers at Harthill, but a number of young men have shown interest and offered to take up the mystic art, and there was every indication of active encouragement and assistance from leading ringers of the district in the creation and development of a band worthy of the tower and the new peal.

At the invitation of the Rector, an open ringers' gathering will take place on Saturday, when all ringers will be welcomed.

The former bells were six in number, with a tenor of 18 cwt. They have been recast into a magnificent ring of eight, with an 18½ cwt. tenor in F. They have been hung with the latest type of modern fittings in an all-steel frame, which looks and is a first-class engineering job.

The work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who are to be congratulated on supplying South Yorkshire with yet another excellent peal, the 'go' of which is everything that could be desired.

OPEN BELLS FOR RINGER'S FUNERAL.

SUSSEX VETERAN'S WISH.

Owing to failing health, Mr. George Walder, the Sussex veteran, whose death at the age of 81 years, on May 7th, we briefly recorded in our last issue, had not been able to ring for the last few years.

He had expressed a wish that the bells of Bolney Church, where he had been a ringer for so many years, should be rung with open clappers immediately after his interment, and this was accordingly done, touches of Grandsire Triples being rung by past and present members of the Bolney Church Ringers' Society.

One of the original members of the above society, Mr. Walder was its secretary until the year 1930, and has left many interesting notes in the minute book on the Bolney bells and the early struggles of the society.

He conducted its first peal (Grandsire Triples) on November 9th, 1894.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Easter Sunday for evening service at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. Bray (first quarter of Major) 1, Miss E. Bedford 2, P. E. Jones 3, C. W. Smith (Cambridge) 4, W. S. Childs (first quarter of Major) 5, E. Hancox 6, C. Nicholls 7, F. Corke (composer and conductor) 8.

WELLINGBOROUGH BELLS REDEDICATED. TUNED AND REHUNG IN TWO TIERS.

Scarcely two hours elapsed between the finishing touches being put to the newly-rehung bells of All Hallows' Church, Wellingborough, and their rededication on Monday, May 10th, by the Archdeacon of Northampton. The peal of eight bells have been tuned and rehung with new fittings in a steel frame, 1, 3, 5 and 7 being hung above the 2nd, 4th, 6th and tenor. The tenor is now a fine bell, weighing 28½ cwt., and the work has been carried out very successfully by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

Following the words of rededication, the bells were rung again for the first time since October last to a course of Stedman Triples by A. H. Martin (Higham Ferrers) 1, A. Bigley (secretary of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild) (Irthlingborough) 2, H. E. Plowman (Wellingborough) 3, T. Hensher (Finedon) 4, J. R. Main (Finedon) 5, F. Barber (Mablethorpe) 6, W. Perkins (Irthlingborough) 7, E. Pettitt (Wellingborough) 8.

A large congregation, representative of the town, waited in hushed silence to hear the familiar peal once more.

After the dedication the clergy passed back to the choir stalls for the remainder of the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Chambers).

A collection was taken for the Tower and Bell Fund, £150 still being required to meet the cost.

Besides the Archdeacon and Vicar, other clergy present were the Revs. A. G. Bagshaw, president of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Finedon), E. J. Atkins, R.D. (Isham), G. S. J. Downes (Wellingborough All Saints'), R. H. Robinson, D.D. (Witby), and W. C. Knight (curate at All Hallows').

After the bells had been lowered in peal, the local band, together with the visitors who took part in the opening course of Stedman, were entertained at the Vicarage to light refreshments.

Mr. F. Barber, of Mablethorpe, at one time belonging to the Wellingborough band, and former branch secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, congratulated the Vicar on his very successful accomplishment. He also wished the local team happiness in their future church work.

The Vicar replied and said that soon after he came to Wellingborough Mr. Barber had told him of the condition of the bells and he had promised to get them in order eventually. That evening he was delighted to entertain the ringers and to prove that he had kept his word. He also spoke of the way Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's men had worked overtime, willingly, to get the job done for the Coronation, and he found that bellhungers as well as ringers were very enthusiastic in their work.

Mr. F. C. W. Stevenson, who represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, thanked the Vicar for his remarks and said how sorry Mr. Cyril Johnston was at being prevented from attending the service.

Visiting ringers, numbering about thirty, were present from 14 different towers, and as the time allowed for ringing, after the service, was only half an hour, very short courses were the order. The bells have been lowered in the tower and a ringing floor built above the ground floor originally used, making a handy and majestic peal of eight bells.

A. R.

ANOTHER OCTAVE IN BUCKS.

GENEROUS GIFT TO STEWKLEY.

The new treble bells at Stewkley, Bucks, were dedicated on April 29th by the Bishop of Buckingham. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. R. A. Williams), and numerous local clergy were also present.

The bells are the gift of Mr. T. A. Bliss, a former resident of the village, in memory of his parents. The donor also defrayed the expense of rehanging and retuning the old six, and erected a tablet in the church giving the details of what had been done to the bells.

In the course of the service, eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a course of Grandsire Triples, and at the conclusion of the service the same band rang a well-struck 504 of Stedman Triples: R. White 1, Rev. C. E. Wigg 2, G. Holfield 3, J. Puppitt 4, F. Mears 5, T. C. White 6, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 7, A. White 8.

Afterwards a sumptuous tea was provided in the Schoolroom for all, at the expense of Mr. Bliss, and the inhabitants were pleased to have Mr. Bliss with them.

The work of rehanging the new bells was in the hands of Mr. R. White, of Appleton, the new bells having been cast by Messrs. Mears and Stairbank, to whom credit is due for the excellent 'splice.'

On Saturday, May 8th, eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, the first peal ever rung on the bells.

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NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Godalming meeting, May 29th, is cancelled. Albury meeting is on July 3rd instead of June 26th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

TETSWORTH, OXON.—The first anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available all day. Dinner 5.30. Please notify.—J. W. Gibbard, Tetsworth, Oxon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, May 29th. Cathedral bells available from 3 p.m. Meat tea at 5.15 p.m., price 2s. 6d. (1s. to members). Service will be at the sub-deanery church at 4.30. Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, May 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Advices by May 26th, please. Special method, St. Lawrence Little Bob Major. Nearest station, Stanmore (Met.), and short walk, or No. 114 bus (if running). Alternative route, if buses are available, tube to Edgware and No. 114 bus. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. number, Larkwood 1959.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 29th, to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mr. C. Slingsby. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Dover. Tea 5 p.m. — P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Benington on May 29th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea by the kindness of the Rector; business after.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, May 29th. Bells available 2.30. Service by Rt. Rev. Bishop N. S. Talbot, D.D., M.C., 4 o'clock, followed by tea (1s) in Barker Gate Institute. This is the Guild's Jubilee year—come and celebrate. Gentlemen specially invited. — I. B. Thompson, 53, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Doncaster District and the Eastern District will be held at Thorne on Saturday, May 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Those attending must make own arrangements for tea. Plenty of cafés near church. — H. S. Morley and E. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—On Saturday, May 29th, through the kindness of the Rev. H. R. Everson, Rector of Hartill, near Sheffield, the bells (8) of Hartill Church, recently restored, etc., will be available for ringing. For tea, please notify the Rev. H. R. Everson, Rectory, Hartill, near Sheffield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Batley on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—An extra meeting will be held at Leamington Hastings, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Rectory, by kind invitation of the Rev. J. E. Wigram, at 5 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. — R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Beckwithshaw (near Harrogate) on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. A. Holmes, The Smith's Arms, Beckwithshaw. A hearty invitation to all.—Edward Mudron, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, May 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome. — C. A. Levitt, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 29th, at Seavington. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock at the Volunteer Inn.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, May 29th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. each. Meeting in the Schoolroom. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Manor Arms at 5.30 p.m. Immanuel bells (8) after tea until 8.30 p.m. — A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on June 3rd; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 8th; St. Magnus' on the 10th; St. Andrew's on the 17th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 22nd; St. Magnus' on the 24th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Coseley, Staffs, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 9d. each for those only who notify me not later than Tuesday, June 1st. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5.30, 9d. each. Meeting afterwards.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunnyside, Kingsley, near Cheadle, Staffs, not later than June 2nd?—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Birmingham Cathedral. The ringers' opening will take place on June 5th. Ringing from 3 o'clock until 6 o'clock. Tea at Kunzle's Café, Union Street, for those who notify (before June 2nd) G. E. Fearn, 49, West Hill Road, King's Norton (Dial. Kin. 1677). Sunday ringing:—1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in the month at 5.30 p.m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10 a.m. Practice Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All visitors welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., Albert Street, Bletchley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Meston on Saturday, June 5th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tichborne on Saturday, June 5th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Racquet Court at 4.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at South Perrott on Saturday, June 5th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Baker's Arms Hotel. Notifications for tea by Tuesday, June 1st, please.—C. H. Lathey, Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gullesborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Buckby (bells 5) on Saturday, June 5th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, June 5th. For tea please notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Heytesbury on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Reading Room at 5. Sutton Veny bells available during the evening.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Halsall, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. Maudeley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirk.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

ELSTREE.—Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30 (Gouldsmith, High Street). Good service train or coach to Elstree. Names for tea must be sent by June 2nd.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270. Herts Association.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Hawkshead on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends to be present at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, June 5th, the occasion being the Ringers' Day. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. A service will be held in church at 4.30 p.m. Special preacher: Rev. A. Scott, M.A., President of the Association. To be followed by tea in the School at 5.30 p.m. Will those who intend being present for tea kindly notify Mr. Herbert Barlow, Baker and Confectioner, Glodwick Road, Oldham, not later than June 2nd?—Stephen Lloyd Pavey, Hon. Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Halewood, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Price 9d. each. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. W. Gardner, Church Road, Halewood.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 p.m. at Christ Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, by Thursday, June 10th. All ringers welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Straihearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, June 12th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, at Mrs. Settatrees' Tea Rooms. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —Meeting at Sunbury on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea in Church Hall. Quarterly business to follow. Excellent bells and attractive surroundings. Won't you come? — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Loddon on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Do not forget to notify me of names or numbers for tea, as it is very important this time.—J. G. W. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service in Church 5 p.m. Tea, 5.30, at the Rectory, to be followed by business meeting. A hearty welcome will be extended to all visitors, but it is important that I should be informed of those who require tea not later than Wednesday, June 9th.—A. Jones, jun., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Summer meeting at Longdon (3 miles from Upton-on-Severn, west of river) on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6), recently rehung, from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea in the Schools 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Please advise me by Tuesday, June 8th. Midland Red bus (364) leaves Upton for Longdon at 2.58 p.m. The 2 p.m. bus from Worcester to Upton connects.—Geo. E. Large, Branch Sec., Hawford, near Worcester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Exeter and Mid-Devon Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Teignmouth on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available: St. Michael's (8) and Bishopsteignton (6) from 3 p.m. Service at St. Michael's Church at 4.30. Tea at London Hotel at 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting of Exeter Branch. Numbers for tea to reach Mr. A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh, by first post Tuesday, June 8th.—W. H. Howe and A. L. Bennett, Branch Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Thowley on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. You are asked to send in your name for tea to Miss K. Hooker, Park Farm, Thowley, Faversham, not later than Wednesday, June 9th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Bardfield on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided for all those who send in their names to Mr. J. Jennings, Pant Place, Great Bardfield, near Braintree, not later than Wednesday, June 9th, or to me.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Kildwick, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea should advise Mr. C. Law, Main Street, Kildwick, near Keighley, before Monday, June 7th. — Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Summer meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at Bechnham, near Reading. Ring of 6 rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Service at 4.30 by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 19th, at Bolsover, Derbyshire. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m., in Church Hall, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea *must* apply not later than June 15th to Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, Derbyshire.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — The Master and Mrs. E. H. Lewis will be at home to all members of the society and their ladies on Saturday afternoon, June 26th.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Shield Contest will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 10th. Closing date for entries June 26th. Tower closed for practice June 12th. All entrance fees and subscription for prize fund must reach me not later than June 26th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

DUDLEY GUILD.—Presentation Fund to Mr. H. Sheppard for valuable service as hon. secretary for 25 years to above Guild. Will members kindly send a small donation to Mr. John Goodman, hon. treasurer, 45, Holbrook Street, Burnt Tree, Tipton?

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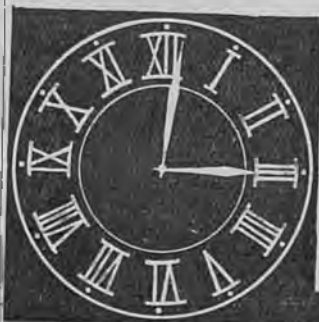
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