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THE COST OF THE COUNCIL.

It would be interesting to know exactly what it costs to hold a meeting of the Central Council. We do not mean by that how much comes out of the coffers of the Council itself—that is a very modest sum—but what the associations and individuals pay in the aggregate by way of expenses, and pay cheerfully, knowing that the Council is the central link which binds the Exercise together. As far as it is possible the Council meetings are spread about the country, but while, in turn, some each year have a meeting near at hand, a large proportion of associations must of necessity send their representatives a long distance. Not infrequently an absence from home of at least two and sometimes three days is involved. This year 117 members attended the meeting and if the individual railway fares averaged only ten shillings, which we think is a low estimate, there is nearly £60. Then there are hotel expenses, which, when the meeting is in London with a considerable number of members within the day's reach of their homes, cannot be much less a total, while it may well be a good deal more when the meeting is held in one or other of the extreme provincial centres. Fortunate is the association whose representatives are able and good enough to pay their own expenses upon these distant visits, although in principle it would, perhaps, be well if all the representative members charged their expenses to their respective societies. The honorary members, most of whom hold their seats for the work they do for the Council, have the privilege of paying their own expenses—they have no one but themselves to whom to send the account—but, like the associations who collectively pay the outgoings of their representatives, they cheerfully foot the bill.

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild discussed the question of their representatives' expenses at the annual meeting last Saturday, and the attitude of the members was typical of that which from time to time shows itself in other associations. They were prepared to make reasonable provision for these expenses and not a word was said against this annual charge upon the funds, for the value of the work which is done by the Council in many directions is now well recognised by those who give the matter serious thought. The Council has brought about a co-ordination of ideas; has welded the associations together and encouraged progress in the art in a way which would otherwise have been impossible. Without some such body as the Council the associations would be just so many units, each working for its own ends; and there would have been no body of sufficient influence or standing to enlist the services of those

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enthusiastic men who have been and still are working in the name of the Council to maintain the status to which ringers have been lifted, to keep a watchful eye for any attempt to interfere with the legitimate use of bells, and to foster the advance of the art by pooling their knowledge and making it available for all who are interested. Reckoned in pounds, shillings and pence the cost of a Council meeting may, in the aggregate, seem high, but the results spread over the years have justified it and this is being more and more realised by the people who, in the long run, have to pay the piper.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 28, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

MISS G. E. M. TUNNADINE <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE SAYER 6
GEORGE MAYERS 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 7
ALBERT G. WARNES 3	GEORGE BAILEY 8
*NORMAN V. HARDING 4	WILLIAM G. MEYERS 9
WALTER C. MEDLER 5	NOLAN GOLDEN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, June 30, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST G. FENN <i>Treble</i>	R. CONGREVE PRIDGEMAN 6
HARRY HOSKINS 2	HENRY G. MILES 7
HORACE BELCHER 3	ALFRED B. PECK 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 9
GEORGE W. CECIL 5	FRANK E. DARBY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in affectionate memory of Willie Roughton and Archibald F. Harris, both members, for many years, of the society.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

ERNEST WILSON <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ALLEN MORGAN 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
JAMES WOODYATT 4	JAMES F. NASH <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

The first peal on the recast bells.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM G. CHALLEN <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES W. DENYER 5
THOMAS E. DENYER 2	*E. JACK AMOS 6
*MISS EDNA C. SOUTHEY 3	PERCIVAL L. ELDRIDGE 7
*RONALD H. KENWARD 4	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM H. VIGGERS.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Aldershot Church Senior School by the Right Hon. Viscount Wolmer, P.C., M.P.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER Treble	PHILLIP A. CORBY 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
FREDERICK J. COLLUM 3	HARRY PARKES 7
HARRY HOSKINS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No 146). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

A wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS D. BISHOP Treble	ERNEST H. OXENHAM 5
ALFRED E. BARKER 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS 6
DEREK M. SHARP 3	HARRY HOVED 7
NORMAN H. MANNING 4	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY Tenor

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred E. Barker, Harry Hoved and Derek M. Sharp.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON 5
STANLEY W. COPLING 2	CHARLES W. LOOME 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
FREDERICK ROOPE 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 25, 1939, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt, 1 qr. 18 lb.

* THOMAS PRICE Treble	JOHN WORTH 5
* FREDERICK PRICE 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	ALBERT FORD 7
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 4	† ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method on the bells.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Philip and James,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 13 C.C.C.). Tenor 21½ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	* LEONARD C. CLAY 5
ALLEN MORGAN 2	* THOMAS G. GREEN 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
* HORACE HOUGH 4	* CHRIS. F. BLISSETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in the method. The quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, June 26, 1939, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

* EDWARD VAUGHAN Treble	ALBERT G. RICHARDS 5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW 2	HOWARD HOWELL 6
MAURICE G. TURNER 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
ROGER HAWKSWORTH 4	* R. G. W. BROUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal.

BRECON, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 25, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

* JOHN L. BLOXHAM Treble	DAVID H. BENNETT 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
JOHN T. WILLIAMS 3	LESLIE EVANS 7
TREVOR M. RODERICK 4	JAMES P. HYETT Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal of Triples and first attempt. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Charles Powell, a ringer at St. Mary's and treasurer of the Guild; also in honour of the preferment to the Right Rev. Dr. John Morgan, Bishop of the diocese and president of the Guild, to the See of Llandaff.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 26, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BOYCE Treble	ERNEST PARKER 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 2	FRANK A. PENN 6
REGINALD H. NEWTON 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 7
GILBERT H. HARDING 4	SIDNEY PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

A 'welcome home' peal to their Majesties the King and Queen after their recent tour.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt, 19 lb.

* KENNETH G. LAST Treble	DENNIS F. GRINHAM 5
† SIDNEY G. DORRING 2	† LEWELLYN P. JOSLIN 6
ARTHUR H. EVERETT 3	WALTER G. DORRING 7
NORMAN F. GRINHAM 4	CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. H. EVERETT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in the method.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 28, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt, 1 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
RAYMOND OVERY 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
* ERNEST J. AVLIFFE 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal of London Surprise.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

* HAROLD PARFLEMENT Treble	TOM CLARKE 5
ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH 2	J. ALFRED BARRETT 6
FRANK BRADLEY 3	WALTER NICHOLS 7
ALEX HUTCHISON 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

* First peal of Major at first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frank Brown, a member and Sunday service ringer of the above church, and of Mr. Bason's 200 peals for the Norwich Association.

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PROBUS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 28, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PROBUS AND GRACE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb.

MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN <i>Treble</i>	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 5
H. FREDERICK MYERS... .. 2	G. HARRY MYERS... .. 6
THOMAS G. MYERS 3	A. WILLIAM MYERS 7
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS... 4	R. GORDON CROSS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

The first peal on the bells.

EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHEROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. FOGDEN... .. <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5
NORMAN H. MANNING 2	JOHN O. WELLER... .. 6
DEREK M. SHARP 3	PHILIP A. CORBY... .. 7
*MRS. ADA M. RAWLING... .. 4	EDMUND MOUNTNER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal on eight bells and in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

GRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 30, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM <i>Treble</i>	*NORMAN H. MANNING 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	*JOHN O. WELLER 6
DEREK M. SHARP... .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	HARRY HOVERD <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

* First attempt for a peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

EDWARD LANKESTER <i>Treble</i>	*PHILIP A. CORBY 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 6
*MISS EDNA F. BEDFORD ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
CECIL C. PAYNE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods as conductor. The peal contained 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 1,472 mixed Cambridge and Superlative, with 111 changes of method. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. A. S. Roberts and Miss E. J. C. Angwin, which took place at Truro Cathedral the same day.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN BOB, FULBECK BOB, DOUBLE BOB
AND DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F

MISS G. E. M. TENNADINE <i>Treble</i>	*WILLIAM E. BASON 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	HENRY TOOKE 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
*NORMAN V. HARDING 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Spliced Major. † First peal of Spliced Major in four methods. First spliced peal on the bells and first of these four methods by the association.

SIX BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 102 methods, viz.:-

1. Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Restherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow, Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise.
2. Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Rugstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Finchley, Ellacombe, Buxton, Wordsley, Lam-burhurst, Harmondsworth, Bramfield Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob.
3. Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford; Denton, Sutton, Leake, Wrangle Alliance, and Bastow Little Court.
4. Bicker, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Wainfleet, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Sibsey, Gosberton Alliance, and Kent Little Court.
5. Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Braintree, Humber, Marple, Taxal, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
6. Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Caris-brooke, Wath, Donottar, and Pontefract Delight.
7. Windermere, Frodsham, Killarney, Horsmonden, Ennerdale, Cum-berland, Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Waver-tree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

FRANK LORD <i>Treble</i>	JACK BRAY 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

One hundred and ninety changes of method. The greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Court Bob, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

*MISS E. IRIS ROWLEY <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM T. GOADBY 4
CECIL VERREY 2	A. RAYMOND TONES 5
†HORACE O. OVER 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. E. ROWLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. The ringer of the treble is only 13 years of age. The peal was arranged as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Hopkins on the occasion of his 86th birthday.

KEDINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. L. WRIGHT <i>Treble</i>	*SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT 4
VICTOR MORLEY 2	LESLIE WRIGHT... .. 5
RALPH BIRD 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS P. FLETCHER <i>Treble</i>	JOHN W. HUMPHRIES 4
E. DENNIS POOLE 2	ALBERT WOODVINE 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Griffiths, of Little Dawley.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Snowdrop, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR PANTHER Treble	GEORGE LORD 4
*FREDERICK NICHOLLS 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
WILLIE GREEN 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

* First peal and first attempt, and aged 14 years.

HORTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise and one of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 4
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	*WALTER LEE 5
*REV. R. F. R. ROOTH ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* First peal of Minor in four methods.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

R. WILLIAM BARBER ... Treble	STANLEY W. GALL 4
*ERNEST BROWN 2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 5
ROBERT A. WARMAN 3	DENNIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Conducted by D. A. BAYLES.

* First peal.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COYBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR STEDMAN ... Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4
*THOMAS TURNER 2	JOHN BAGNALL 5
JAMES E. BURLES 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY Tenor

Conducted by N. M. NEWBY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in three methods as conductor. Rang as a wedding compliment to the Rev. J. Arthur Briggs, curate of Norris Green, Liverpool, and of Avondale House, Kirkby-in-Furness, and Miss Winifred Nicholson, of Fazakerly, Liverpool.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and one each of Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

EDWARD HOWES ... Treble	WALTER C. MEDLER 4
*CHARLES A. FARROW ... 2	ERIC DURRANT 5
*JACK N. A. PUMFREY ... 3	FREDERICK W. LAWSON ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD HOWES.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal 'inside.'

MATCHING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD ROCHESTER Treble	LEWIS CORDELL 4
MRS. JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 2	WILLIAM WHEELER 5
STANLEY CLARK 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

EATON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

NORMAN J. PERRY ... Treble	HARRY JOHNSON 4
TRACEY H. YOUNG 2	ALLAN COLCOMBE 5
A. JAMES YOUNG 3	HORACE D. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents with different callings.

KENNETH G. SMITH ... Treble	ALEC M. GENERY 4
RONALD SUGGLING 2	ALBERT L. DIXEY 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in the method by all. Arranged as a birthday compliment to R. Bird, R. Simmonds and Mr. V. Morley.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents: (1) Fulbeck Bob; (2) Hereward Bob and Double Oxford; (3) Oxford Bob and St. Clement's; (4) Double and Single Court; (5) Plain and Double Bob; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
*NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in twelve Minor methods.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

C. FREDERICK SAYER ... Treble	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 4
R. WILLIAM BARBER 2	H. W. BARRETT 5
ROBERT A. WARMAN 3	G. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT BIRKBY, DONCASTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

COLIN T. RYDER 1-2	HAROLD CHANT 5-6
ALBERT NASH 3-4	SYDNEY F. PALMER 7-8

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

First peal as a conductor 'in hand' and first peal in the method as conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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RINGERS OF THE RECORD PEAL.

Left to right (standing): C. McGuiness, J. L. Millhouse and F. Lord. (Seated): J. Bray, Mrs. J. Bray and G. E. Feirn (the conductor).

The details of the peal of Minor in 102 methods rung by the North Lincolnshire band at Leadenham on Saturday week are recorded elsewhere. Reference to this truly great performance was made in our leading article last week.

It was only a week or so earlier that the same band had rung a peal in 100 methods at Bassingham, but the addition to the record was not merely a question of adding two methods to what had been rung before.

The band had to learn twelve more methods to enable them to put up this performance and to drop one of the extents which had previously been rung, so that their task in carrying the total only two methods further was no easy one. The new 720 included nine Delight, one Treble Bob and two Surprise methods.

Last week we said that the limits of possibility in this direction had nearly been reached. The greatest number of methods that has yet been incorporated in seven true extents is 104, and, need we say, everyone will hope that this talented band will at no distant date complete their triumphs by ringing this peal.

The growth of the number of methods spliced into seven extents of Minor was shown in the list of peals published in our last issue, and to this has now to be added the 102 methods at Leadenham with 190 changes of method.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The report of the Lincolnshire band's great Minor peal certainly makes one sit up and notice, and it is a pity that the old stalwarts who struggled hard in the early days of splicing are not with us to see the result of their efforts.

I know that my former brother ringers at Norbury will be the first to give every credit to this performance, and, even though it appears that the record Spliced Minor peal must remain in Lincolnshire, neither I nor they will begrudge them the honour. I shall not be the only one to congratulate this band, and can only hope that many other Minor ringers will follow their example.

JOHN P. FIDLER,

Author of 'Method Splicing.'

The Bell Foundry, Loughborough.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO CANADA.

KING AND QUEEN'S APPRECIATION OF VICTORIA CATHEDRAL BELLS.

'Their Majesties had been informed before they left London that you had a very fine peal of bells in the Cathedral, and were particularly struck by the beauty of the bellringing while they were in Victoria. Will you please let the ringers know how much the King and Queen appreciated their efforts?'

This message was conveyed to the Dean of Victoria by the King's assistant private secretary, when their Majesties, having reached the farthest point of their great Canadian tour, began their homeward journey.

Their Majesties arrived at Victoria about 2 p.m. on Monday, May 29th, and as their vessel entered the harbour they heard the Cathedral bells. On Tuesday, May 30th, the bells were rung all day, and broadcast by the C.B.C. all over Canada and the N.B.C. over America just before and after the King's speech at 2 p.m. Their Majesties left on the following morning.

The bells filled the air with their welcoming peals during the whole time of the visit of the King and Queen and more than did their part in making the royal visit such a success,' said one writer (Col. H. T. Goodland), who added, 'These ringers should receive the greatest thanks of the citizens of Victoria, expressed in no measured terms.'

From Winnipeg Mr. Frederick Spence wrote to the Dean: 'I thought I would like to write to you to say how very much my wife and I

enjoyed the broadcast from Victoria on the occasion of the visit of our King and Queen, and more particularly to hear your peal of bells. It reminded me of my old ringing days in Grappenhall Church—I believe you know that part of the country. Please convey my appreciation to the ringers for the part they took in the celebrations at Victoria. I do not know any of them, but hope to see them next year when I hope to come that way for holidays.'

Another correspondent from Ottawa wrote: 'Of course, the main outstanding particular thrill of the Victoria broadcast was the Cathedral bells. Believe me that touch of the old world was completely and utterly Victorian and no other city thought of welcoming with the bells in the old historic manner, and what bellringing! Mr. Izard should be most heartily congratulated for making possible the unique Victoria contribution to the royal welcome of all Canada!'

Mr. E. W. Izard, who was responsible for the erection of the bells and training most of the band at Victoria, was on his way back, with Mrs. Izard, from a visit to England, when the King and Queen were in the Far West, and was thus unable to take a personal part in the ringing, but his daughter was among those who rang. While in this country Mr. Izard rang his first peal, at Guildford Cathedral.

When Mr. and Mrs. Izard reached home on June 10th they, too, were welcomed by the ringing of Christ Church Cathedral bells.

A record of the bells of Christ Church Cathedral was heard in London recently at a meeting held in connection with the British Columbia and Yukon Church Aid Society, at which the retiring president (the Bishop of London) received £700 for the completion of the Winnington Ingram tower of the Cathedral.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY. THE ANNUAL MEETING. Decision to Hold a Dinner.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 17th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were available during the afternoon and those of the Cathedral from 3 till 3.15, previous to the annual festival of Sunday School teachers, and again from 6 till 7 p.m. For some considerable period it has been the custom to have the use of the Cathedral bells in alternate years. This year it was not the 'turn,' but through having 'friends at court' a concession was made which was greatly appreciated by all. Great hopes are entertained that the ban has at last been lifted.

Tea was served at St. Mary's Parochial Hall, in Wade Street, by Mrs. Cresswell and her lady helpers, and 85 members and their friends enjoyed the meal.

At the general meeting which followed, the Ven. Archdeacon Hodson presided, supported by the Rev. — Cresswell, Vicar of St. Mary's, the Rev. O. H. Barker, L.Th., and Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretaries), Mr. B. G. Key (Ringing Master), etc.

The report and accounts were passed, the latter showing a deficit of £1 on the year's working, and were ordered to be printed.

The committee, in their report, said the attendances at the meetings held during the year were fairly good, viz., Lichfield 84, Shenstone 35, Bilston 40 and Cannock 42. At the latter place the members were kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. J. F. Foster, A.K.C. (Vicar). It was 51 years since the society held a meeting at Bilston, and hopes were entertained that good might come from the recent visit there, in the form of enrolling new members. During the year 24 new ringing members and 16 life members have been added to the list—an encouraging number of new recruits.

The number of peals rung during the year was 35 (an increase of five over the previous year's total), conducting having been shared by 14 members—the Ringing Master (Mr. B. G. Key) heading the list with eleven.

The peals of Yorkshire Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal—the first for the society—and six other peals, were rung by a band of visitors from various parts of England and from Dublin.

The committee congratulated Mr. Maurice G. Turner, of All Saints', West Bromwich, on his achievement of calling Holt's Original for his first peal on his 21st birthday. Another notable peal was one rung by grandfathers, one of the number being a great-grandfather.

The committee recorded their appreciation of the services of the hon. auditor, Mr. W. H. Evans, and concluded with their expression of regret at the loss, through death, of the following members: Mr. W. H. Jones, of Stafford; Mr. W. Russell, of Claverley; Mr. James H. Rowe, of Teitlenhall.

On a motion by Mr. R. P. Brindley, the officers were re-elected and the places for the forthcoming meetings were selected as follows: September, at Brewood; January, All Saints', West Bromwich; April, Rugeley; and June, the annual, at Lichfield.

Messrs. B. Horton and H. Knight gave a brief summary of the business transacted at the Central Council meeting in London.

Mr. B. Key moved that a dinner should be arranged to take place in the late autumn or early winter. He pointed out that other associations had an annual dinner, and he could not see why one should not be tried for that society.

Other speakers supported the project, and the president gave his approval and hinted that he would like to be present, provided he was given sufficient notice so that it should not interfere with his many duties. On the motion being put to the meeting, it was unanimously agreed to.

A committee of four was formed to make the necessary arrangements, viz., Messrs. B. G. Key, A. Hingley, B. Horton and C. Wallater. Several new members were enrolled, including Miss Cresswell (daughter of the Vicar of St. Mary's), she being the first lady ringer to join the Cathedral band.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Cresswell for arranging and serving tea, and to the chairman for presiding, was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker and carried with acclamation. This terminated an interesting and pleasant meeting.

A NEW TREBLE BELL.

On the evening of Wednesday, June 28th, a large congregation witnessed the dedication by the Bishop of Croydon of a treble bell recently installed by John Taylor and Co. to complete the ring of six bells at the Church of St. John the Baptist, West Wickham, Kent.

A splendid addition to the 17th century ring of five, the new bell is a gift of the Barron Bell Trust, while the cost of structural alterations in the tower and decorations in the ringing room was borne by the local band.

Visiting ringers, who attended from Beckenham, Penge, Hayes, Bromley and Bromley Common, were rewarded with a very fine address from the Bishop, and after the service rang various methods with the local band on the new six.

The West Wickham band are 'at home' each Wednesday at 8 p.m. to any ringer who would like to pay a visit.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

An interesting figure at the diamond jubilee festival of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Ryde on Saturday was Mr. George H. Coombs, who is still hale and hearty at 96.

He began ringing over 50 years ago and kept it up until last year, when he retired because the belfry steps became too much for him. It was not the going up that troubled him, but the danger in coming down.

Mr. Coombs still looks after his own garden, and it is one of the best kept in Ryde. He works in it many hours a day, but, he confided to us, he has now to sit down a good bit in between whiles. Except for slight deafness, Mr. Coombs has all his faculties and is still an enthusiastic follower of football, but he admits he has had to give up playing.

Writing to the Rev. D. Raiton, Rector of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, Miss Monica Heywood, of Claremont, Salford, sister of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, said: 'The account of my brother's peal being rung at St. Nicholas' Church as a "God speed" to the "Mauretania" was read to a birthday gathering of 35 of the Heywood family on Monday (June 19th), and we should like the ringers to be congratulated on their splendid achievement in ringing the 5,007 changes in 5½ hours.'

The practice night at St. Mary's, Banbury, has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday.

The marriage of the Rev. A. S. Roberts, now of Palmers Green, London, and Miss Jessie Angwin, of Truro, took place on Saturday in the Cornish city. In honour of the event a peal of Spliced Surprise Major was rung at Staines. Rather appropriate—if we may be permitted the flippancy. Another peal attempt at Edmonton was unfortunately lost.

The 'whole pull and stand' was rung at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday of last week to the memory of the late Mr. Willie Roughton and the late Mr. Archibald F. Harris by the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Touches of Stedman Cinques were afterwards rung.

Her ringing friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Paul Field, of Stoke Wake, Blandford, returned home on Sunday, July 2nd, after exactly three months in hospital. Although she has made a miraculous recovery, it will be some time before she will be able to resume her normal routine.

The Vicar of Aldbourne, Wilts (the Rev. J. S. Elliott), thanks the anonymous sender of the photograph depicting one of Wells' old bells.

After the meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild at Ryde on Saturday, a pair of gentleman's kid gloves was found. The owner can have them by writing to Mr. B. J. Snow, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde.

'VISITORS' FRIGID RECEPTION.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The letter in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' from Messrs. H. G. Blanchard and N. G. Knee is rather puzzling to me, as quite recently I, too, called at Bridport on a Sunday evening, and my experience was exactly opposite to that described by your two correspondents. I met the ringers at the foot of the tower and received a very cordial welcome. On entering the belfry I was at once invited to ring, and even conduct, which I did. As I had never been into the tower on any previous occasion, it cannot be suggested that I received preferential treatment. After the ringing, Mr. Northover, whom I assume is the leader in the tower, made himself known to me and invited me to his home for refreshment. He also offered me the bells for a peal attempt, and promised that if I took a band to Bridport for this he would entertain us afterwards. This is the kind of 'frigid' treatment that I would like to see more of.

I feel it is only fair to the Bridport men that I should write this letter, and I feel sure that the visitors were themselves at fault in some way, or they would have had a similar experience to mine.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

BRIDPORT SECRETARY'S EXPLANATION.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Messrs. H. G. Blanchard and N. G. Knee ('Ringers' Frigid Reception'), I have been a member of St. Mary's band for 45 years, 32 of which as hon. secretary. This is the first time in that period a charge of discourtesy has been levelled against me. The facts are as follows: The custom of the tower is to ring from 5.45 to 6 and from 6.3 to 6.25 for evensong.

Messrs. Blanchard and Knee came into the tower after the bells were going about 6.8. Two visitors who had come in before 6 were ringing, one of whom at his request was calling two extents of Morris' 240. Had Messrs. Blanchard and Knee been in the tower at 6 two of the regular band would have gladly given up their ropes for them. For their further information I would add that Grandsire Doubles were being rung on 12357, with 4.6.8 covering, not on the front six with 7.6.8 covering as stated. Thanking you for allowing me space to correct a wrong impression.

WALTER J. B. NORTHOVE,
Hon. Secretary, St. Mary's Band.

AN IRISH BROADCAST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has never been my lot to listen to more indescribably disgraceful ringing than that broadcast from Londonderry Cathedral at 6.25 last Sunday night. It is a pity steps cannot be taken to prevent the possibility of such a fiasco.

'ARISTIDES.'

A DIAMOND JUBILEE.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD'S CELEBRATION.

Bishop Presides at Annual Meeting.

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild celebrated its diamond jubilee on Saturday, when the annual festival was held at Ryde, Isle of Wight. There was a large attendance of members from all parts of the two dioceses, and although some of those who came from the mainland found crossing not a very comfortable process in the peak of holiday traffic, and some had to stand by and watch crowded boats go out before they were able to get aboard, the success of the meeting more than made up for any inconvenience suffered. The festival was notable for the fact that not only was the Guild privileged to have the Bishop of Portsmouth as preacher at the festival service, but his lordship also presided over the business meeting, the first time, so far as can be remembered, that the Guild has had a Bishop in the chair during the transaction of its business.

The service in All Saints' Church was conducted by the Rector of Ryde and the singing was led by a full choir.

The Bishop, in his address, referred to the ministry of the bells and to the important part which church bells played in the life of the nation and the parish. He said he could not conceive what England would be like if the bells were stopped and could not be heard over the countryside, or across the hills and valleys calling to evensong. There would be a great emptiness in our lives, he said, if that happened. It gave those whose business it was to lead in Church affairs much pleasure and much happiness to think that so many Christian men and women gave up their time and effort to this real bit of Christian work, bringing happiness and joy and comfort into the hearts and minds of endless people up and down England. He hoped, when they stood in their towers, they would think not only of the scientific succession of changes upon which they were intent, but sometimes also of the great and good God in whose honour they were ringing, for the comfort and happiness of humble souls in dark and dreary streets, in the cottages in the countryside, in the mansions of the rich and in the palaces of kings. Let that be their incentive and their inspiration, too.

CHANGED CONDITIONS.

The Bishop reminded the ringers of the changed conditions in the towers and said in these days ringers recognised that in the bellfries there should be reverence and devotion, and that their calling should be exemplified in their lives. He was, he said, still reminded sometimes that ringers who rang for a service walked away from the church when the ringing was finished. That was an unfortunate thing. It was also an unfortunate thing that there were clergy who never went into the ringing room. He had usually made a practice himself of going to the tower, and in that way had been brought into contact with men whom he would otherwise have known nothing about. He thought it was a good thing that as many clergy as possible should learn change ringing, so that they might join their brothers as ringers in calling people to church. The Bishop closed by exhorting his hearers to live up to their vocation so that the names of the ringers should rank high in the parish and their conduct be an example to those who heard them ring.

A party, numbering 130, sat down to tea at the invitation of the Guild.

The Bishop of Portsmouth presided at the subsequent meeting, and was supported by the Archdeacon of Newport, the vice-president and Master of the Guild (Mr. G. Williams), the hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers), the Vicars of Newport and Carisbrooke, etc. At the outset the Master welcomed the distinguished visitors, and specially mentioned the presence of Mr. Charman, of the Sussex County Association, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, of 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. G. Coombs, who, at the age of 96, was the oldest ringing member of the Guild.

The Bishop, in reply to the welcome, expressed his pleasure at meeting the members of the Guild and said he and the other clergy present appreciated the Guild's invitation to be present on the occasion of their diamond jubilee. Referring to the presence of the 'young fellow' of 96, he recalled the quotation, 'Kind words can never die,' and said he thought they ought to read, 'Kind ringers can never die' (laughter). When he looked round on those old gentlemen and ladies of 12 and 14 years who were present he thought some day in the future one of his successors might have to welcome somebody well past the century. It might, perhaps, be his friend on his right (Mr. Williams) (applause).

The Bishop went on to say how much he and his brother clergy appreciated the friendly relationship which existed between them and the ringers. One of the astonishing things of modern churchmanship was the way in which church men and women had found out that it was not only the parson's duty to work on behalf of the church and religion, but that it was the privilege of the laity to work also. The ringing of church bells was a very important part of church work and he need not remind them of the rubric, which said that a bell must be rung immediately before a service. Recently in connection with a new housing estate there had been some little trouble about the use of a church bell, because some people did not like bells and thought they were a nuisance. There, they had to come to a compromise, but it was very doubtful indeed whether anyone could object successfully

to the ringing of bells before morning and evening service. It was a rubric and a rubric was a law of the land. 'We are parsons and ringers,' said the Bishop; 'they cannot do without us and we won't go' (laughter). He concluded with good wishes to the Guild for the future and congratulated the diocese upon having such an active and efficient body of ringers.

THE MEETING.

Among the apologies received was one from the hon. treasurer (Mr. H. Barton), one from the Southampton district secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) on account of the illness of his wife, and another from Mr. Jennings, who was in hospital. At the suggestion of the chairman, it was decided to send letters of sympathy and good wishes, for speedy convalescence, to the sick.

A letter from the hon. secretary of the Sussex County Association conveyed the good wishes of that association to the Guild upon its sixtieth anniversary, and similar congratulations came from Mr. T. Trollope, of Oxford, who mentioned that he was present at a meeting of the Winchester Guild held at Ryde in 1889, when he was a member of the band at Twyford, near Winchester.

The accounts, which had been printed and circulated, were adopted. They showed that the balances in hand were £244, against £236 2s. 8d. in the previous year. The receipts amounted to £129 3s. 7d., including £45 11s. 7d. from 175 hon. members and £68 16s. paid by 699 ringing members. Among the items of expenditure was £15 6s. 8d. in grants to bell restorations.

A joint report by the Guild's representatives on the Central Council was presented, in which they reviewed the business transacted at the Whitsuntide meeting, and reminded the members that the Council was always grateful for books and documents which could be added to its library. At the meeting the Council acknowledged the gift of a large number of association reports of some 30 societies, covering a period from 1881, which it was hoped would form a valuable basis for a collection, should the Council ever decide upon making one. The representatives of the Winchester Guild suggested the Guild might consider it a privilege, if it were possible, to make a gift to the Council of a complete set of their own reports towards this object. With regard to the publication of the Surprise Major book, the Guild, in accordance with its decision at the last annual meeting, had been able to inform the Council that they would take the full quota of twelve copies, at a cost of 33s. The report emphasised what had been said in the Council meeting that conductors of peals should take every care that reports sent for publication in 'The Ringing World' should be accurate and complete. With regard to collection of details concerning old peal boards, the report asked members of the Guild who knew of the existence of peal boards relating to peals rung up to the year 1825, and who had not informed the secretary of the particulars, to let him have the details at once. The report also set out the conclusions of the Standing Committee on the use of mechanical substitutes for bells, which are to be sent to every Diocesan Advisory Committee in the country.

The Hon. Secretary said with regard to the suggestion that the Guild should present copies of its annual reports to the Council Library the difficulty was that they had not got a complete set. It was, however, possible that between them they could get one together. If they could do this the copies could be bound and given to the Council. He proposed that this should be done.—Mr. Upton seconded.

The Bishop emphasised that by carrying out this suggestion the members would be doing a valuable public service. He did not like giving up old things and he thought many other members of the Council were the same, but they would be doing a public service by relinquishing these reports if they had them. It would be better far to give them row than to hang on to them and let them be destroyed after they were gone by someone who did not value the reports. If they were presented to the Council they would be kept for good.

The proposal to endeavour to make up a complete collection of the reports and present them, bound, to the Council was agreed to, and the representatives were thanked for their report.

All the officers were re-elected en bloc, viz.: Master, Mr. George Williams; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Barton; recorder of peals, Mr. R. A. Reed; auditor, Mr. G. Smith.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES' EXPENSES.

A motion stood on the agenda in the name of Mr. G. Pullinger to alter the rule with regard to the allowance for out-of-pocket expenses to the representatives attending Central Council meetings. It was proposed to substitute for the words 'necessary out-of-pocket expenses' the words 'third class monthly return fare and ten shillings.' In the absence of Mr. Pullinger this was moved by Mr. Stone and seconded by Mr. W. Andrews.

Considerable discussion ensued, in the course of which it was pointed out that a sum of 10s. sustenance allowance was totally inadequate when the meeting was held in some place which necessitated absence from home for two or, perhaps, three days. Eventually the motion was amended to read 'third class monthly return fare and not more than 10s. per day for a maximum of three days.' This was carried with one dissentient.

A member suggested that provision ought to be made to refund to any representative any loss he sustained by loss of time at work.

The Chairman, in the absence of a definite proposition, ruled this out of order, but said he had every sympathy with the idea. When a working man had a claim to represent the Guild on the Council he

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. A SATISFACTORY MEMBERSHIP.

Alteration of Rules.

About 70 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association on Saturday at Yeovil. The proceedings started with ringing on the noble ten at the Parish Church, and three excellent courses of Stedman Caters were rung for service, at which the senior curate (the Rev. L. E. Walsh) officiated and gave an appropriate address.

Tea and the business meeting in the Church Hall followed, and at the latter the Master (the Rev. W. M. K. Warren) presided.

The ordinary business was preceded by a special meeting called to consider the committee's recommendations in regard to alterations to rules. The recommendations chiefly concerned the date of the annual meetings in future, and the abolition of the necessity of calling a special meeting to alter rules, as is necessary at present.

There was some discussion, initiated by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, on the matter of going through the existing rules. It was felt, however, that the towers had had nine months to consider the proposed alterations, that the committee had carefully considered the business, and that no good purpose would be served by going through the rules once more.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Farrant, the alterations were approved.

The annual meeting in the association's jubilee year, 1940, will be held on Easter Monday at Taunton.

The routine business followed. In his report the Master said: The association continues to grow. Nearly 1,400 members paid their fees last year, and 170 towers belong to the association. This can be regarded as satisfactory, especially at a time when many associations have to complain of falling membership. Efforts must not be relaxed, and interest in the art of ringing must be kept up. Those branches which run regular practice meetings have noted that these meetings have proved a stimulus to their numbers, and that the introduction at these meetings of higher methods has done much to sustain and increase interest. There is nothing so likely to stifle progress as a method run in which it is easy to remain.

The excellent work of the branches continues. The Axbridge and Frome branches have recovered under their present secretaries, and return to the head of the list in point of membership. Axbridge and Cary branches show good lists of honorary members. This close co-operation with the clergy and with the people of standing in the diocese is all to the good. The happy relations of the Dunster Branch with its clergy are well known. One or two branches show a complete return of affiliation fees. These nominal sums are intended to show the appreciation of the Church authorities towards the work the association is doing. One local secretary made a new record in lateness with his accounts, and that is the reason the report is so late. The

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The President suggested that Mr. Barker should bring up a resolution at the next meeting, when the matter could be discussed after the members had, perhaps, had an opportunity of getting some experience of the silencers.

A RECORD ATTENDANCE.

The Secretary, in a report upon the attendance at the meeting, said they had had a record Council that day. There had been 117 members present, 104 being representatives of affiliated societies and 13 honorary members. Twenty-four associations were fully represented with 60 members, 19 were partly represented with 44 members, and only six associations were unrepresented.

The President then moved a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the arrangements for the meeting. He thanked the Middlesex County Council for the use of the Council Chamber of Westminster Guildhall, which, he thought, was the finest room, at any rate in regard to sound, in which they had met since he had been president. He also thanked those who had made it possible to use a room at the Coffee Pot on the previous evening for the accommodation of the Standing Committee, and he expressed grateful thanks to the Church authorities, the ringers and the steeplekeepers at the various churches, including St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, where they had been allowed to ring. He thanked, too, the Office of Works for permission to ring at the Imperial Institute. He also included in the vote of thanks an expression of gratitude to the London societies—the College Youths, the Royal Cumberlands, the Essex, Kent, London County, Middlesex and Surrey Associations—for their hospitality, and especially the committee who had carried out the arrangements on their behalf. The President went on to express his gratitude to the hon. secretary for the work he had done. This year particularly he (the president) had rather left the hon. secretary in the lurch except for the last three weeks, and he very much appreciated all that Mr. Fletcher and his assistant (Mrs. Fletcher) had done.

The votes of thanks were carried with acclamation.

Canon Coleridge then proposed a vote of thanks to the president for the manner in which he had conducted the meeting, and, the president having replied, the meeting terminated.

local secretaries should send in their accounts by January 31st. If the towers are tardy in their payments, the local secretaries must either break the rule or send in their accounts incomplete, and neither of these things is desirable. If, at the annual meeting at Yeovil, it is decided to hold future annual meetings on Easter Mondays, any delay in sending in accounts will make it impossible to issue the report before the meeting.

The general secretary would like to thank those officers of the association and one or two friends who helped in the distribution of the reports.

The financial position of the association is satisfactory. £15 has been transferred from the deposit account, where it gained little interest, to the Bell Repair Fund, where it will do good and enhance the prestige of our organisation.

I have not much to add to the secretary's notes. It is very satisfactory to know that so many members belong to our association, and to this fact no one has contributed more than the secretary himself, both by his constant visiting of towers and his insistence on good striking. But we must not be satisfied with what has been done in holding our own; we must be determined on further extension.

This can be done in two ways. (1) By extending our vision beyond our own towers. (2) By enlisting the interest of the clergy. It is not sufficient to welcome an occasional visit to the belfry, but an attempt should be made to introduce him to the bells themselves and show him how they are rung and how they work and all about them. He is more likely to repeat his visit, if his interest could be engaged. Many of the difficulties of finding recruits would consequently be solved. A little more co-operation between clergy and ringers, as workers together for God, is bound to result in better fellowship, more ringers and better ringing.

The officers of the association were re-elected, the accounts adopted, and Mr. Hunt gave his usual clear and entertaining account of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting.

Other routine business was transacted, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. Preb. A. Chisholm, the Vicar of Yeovil, to the Rev. L. E. Walsh, to Mr. J. Baker, captain of the local ringers, and to the ladies who provided so bountiful a tea. Further ringing afterwards took place.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At Almondsbury, Glos., on Sunday, June 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Williams 1, C. Harding 2, R. Harding 3, C. Gould 4, B. Huddleston 5, A. Hilliar 6, T. Harris (conductor) 7, C. Russell 8.

At St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, London, on June 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,250 changes): Miss M. Davies (first quarter-peal) 1, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 2, Miss B. Hart 3, A. R. Pargeter (first quarter-peal on tower bells) 4, A. Tozer 5, C. J. Nichols 6.

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should not be debarred from lack of means, but he thought that, as they had settled the matter so far, it would be better if the proposer put down a resolution for the next annual general meeting.

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bournemouth on the first Saturday in July, 1940.

The Hon. Secretary said last year a sub-committee was appointed to go into the question of the restoration of the Rayner tomb at Arreton, Isle of Wight. There was some difficulty about the matter, as the tomb contained a long inscription, much of which did not relate to Henry Rayner, but to members of his family, and it was suggested that the matter be adjourned for another year, so that the officers of the Guild might consult further with the sub-committee.—This course was agreed to.

The Executive Committee reported that an application had been received from St. Michael's, Basingstoke, for a grant from the Special Purposes Fund to wipe off the balance of the cost of the restoration of the bells at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, and the committee recommended that the balance of £12 5s. be paid.

Major Stilwell (district secretary) supported the proposal, and it was pointed out that it was at this church 60 years ago that the Guild was formed.

The recommendation was agreed to.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, extended the congratulations and good wishes of the daughter Guild to its parent upon its diamond jubilee.

The Rev. N. C. Woods referred to the serious illness of Mr. J. W. Elkins, senior Dean's verger at Winchester Cathedral and an hon. member of the Guild. He had suddenly broken down and there was little hope of his life being prolonged for many days.

The Bishop asked the members to remember Mr. Elkins in their prayers.

The Master was about to propose a vote of thanks to the Bishop at the close of the business, when the chairman interrupted to remark that Bishops were not allowed to be thanked for presiding at meetings.

Ringings took place during the afternoon and evening on the fine peal at All Saints' Church, the variety extending from rounds to spliced Surprise Major.

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MECHANICAL RINGING.

The President said at the last meeting they had a motion by the Rev. H. Drake on the question of mechanical ringing, which was referred to the Standing Committee to consider. The committee had considered the position and had come to some conclusions.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards presented the report, which the Standing Committee suggested should be adopted and sent to all the Diocesan Advisory Committees of the United Kingdom. It was as follows:—

(1) While there may be exceptional cases in which the use of gramophone records of church bells is justified, any general adoption of such a practice is emphatically to be deprecated, not only on the grounds that a substitute for the real thing is unworthy of the Church of God, but also because it eliminates the living service of hand, and heart, and mind, which is of the very essence of bellringing and is of true spiritual value as contributory to an act of worship.

(2) The installation of such a mechanical device should be severely prohibited in any tower containing or capable of containing a peal of bells except as a temporary expedient, as, for example, when tower or bells are under repair.

(3) In the case of building new churches it is obvious that the erection of a tower and bells must often be left to a future generation, or even omitted altogether, but it is a vital point of principle that no sanction should ever be given to the building or designing of a tower inadequate to its legitimate purpose, with a view to the installation of a gramophone record instead of real bells. The one practical object served by a church tower is to make provision for bells and to erect a tower to hold a gramophone record cannot be regarded otherwise than an architectural fraud, entirely unworthy of a building designed for sacred purposes.

The report was approved, as also was the suggestion that it be sent to all Diocesan Advisory Committees.

CHESTERFIELD BELLS.

The President said the question of Chesterfield bells came before the Council three or four years ago. The tower was then said to be unsafe for ringing and the famous peal of ten bells was silent. The Towers and Belfries Committee was approached and they corresponded with the Vicar, but did not get very far, because it was difficult for them to butt in. In the second place he (the president) did not succeed in getting from the Vicar the name of the architect. He believed he was a London architect and he had hoped to meet him and have a talk with him. Now the committee understood the position was that the bells were still silent, although the tower was said to have been repaired and quite all right for ringing the bells. The matter had rather come to a head because, according to a report which appeared in the 'Sheffield Telegraph' about two months ago, the Archdeacon had threatened, if he could not get ringers, to think of installing some form of 'canned' bells and gramophone records. The President asked if there was any further information on the matter.

Mr. J. Harris said he was afraid no further information was available, but he did not think the Archdeacon was quite right when he said he could not get any ringers. There were ringers to be got, but when a tower had been closed for years they could not expect to get things done in a day or two. Had the Archdeacon given any ringers the opportunity to go to the tower? He thought it was the duty of the Council to try and find out what was holding things up. Within recent days the Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association had been revived and there was also the Peak Society, so there was no lack of enthusiasm in that part of Derbyshire. Perhaps one of the reasons why Chesterfield fell into neglect was that they had no member on the Diocesan Advisory Board. He would like to see a member appointed to every Board in the country. It was because of the absence of such a representative in the Derby Diocese that he asked the Council to do something in connection with Chesterfield.

Mr. W. E. White (Midland Counties) said he had had a letter from the president of their association on this matter, and he thought they need have no fear about there being any substitute for Chesterfield bells.

Mr. S. F. Palmer said at the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association he met one of the old Chesterfield ringers and went into the matter fully with him. That ringer had been in communication with the Archdeacon and had offered to provide ten ringers—he had got the promise of the services of ten ex-ringers—and he asked for an interview with the Archdeacon. The Archdeacon replied by letter that he would grant him an interview in a few weeks' time, as he was then very busy. That was in the early part of the year. Up to the week before the Council meeting the ringer in question had heard nothing further. He was afraid the Archdeacon was very indifferent with regard to the bells, and had no interest in ringing.

Mr. T. Clarke (East Derbyshire and Notts) said, knowing the bells were now ringable, he wrote to the Archdeacon suggesting that he might be allowed to take some ringers there for a combined practice, but the Archdeacon had not even replied to his letter.

The President thought in view of what had been said it did not seem that the Council could take any useful action. It was a question of someone getting round or behind the Archdeacon.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards thought the secretary might write to the Archdeacon and say that the Council was very glad to hear that the

Archdeacon had promised to interview one of the ex-ringers on the subject of restarting Chesterfield bells, with a view to raising a band, and trusting they would soon hear of the successful result of that interview.

Mr. W. G. Wilson seconded the suggestion, which was adopted.

A BOOK ON HANDBELL RINGING.

The President said that last year it was proposed to get out a book on handbell ringing, and they asked Mr. Chris. Woolley to see what he could do about it. Mr. Woolley had prepared a draft and had sent it out to one or two people for criticism. He (the president) had gone through it pretty carefully and thought it was excellent. The only addition he would suggest was something on Stedman.

The Hon. Secretary said he thought perhaps the reason why they found so little about Stedman in the draft was that, when he had seen Chris Woolley ringing Stedman on handbells, he sat on the edge of a chair and his knees knocked together (laughter). Mr. Woolley had prepared the book and had submitted it to a number of prominent handbell ringers for their criticism, and it seemed a pity if they were to have to wait another year and bring it again before the Council for approval before they could print it. He suggested that it would be better if, after it had been passed round for criticism and adjustment, it should be put into the hands of the Standing Committee to deal with and print it as soon as possible.

This course was agreed to.

'SILENCERS.'

Mr. A. D. Barker said in the past the Council, he believed, had expressed a definite opinion with regard to peals when the bells had not been struck. After a peal, in which Seago's apparatus had been used on the bells, he believed the Council declined to recognise it. There was now among the public a lot of antagonism with regard to noise, and bells were being rung with the use of various forms of sound reducing apparatus. There was one peal rung last year in which an apparatus was used, as a result of which the clapper struck only on one side of the bell throughout the peal. He would like to know what was the attitude of the Council to a peal rung like that?

Mr. Pulling said he understood, when the silencer in question was used, they got a double blow of the clapper when the bell turned in one direction, and one blow when it turned the opposite way. That, in fact, in a whole pull the clapper struck the bell three times instead of twice.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg said, as one who took part in the peal which Mr. Barker had mentioned, he could say, with regard to the clapper striking a double note, that was not so, unless it was due to the unskillful handling of the bell, resulting in it bumping against the stay. That might shake the clapper so that they got the appearance of two blows, but if the bell was rung properly there was not the slightest risk of the sound bow being struck more than once. The apparatus was a simple one. A loop of rope or leather or wire was put round the flight of the clapper and the ball was pulled up to any desired distance from the sound bow, according to the volume of sound required. The other end was then made fast to some convenient nut on the stock. The clapper struck the bell exactly at the same time as if the clapper had been swinging free.

Mr. Gilbert asked if they lashed the clapper to the side of the bell so that it did not strike the other side at all, could they call that a peal? They could hear the bells when standing under them, but they could not hear them 50 yards away.

Mr. Collett said the amount of sound depended entirely on the length of the strap that was used. It was a matter of adjustment.

Mr. P. J. Johnson: Do you mean that you have a peal in which the clapper strikes only on one side of the bell?

The Rev. C. E. Wigg: Yes.

Mr. Johnson: I should strongly oppose recognising that.

Mr. A. E. Lock said he had had experience of these silencers, and they could be adjusted so that the bells were loud or quiet as required. If they had indifferent ringers they got what appeared to be a double blow of the clapper, but this did not occur if they had good ringers who knew how to handle a bell.

The President said he found it difficult to accept the statement that the clapper controlled by this apparatus sounded at exactly the same moment as if it were free. He could understand it might in rounds, but he found it difficult to believe that it did so in changes.

Mr. Lock: I assure you it does.

The President: I should like proof of it.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg suggested that the Council should defer any judgment on the question of peals rung with this apparatus attached to the bells, until they had had the opportunity of testing it, and perhaps at the next meeting at Cardiff he could bring a set of the silencers and arrange to have them fitted to a peal of bells, so that members of the Council could have the opportunity of testing the device for themselves. He could assure the president that the bell did strike at the identical moment as if the clapper were free.

The President said the only real test before they could form a judgment would be for the same ringers to ring a touch of reasonable length with and without the silencers.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg said that had actually been done at Sherborne Abbey. He rang the tenor both times and he found the bell a little easier to strike with the silencers on.

Mr. Barker said his point was whether a peal, rung with this apparatus on the bells, could be recognised by the Council.

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NORWICH PEALS.

The composition of 5,000 of Bob Royal by Mr. Nolan Golden, rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on June 28th, is a two-part peal containing 13 courses with 8-7 reversed, five of the 6-5's and all the 5-6's.

Six of the band that rang in this peal took part on Saturday in a peal in four spliced plain Major methods at St. Michael-at-Coslanv. Norwich the first spliced peal on the bells. The peal contained 1,344 changes of Plain Bob, 384 of Fulbeck Bob, 528 of Double Bob and 2,752 of Double Norwich, with 34 changes of method. The composition of 5,008 by Mr. Nolan Golden had 52 course ends, with 4, 5 and 6 only in 8th's place, the 4th and 6th their extent there, and the 2nd never in 5-6.

The first peal on the bells at Probus, Cornwall, was rung on June 28th. The excellent striking which was maintained throughout the peal so impressed the Vicar (the Rev. — Hammond) that he went up into the belfry afterwards to congratulate the band. He considered it a remarkable performance and intends to have a record of it placed in the belfry.

A peal of Bob Major at St. Mary's, Woolwich, was a triple birthday celebration, having been specially arranged as a compliment to Messrs. A. E. Barker, H. Hovord and D. M. Sharp (the conductor). After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Barker, and, at the celebrations which followed, each birthday was 'drowned' in turn. The peal was rung on June 24th.

A peal of Bob Major rung at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on June 29th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frank Brown, one of the Sunday service ringers at that church, was also a compliment to Mr. W. E. Bason, of Norwich, upon his having rung 200 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association. The composition was one by Mr. Bason with 178 singles, with only the 4th, 5th and 8th in sixth's place and all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner rang his 200th peal on tower bells when he took part in four spliced Surprise Major methods at St. Mary's, Staines, on Saturday, as a wedding compliment to the Rev. A. S. Roberts and Miss Jessie Angwin, which took place at Truro. It was also a birthday peal for Miss Edna Bedford, who rang her first Spliced Surprise peal.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Brecon on June 25th as a farewell to Mr. Charles Powell, a ringer at St. Mary's, Brecon, and hon. treasurer of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, who is leaving Brecon to reside at Rhyl in retirement. The peal was also in honour of the preferment of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon to the See of Llandaff. The Bishop is president of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. After the peal the band, with Mr. Powell, enjoyed the hospitality of the Brecon ringers.

The peal of Bob Major at Boreham, Essex, on June 27th, was rung by the regular Sunday service band and is the first by such for a good many years at this tower. For a long time things at Boreham were in a very bad state, and it is due to Mr. Stanley Edwards that the present band started. Though Mr. Edwards moved away from the parish just as the first of the band started to handle a bell, it was not too much trouble for him to cycle six miles each way in all weather to give of his help to his pupils, and to him the conductor and band extend their grateful thanks.

The peal of Minor in three methods rung at Ibstock on Saturday, June 24th, was specially arranged as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Hopkins (who was for 65 years a devoted member of the local company) on the occasion of his 86th birthday. Unfortunately, Mr. Hopkins is not now able to take an active part in the ringing owing to being unable to climb the belfry steps.

The ringer of the treble (who is the only child of the conductor, Mr. A. E. Rowley) will not be 14 years of age until July 6th, and it is believed that she is the youngest girl ever to ring a peal for the Midland Counties Association.

On June 24th, 1922, two days after his wedding, Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, hon. general secretary of the Midland Counties Association, rang, as his wedding peal, a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Dunstan's, Stepney. On the 17th anniversary of that occasion a peal of Yorkshire Surprise was rung at Gravesend, Kent, in which Mr. Morris, who was on holiday in London, rang the 8th. In the same peal, which was rung two days after the birthday of the conductor (Mr. P. J. Corby), Mr. F. J. Cullum, of Erith, 'completed the circle' by ringing the 3rd.

Frederick Nicholls, although only 14 years of age, has rung an 'inside' bell to seven different Minor methods for his first peal; and he rang it at the first attempt, too. This is an extraordinarily good performance, and he well deserved the congratulations of the rest of the band on the way he rang throughout the peal at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, on June 24th.

The bells at Hanbury, near Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, have recently been recast and rebung with all modern fittings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The first peal was rung on them on Saturday, June 24th, by members of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association.

The Church Council can be congratulated on their bold efforts in having a complete restoration done instead of a patched up affair, for, although a country parish and rather scattered, Hanbury has already raised two-thirds of the cost.

NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival meeting at Haslemere, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in the Schools at 5.15 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, July 8th. The following towers will be open from 2.30: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Matthew's (6), St. Clement's (6), and St. Lawrence (5). Service in St. Mary-le-Tower Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Oriental Cafe, Westgate Street, at 5.15 p.m. (1s. per head), followed by business meeting.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A summer meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 8th. Both towers will be available for ringing from 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eastington on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) will be available from two o'clock. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, in Parochial Hall, followed by business meeting. All welcome.—H. S. Morley, Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. The presentation to the late district secretary will be made at this meeting, and it is hoped that every tower in the district will be represented.—J. H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Half-yearly meeting at West Malling, on Saturday, July 8th. Tower open at 3. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members at this meeting.—R. G. Rayfield, Hon. Dis. Sec., Downsvie, Spring Lane, Ightham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Didsbury, on Saturday, July 8th. Tower open 6 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry at 7.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Paulton on Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., Mells.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fordham, near Ely, Cambs, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service if arranged. Please advise Mr. J. W. Pickett, School House, Fordham, Cambs, number for tea. A good company is hoped for.—F. Warrington and A. R. Paul, Dis. Secs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, July 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions are due. Look up Double Oxford and London Surprise Minor.—R. T. Newman, 36, Salisbury Road, Baldock.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held in Morpeth on Saturday, July 8th, when the bells of the Watch Tower will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be available at Oliver's Cafe, Bridge Street, at 1s. 3d. per head, at 5 p.m.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sempringham Abbey, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells recently augmented to six, will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting at the School, Pointon.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 8th. Tower will be open from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea will be provided for a nominal charge.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Helmsford on Saturday, July 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. A good attendance is requested. Everybody welcome. You can't go wrong here. The local lads can ring 'Owt.'—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Bletsoe on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Milton bells not available. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Note: The next meeting will be held at Norton Church (8 bells) on Saturday, July 8th. For tea, please notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, Mangerhay, Norton, near Sheffield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Tuxford to-morrow, July 8th.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec.

BRIDGNORTH, ST. MARY MAGDALENE, SHROPSHIRE.—The ring of six bells, tuned, rehung in new framework and two trebles added to make eight by John Taylor and Co., will be re-opened on Sunday, July 9th; services 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Ringing during the afternoon.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Sunday, July 9th, at 5.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Practices for July: St. Giles', Cripplegate, 11th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 13th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 18th; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 20th; Southwark Cathedral, 25th; St. Clement Danes, 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A combined practice will be held at Harpenden on Tuesday, July 11th. The ring of eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.) will be available at 7.45 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—H. V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford, Berks, on Wednesday, July 12th, from 6.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Little Waltham on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, July 12th? —H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 15th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, Rev. J. K. E. O'Malley (Rector of Sandhurst, Berks). Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. All applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 12th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silchester on Saturday, July 15th (not 8th). Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting follow. All requiring tea, please notify by July 12th, to Mr. W. Cottrell, Chitty Farm, Mortimer West, Reading.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A great gathering is expected at Penshurst on Saturday, July 15th. The beautiful gardens of Penshurst Place, and the Rectory, will be open to ringers, by kind permission of Lord de Isle and Dudley, and the Rev. P. H. Turnbull. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Village Hall at 1s. 3d. a head, followed by a short business meeting. Special attention paid to learners at all meetings. Please notify me of intention to attend by Tuesday, July 11th.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Marbury (6 bells) on July 15th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have a postcard by July 12th?—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on July 15th at St. Mary Magdalene, Richmond, Surrey. Ringing from 2.45 to 7.30 p.m. An ideal spot for a summer meeting and a peal of bells not often available. All visitors welcome.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — Quarterly meeting to be held at Solihull on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the café of Messrs. J. Welch, High Street, 1s. per head, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. — Dorothy E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Buriton on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Five Bells Inn. All requiring tea please inform me by Wednesday, July 12th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A ringers' garden party will be held at Acton on July 15th, by kind invitation of the Rector. Bells available from 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Rectory gardens, at the invitation of the Rector, followed by games for those who prefer this to ringing. Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.). A large attendance is hoped for. Visitors and friends from other districts will be welcomed. Names to the undersigned not later than July 13th. Reports available. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting is at Market Bosworth on Saturday, July 15th. It is hoped that members will support this meeting, the first for many years at this tower. Ringing friends cordially invited. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5. Because of catering difficulties, please notify Mr. Wm. Henson, Station Road, Market Bosworth, near Nuneaton, as early as possible. Usual charge. Midland Red buses run from Leicester, Coalville and Nuneaton. Come and try some 'New' Doubles.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Scarning on Saturday, July 15th. Gressenhall bells will be available after tea.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

PEAK SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Ashover on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Those intending to be present please write Mr. A. H. Bowler, Eastwood View, Ashover, nr. Chesterfield, not later than Wednesday, July 12th, so that adequate tea arrangements can be made.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The six-bell ringing contest for the Society's Silver Cup will take place at Dronfield Church on Saturday, July 15th; commence 2.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. R. Parker, Green Dragon, Church Street, Dronfield, for tea, 1s. each. Tower open after contest.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upwey on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30. Tea at 4.15. Short business meeting at 5. Abbotsbury bells (6) available after the meeting.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let us have another good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers requiring tea to me by Wednesday, July 12th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellington Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held, D.V., at Yardley-Hastings (6 bells), on Saturday, July 15th. Guild certificates ready for six members. Service at 4.30. Come if you can.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Grittleton (6 bells) on Saturday, July 15th, at 3 o'clock. Usual business. Sir Audley Neeld has very kindly opened his beautiful gardens to ringers and friends. Visitors welcome and a card re tea by the 13th will oblige.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingstone, near Ilminster, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify early for tea, important.—D. G. Taylor, Braeside, Ilminster.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wadenhoe on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6). Usual arrangements. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Tuesday, July 11th.—W. R. Butcher, Hon. Sec., Brigstock.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—July meeting to be held on Saturday, July 15th, at Preshute (6 bells). Cards re tea will oblige by Wednesday, the 12th inst.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, near Marlborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upton (5 bells) on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. We hope to have a good attendance.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

WILLOUGHBY, NOTTS.—The ring of 5 bells restored by John Taylor and Co. will be re-dedicated on Sunday, July 16th, at 6.30 p.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Newark.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (North and East District) **AND HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (St. Albans District).—A joint meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist's, Barnet, on Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing also at St. Mary the Virgin's, Monken Hadley. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow, for which please notify Mr. H. J. Eldred, 98, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet, Herts.—T. J. Lock and H. V. Frost, Hon. Dis. Secs.

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ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS (bells 6). Meeting July 22nd. Bells open 3.30. Tea at 5.30.—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270. Herts Association.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Rev. C. A. Manley (Vicar). Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. W. Smith, Fair View, Jubilee Road, Littlebourne, near Canterbury, to reach him not later than Thursday, July 20th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) **AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District).—The joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 29th. Details next week.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

NEW ADDRESS. — The address of Mr. W. B. Kynaston, hon. secretary of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, is now 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts.

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