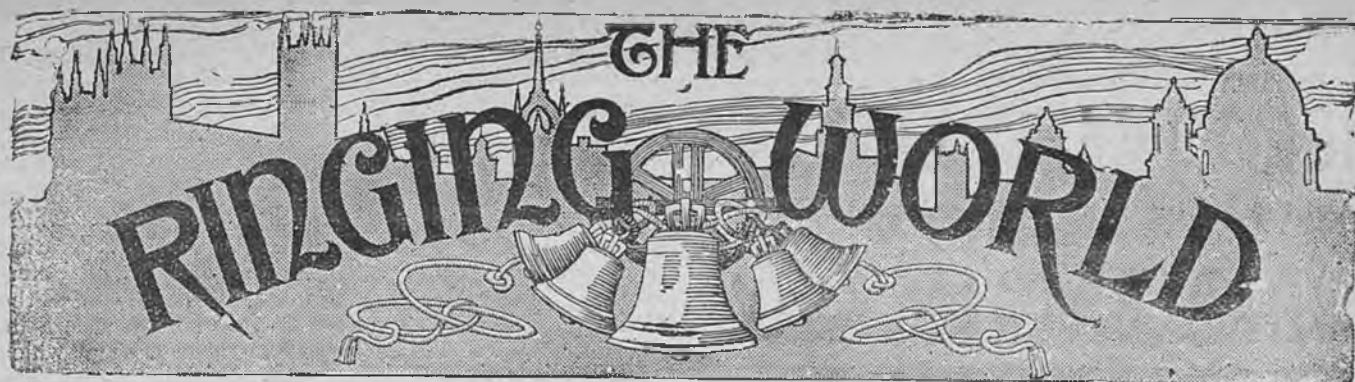




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FEDERATION IN PETERBOROUGH DIOCESE

The appeal made by the Bishop of Peterborough, at the recent meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association, for a federation of the ringing organisations in the diocese of Peterborough, is one that will find a great deal of support among the ringers in that area. It strikes a new note in regard to the lines upon which ringers should unite their forces, and the executive of the Central Northants Association has shown a readiness to forward the Bishop's desire by appointing representatives for a conference on the subject with the other associations whose areas extend within the boundaries of the diocese. The societies affected, in addition to the Central Northants, are the Peterborough and District, the Towcester and District, and the Midland Counties Association, for, in addition to Northamptonshire, the counties of Leicester and Rutland are concerned.

When the modern ringing associations were first formed, they mapped their areas on differing lines. Some followed the county areas, others the diocesan, while some took in territory whose boundaries were only vaguely defined. Among the last named was the Midland Counties Association, which has its centre in Leicestershire, a sphere of powerful influence in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and embraces Rutland and part of Warwickshire. The Midland Counties Association has, despite its wide area, been a consistently homogeneous whole, and, in its more than forty years' existence, has established a position which we feel sure its members would be loath to break. The Bishop of Peterborough is doubtless fully aware of this feeling, for his suggestion is for federation in his diocese as distinct from amalgamation. The resolution passed by the Central Northants Association voices the desirability of a Diocesan Guild, but we imagine that that ideal will be one for future adoption, and that the Bishop's proposal will probably be found the first and best step to its ultimate realisation.

The greatest factor in the success or otherwise of the scheme will be the attitude of the ringers in the Leicestershire area. Without their co-operation a Diocesan Guild for Peterborough can be only a partial success. It is hardly to be expected that Leicestershire ringers will lightly sever their connection with the association to which they have so long been affiliated, and a scheme by which they can retain their membership of the Midland Counties while giving support to a federation for their own diocese is, we think, one that is much more likely to appeal to them. Such a position would be a new departure in ringing organisation, but a workable scheme

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ought to be quite within the range of possibility. Among the objects which all our associations seek to promote is that of increasing the recognition of ringers as church workers, and by no means can this be better achieved than by gaining diocesan status. Any proposal which helps this forward deserves full and serious consideration by all concerned, and when, as in the case of Peterborough, the suggestion emanates from the Bishop of the Diocese, no stone should be left unturned to secure its eventual adoption, thus setting the seal to a claim which in some areas it has been very difficult to maintain. The course of the conference will be watched with interest by all ringers.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JOHN W. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOHN EVANS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 9
JOHN C. TRUSS 4	JOHN GRANSBURY 10
EDWARD R. COLES 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
WILLIAM PYE 6	RALPH COLES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The visitors wish to again thank Mr. and Mrs. R. Coles for the kindness and hospitality extended to them after the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM BROWN Treble	GEORGE POUND 5
BEN. J. BAKER 2	JOHN HEAD 6
JOHN SMITH 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	GEORGE GRANT Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. T. E. Sone to Miss J. Chambers, which took place at Rosyth, Scotland, earlier in the day, both being members of the Staplehurst band.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER MILLER Treble	GEORGE STANNARD 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	HARRY HALL 6
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 3	JOHN HALL 7
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER 4	WALTER RUFFLES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINES. Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	SAMUEL JONES 5
JOHN HAYES 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by G. R. JONES.

100th peal for conductor, and rung as a birthday compliment to R. T. Holding and Harry Overton, of Crewe.

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

On Tuesday, June 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
WILLIAM E. JUDD 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

Fiftieth peal on the bells.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER FISHER Treble	ERNEST JONES 5
EDWARD CAUNCE 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS W. GILMOUR 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
CLAUDE S. BENWELL 4	CHARLES PACKER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal board recording two peals of Stedman Cinques and two peals of Treble Twelve, rung in this tower and erected through the generosity of Mr. W. Davies, who now completes 40 years' service as a ringer at this church.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
PERCY HARRISON 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 4	*JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Triples. Arranged for Mr. Pitman, who hails from Port Talbot, Glam.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
WILLIAM HODGETTS 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 6
CECIL J. KAZER 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
ARTHUR W. DIX 4	*EDWARD CORDERY Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Allen, Muggleton, Anker, to Miss Ada Marian Powell, which took place at the above Church.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. BACON Treble	LIONEL H. PAGE 5
*GORDON A. BACON 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
*CHARLES P. CHALK 3	GEORGE E. WILSON 7
HENRY T. WILSON 4	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor

Composed by W. WILSON.

Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

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NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*FRANK BRADLEY Treble	WILLIAM A. JAMES 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	†LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 6
THOMAS H. KIRKBY 3	†GEORGE WEST 7
FRANK JOHNSON 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Price, daughter of Mr. F. S. Price, of Beeston.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY WHITTLE Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN 5
THOMAS H. COLBURN 2	JOHN SAEDINGTON 6
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 3	EDWARD READER 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Arranged for Mr. Pitman, of Port Talbot, Glam., it being his first peal of Kent Major. Rung on the anniversary of the Conductor's wedding day.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM NASH Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
WILLIAM J. KEMP 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	*CECIL V. EBBERSON 7
HAROLD W. CLARK 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method away from the Treble and first in the method on the bells.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS HARE Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ... 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TRING, HERTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. approx. in D.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
GEORGE W. STEER 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Melville on the occasion of their daughter, Miss Millicent Melville, coming-of-age birthday, Tring being her birthplace. Also in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6312 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT J. PITMAN Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
GEORGE S. MORRIS 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
The composition is now called for the first time. The above peals were rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Hare.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... Treble	JAMES E. COOPER 5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 7
†STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... 4	*WILLIAM H. HOUNSBAM ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob Major. * First peal.
† First peal of Triples.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE TWITCHEN ... Treble	†FRANK W. BOXELL 5
†SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD ... 2	RALPH COLES 6
EDWARD MARKHAM 3	†JOHN EVANS 7
EDWARD R. COLES 4	*WILLIAM H. PLUMRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

* First peal in any method. † First peal of Stedman Triples.
† Ringers of 2nd and 7th have rung all the bells in this tower through peals.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*ALLAN M. HICKMAN ... Treble	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
HARRY OVERTON 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major upon the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. T. Holding, mother of the 2nd and 3rd ringers.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE HATFIELD GUILD OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 26 cwt.

*SIDNEY W. COLL ... Treble	†ALBERT R. LAWRENCE, JUN. 5
*JAMES G. DUNHAM 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
STANLEY HONOUR 3	ARTHUR SHEPHERD 7
*HARRY L. NORBS 4	*GEOFFREY B. RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. KENTISH.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 5th are only 15 years of age. Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TRANSPPOSITION OF E. B. JAMES' TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON ... Treble	†EDWIN I. MARTIN 5
SAMUEL WHITE 2	BERT RIDGWAY 6
*ARTHUR D. OLDHAM 3	FRED COTTON 7
*CHARLES E. PAYNE 4	WILLIAM COPE Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples with Bob Bell. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung on the eve of Sunday Schools Anniversary.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

LEWIS NEWMAN ... Treble	THOMAS BEAUMONT 5
GEORGE PODD 2	JAMES W. LEONARD 6
CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	BENJAMIN BAKER Tenor

Conducted by CLER.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

First peal of Triples as Conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ERNEST S. BAILEY ... Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
ERNEST E. GRIMES 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Sampson, wife of Mr. C. Sampson.

MARSDEN, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

JAMES BARRACLOUGH ... Treble	WILLIAM B. FRITH 5
JAMES COTTERELL 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6
*TOM SHAW 3	*WILLIAM BROGDEN 7
ALBERT ARMITAGE 4	ALLEN CARTER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

* First peal on a bob bell. † First peal for 32 years. First peal on the new bells by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, which were dedicated March 31st, 1923.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES F. SAYER ... Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
EDWIN R. GOATE 3	BEN. S. THOMPSON 7
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the treble.

SOUTHLLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James the Great,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brooks' Variation.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*THOMAS W. BOND Treble	JOHN MONK 5
JACK HONEY 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 3	NOBLE SPINDLOW 7
GORDON CAUDWELL 4	RICHARD KEEN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal of Stedman.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Memorial Tower of SS. PATRICK and ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOMAS STAGG Treble	JAMES CHINERY 5
FRANK LEVITT 2	PERCY FORDHAM 6
MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... 3	REGINALD LATHBURY ... 7
WILLIAM STANNARD 4	FREDERICK SALTER Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by F. SALTER.

Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday. First peal of Major as conductor.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
ALBERT E. EDWARDS 4	JAMES GOODSSELL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. J. Lambert, Jun., and Miss J. E. Baldock-Apps, which happy event took place at Holy Trinity Church, Hurst Green, the same afternoon. The conductor has now rung each bell through a peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford, and three of Plain Bob.

CHARLES NUNN Treble	GEORGE BROWN 4
ALFRED J. BERRY 2	FREDERICK HAYWARD ... 5
GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... 3	WALTER C. MEDLER Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

This peal was rung to oblige W. C. Medler, who hails from Hovingham, Norfolk.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED PICK Treble	WALTER WALLINGTON ... 4
*ALBERT MARTIN 2	WILLIAM HECTOR 5
FRED WALLINGTON 3	ARTHUR MANNING Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

First peal by treble ringer, who was proposed a member of the association before starting. * First peal of Minor.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hubert,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES;

42 six-scores in ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES PERRETT Treble	H. W. RAKE 4
EDWARD MEADER 2	HENRY BURLING 5
FRANK PRICE 3	FRANCIS HART Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PRICE.

First peal on the bells and first peal by all, except the ringer of the 5th. Rung at first attempt.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES BETTS Treble	*J. YOUNG 4
*F. BATTERHAM 2	W. E. CLARKE 5
JOHN PHILLIPS 3	GEORGE COLEMAN Tenor

Conducted by J. BETTS.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled after the funeral of H. Taylor, who passed away suddenly on 20th June, as a token of respect. Mr. Taylor had been a ringer at Frampton for 20 years, and had also acted as conductor for the last 10 years.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Five Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 10080 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, College Single, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HAROLD G. LOVELL Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
EDMUND J. HOBBS 2	HORACE H. SMITH 5
FREDERICK J. MYNARD ... 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This is the longest peal on the bells, and by all except the conductor, also the longest of Minor by the association. An attempt was made for this peal on Whit Monday, but failed through the 5th rope breaking after ringing five hours. The treble ringer was elected a member of the Bedfordshire Association previous to starting for the peal.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JAMES POWELL Treble	*HARRY BAKER 4
*MRS. H. BAKER 2	CHARLES TRIBE 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells, and the first occasion on which a lady has rung in a peal at Beckley. The peal was rung on the anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, June 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3-4	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Witness: J. G. RUMSEY.

First peal of Double Norwich in hand by all.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, June 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 504½ CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL1—2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS5—6
THOMAS E. ABBOTT3—4	ALFRED S. BAYLEY7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

Umpire: WILLIAM D. WASE.

Witnesses: THE REV. PREBENDARY C. B. CROWE, M.A.,
AND WILLIAM R. EVANS.

Specially arranged for Mr. W. H. Fussell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE ST. NICOLAS SOCIETY, GUILDFORD.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At St. Michael's, Joseph's Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES HAZELDEN1—2	*SEPTIMUS RADFORD5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD3—4	GEORGE PETTER7—8

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD. Referee: MRS. HAZELDEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples on an inside pair.

LEICESTER SURPRISE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The item published in Belfry Gossip on June 15th, re the first Surprise peal in the city of Leicester, has brought two replies, a courteous one from Mr. Wm. Willson, and an elaborated conglomeration of fancy words from: 'Basta.' The word 'local' seems to be the word that is causing this ink slinging, may it not degenerate to a mud-slinging contest! Neither of the peals under discussion can be claimed as rung by local men. In both these were ringers taking part whose place of residence is outside the city boundary. The fact that all their ringing is done with Leicester men, whilst perhaps bringing them under the heading of Leicester ringers cannot bring them under the term 'local.' I understand that in some places the term 'local' is taken to cover a tower to which all the ringers belong—not merely 'attached.' The peal at St. Margaret's has not been put forward on this ground. The one at St. John's has. Mr. Willson will find, if he cares to take the trouble, that one of the ringers in his band was still a member of the staff of ringers at another Leicester church at the time his peal was rung. There are in Leicester at present ringers enough and to spare to ring Surprise peals at about three churches in one afternoon. Why not get together and do it? It would be much better, at any rate, than designing footnotes and replies to same. This, at least, is the opinion of

KEEP SMILING.

SILENT BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is my privilege every Sunday to assist at one of the most beautiful churches in England, St. Mary's, Crocombe, Somerset, but alas! one of its chief glories is silent. I refer to its bells.

After doing yeoman service for centuries the whole peal has had to be sent away to be cleaned, quarter-turned and tuned. But in addition to this the old wooden bell-cage is so decayed as to need entire replacement, and extensive repairs to the belfry itself are necessary.

The work is being done by the famous firm of bell founders, Messrs. Taylor and Son, of Loughborough. The total cost is at least £700, of which only about £400 has been raised, much of it in the little parish itself, leaving some £300 still to be found.

Now I have heard that there is a custom amongst belfries of having a 'whip round' amongst the members to assist other belfries whose bells have fallen on evil days, and I am writing this letter in the hope that it will catch the eye of sympathetic members of other belfries.

If the belfries of this diocese alone were to send a contribution it would be a great help. Further, I know that Crocombe has always responded to appeals of this kind.

If, as I hope, this appeal kindles a response from all those who have the welfare of all belfries at heart, will they please send their contributions to the Rev. G. Freeman, The Rectory, Crocombe, Somerset?—I remain, yours faithfully,

OSCAR STANWAY.

26, The Close, Wells, Somerset, June 11th, 1923.

RINGING IN AMERICA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In two or three months I expect to leave England for America—most probably New York.

Will anybody who can give me information about ringable bells, or the names and addresses of any ringers living out there, please do so by writing either to 'The Ringing World,' or to me direct. I shall be very grateful for any information.—Yours truly, TONY PRICE
Shouldham Vicarage, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

RINGING INTERFERES WITH TENNIS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The Rector having received a complaint from the wife of one of our churchwardens that she cannot play tennis owing to the horrible noise of the bells going on for hours, and that it is sheer physical pain to endure, there will be no ringing here until further notice.

Will all friends who have applied for the use of the bells from time to time and have been disappointed with the reply, please accept my sympathy and regrets?—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM T. BEESON, Senr.

St. Mary's Thorne, Godstone.

OLDEST PEAL OF SIX.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The account in last week's 'Ringing World' of the Blessington six bells, all dated 1682, has made me wonder if there are many peals of six older than that date, and whether the peal of six here may be nearly, or quite, the oldest. This Martley (Worcestershire) six, tenor 14 cwt., are all dated 1673, so that this year is their quarter-millenary, or 250th year of existence; they were cast by Rich Keene (and by tradition close to the church) the 5th bell being inscribed 'Rich Keene caste this Ringe,' 1673. They are good-shaped bells, but their tone was much improved by the late Mr. A. Hughes in 1914, who tuned them in situ. They were refitted and quarter-turned (for the first time since being cast) in 1895, by Blackburn, of Salisbury. The frame, a strong structure of oak, is also dated '1673, O.C.' and rests upon still more massive timbers, which show, from brass sockets, that they were the bearing timbers of still older bells.

I should be much interested if any of your readers know of an older complete six. I rang on one at Ipswich (by Miles Gray, dated 1636, I think) some years ago, but I fancy they are now eight. Yours faithfully,

JAMES F. HASTINGS.

Martley Rectory, Worcester, June 23rd, 1923.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM GRIMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following further donations are acknowledged with many thanks: W. G. Crickmer, 5s.; D. Collins, 2s.; W. E. Mauden, 2s. 6d.; previously received and acknowledged, 27 8s., making a total of 27 17s. 6d. It is now the wish of the widow that the fund should be closed, and she desires me (through the medium of your journal) to convey her grateful thanks and appreciation to all who have helped in connection with the appeal.—Yours faithfully,

W. C. KUMSEY.

BEQUEST FOR MUFFLED PEAL.

TESTATOR LEAVES PROPERTY TO BELL RINGERS.

A singular bequest made by Mr. James Messenger, Middle Park, Victoria, Australia, who left £1,668 in this country, is announced.

Subject to a few small legacies, the testator leaves all his property to the bell ringers of Upper Froyle Parish Church, Hampshire, in trust, to keep in repair the graves of his father and mother, and on January 22nd in each year to ring a muffled peal of bells, after which they may pay one-eighth of the current half-year's income for providing themselves a supper, or otherwise for division between them.

The balance of the income is to go to the maintenance in alternative half-years of the oldest poor man and the oldest poor woman in Froyle, the choice to be at the discretion of the bell ringers.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Western district held a most successful and enjoyable meeting at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on Saturday last. The bells were kept going in various methods from 3 p.m. until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was held in the church. An address was given by the Rev. A. Palmer. After service about 30 members partook of an excellent tea. The towers represented were Leatherhead, Dorking, Crawley, Reigate, Shere, Twickenham, Thames Ditton, Worplesdon, Finchampstead, Clapham Park, and the local company.—At the business meeting seven new members were proposed and elected. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. A. Palmer for conducting the service, and to the organist. The tower was again visited, where further ringing was indulged in until 8 p.m.

SILVER WEDDING.

The members of the Monmouth Cathedral Guild met in the belfry on Monday, June 18th, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thompson, senior verger of the Cathedral, and father of the Guild's 'prodigy.' A peal of Erin Cinques had been arranged, but a concert in the Town Hall opposite restricted our time of ringing to a quarter-peal of Erin Caters (1,261 changes), in 51 minutes. This was followed by 'firing' the bells one stroke for each year of their happy married life—25 in all: G. A. Pickering 1, J. Rowell 2, C. L. Routledge 3, J. W. Parker 4, W. Story 5, Richard Thompson, junr., 6, A. F. Hillier 7, W. H. Barber (conductor) 8, J. Foreman 9, A. M. Hall 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson kindly invited the company over to supper. Mr. Joe Keen also taking part in this interesting stage of the performance.—The Ringing Master (Mr. Routledge) proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom of 25 years ago, and wished them at least another 25 of the same peaceful happy years. He thanked them for all their many acts of kindness and consideration towards the Guild and its members—times out of number the path had been made smooth for them by Mr. Thompson in his tactful way. The Guild was also grateful to them for providing 'Dickie' to the belfry—he, too, had always had the interests and best traditions of the belfry at heart.—Mr. Thompson thanked the ringers for their kindly congratulations. He hoped to continue, both himself and his wife, in that deep interest they had always had in the belfry, and now their second son was one of the band, they understood the conditions and difficulties of ringing more than ever they had before, and naturally were more in sympathy. The handbells were brought into play, also the gramophone, and some singing brought a very happy and enjoyable evening to a close.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

A district meeting was held at Ewhurst on Saturday, June 16th, about thirty being present. The bells were available at three o'clock. A short service was held in the church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. R. L. Leatherdale, of Cranleigh, who also gave an address. Tea was provided at the Crown Inn and was followed by a short business meeting, presided over by Mr. W. R. Melville (chairman of committee).—Two new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the summer outing at Rannmore on August Bank Holiday, if permission could be obtained.—The usual vote of thanks for the use of church and bells was passed, after which the party returned to the tower and indulged in touches in various methods till nine o'clock.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM, AT WATLINGTON.

The members visited Watlington last week in order to bid farewell to the Rev. C. W. E. Cleaver (who for 17 years was Vicar of Caversham, and a good friend to his ringers) and Mrs. Cleaver, who are leaving Watlington for Lincolnshire. Some good Steadman Triples were rung, and a touch of Bob Major. Tea was partaken of, and Mr. A. D. Gullum, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the Vicar for all his kindnesses that day, and in the past.—Mr. Cleaver thanked the band for going over, and said that of all the farewells nothing had touched him like the letter did to say his old ringers were coming to bid him good-bye. It was one of the things that would add to his memories of Caversham, and to hear Watlington bells rung that day in Caversham style had given him great delight. He was also glad to see among the Caversham men that day some young blood, who he remembered in the infant school. On the return journey a short halt was called at Nettledred, and whilst the engines were cooling and the sparking plug renovated, permission was granted to ring on the little six in that village tower, a 720 of Bob Minor being rung in 18 minutes. Some Grandfire Doubles to interest the local men finished the ring for the day, the famous 'Berry's Corner' being reached at 9.45 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DIVISION.**

A well-attended meeting was held at Hellingley on Saturday, June 23rd, the following towers being represented: Christ Church, St. Leonard; Christ Church, Blacklands, and St. Clement's, Hastings, Chiddingfold, Mayfield, Westham, Shoreham, Heathfield, Eastbourne, St. Mary's and St. Saviour's. Mr. R. Stredwick, of Brighton, and Mr. Pipo, of Eastbourne, unattached members, were also present.

The members were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Wood Robinson), and also by the local ringers.

Good practice was had in various six-bell methods during the afternoon and evening. Following the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, about 36 members sat down to tea at the Village Hall.

At the short business meeting, Mr. W. D. Smith occupied the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the place for the next meeting was discussed, Rye and Heathfield being proposed by Mr. Kennett and Mr. A. R. Miles, respectively. On being put to the vote Rye was chosen.—The Chairman (Mr. W. D. Smith) then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. T. Wood Robinson) for the use of the bells and for his presence amongst them that afternoon, and also to Mr. T. Stroud, who presided at the organ during the service.—This was seconded by Mr. A. C. Pankhurst.—The usual vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'I have read with great interest your neat little book entitled "Why are you a Ringer" (by a ringer). It is excellent, and cannot but do much good. It should be read by all incumbents and ringers,' writes a clergyman. Send 2d. stamps for specimen copy to Southwood, Printers, Exeter.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' was rung at Birmingham on July 2nd, 1886.

In connection with the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, which we mentioned as being the longest peal on twelve bells, this was so in point of time, but it did not exceed in number of changes the record of Grandsire Cinques which is 13,001 rung at Painswick.

Ringers as a rule are ready to respond to an appeal made in a worthy cause. We hope there will be a generous response to Mr. A. E. Parsons' appeal for the restoration of the bells of Rowley Regis Church.

The peal of Double Norwich rung and published last week for the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association took place at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

The death has occurred at Crawley, Sussex, of Mrs. J. Rice, widow of the late Mr. John Rice, who passed away only a few weeks ago. Many ringers who have visited Crawley have enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Rice, and will join in sympathy with the bereaved family.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

It is the usual practice of ringers, when together, to talk in ringer's jargon, but in one compartment of the 2.10 p.m. Stockport to Wilmslow, on Saturday, June 23rd, it is quite possible that certain ringers were mistaken for gardeners, and if the old adage is correct, certain critics of the names of some of the Treble Bob Minor methods ought to have suffered from burning ears. After the 'fiddler' had done his usual fiddling round the bells, and a course of Oxford had been rung, three courses of 'Marigold' (the first) were nicely tapped off.

The church service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. A. H. Powell, B.A.), who, in the course of his short address, welcomed the members to Wilmslow. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, to which about forty members and friends sat down. During the business meeting which followed, with the branch chairman in charge, many items of branch affairs were discussed. Notice was given of the annual festival, to be held at Hyde on July 28th, and it was also intimated that those intending to be present for dinner would have to purchase tickets beforehand, or otherwise make their own arrangements.—Five new members were elected, and Lower Power fixed as the place of the next meeting on August 25th, at which members of the Northwich branch are invited to join.—The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, after which the bells were again requisitioned, call changes, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Treble Bob, which included choice bits from the 'garden,' being rung.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Wortley, near Penistone, on Saturday, June 16th, when upwards of 30 members and friends attended. The towers represented were Sheffield Cathedral; St. Maries', All Saints', Ranmoor; Rawmarsh, Handsworth, Treeton, Arksey, Hoylandswaine and Bolsterstone. At the service at 4.30 the Vicar (the Rev. T. L. Brashaw) officiated, and gave his listeners some very interesting information concerning the great poets and church bells.

Tea was provided at a cafe near the church. After tea the business meeting was held. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Messrs. J. Evinson, C. Lake (St. Maries') and F. Wadsworth, G. Wadsworth, A. Sellars, F. Downing and J. Dronfield, of the local company, were elected members of the association. It was very pleasing to see Mr. Dronfield again taking up ringings. He said the young members of the Wortley band were so very enthusiastic he could not stay away any longer. Some discussion took place as to the next quarterly meeting, which, by rule, should be held in September, but in view of the association dinner being held in Sheffield in September it was decided to defer the meeting until October, and an invitation being forthcoming from Dore it was decided to have the meeting at that place on October 20th.—The Vice-President, Mr. F. Willey, gave a brief summary of the committee's plans for the annual dinner, and urged all who possibly could to attend, remarking in passing that if ringers could come from places as far off as London and Newcastle, surely those living on the doorstep could make an effort and help to make it a huge success.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells were proposed and carried.—In replying, the reverend gentleman thanked all the members for their presence, and gave a hearty invitation to visit Wortley any time they found it convenient.—Mr. Wooler also responded on behalf of the local band. This concluded the business, after which the members indulged in further ringing. The secretary would like to place on record his best thanks to Mr. Wooler for so kindly conveying him to the car terminus in time to catch his train from Sheffield.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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CARE AND USE OF BELLS.

The Hon. Secretary presented a draft copy of a proposed card of instructions on the care and use of bells, suitable for hanging in a tower. This had been based upon cards issued by founders, and also upon a set of 'instructions' and a circular of 'advice' which had been supplied by the Rev. H. Drake. The paragraphs were considered serially, and when the Council had expressed their views on each, the whole was provisionally adopted, and the hon. secretary asked for instructions as to the printing, which he estimated would cost about £5.

Mr. T. H. Beams suggested the printing should be deferred until the funds of the Council permitted the 'instructions' being published.

Replying to the Rev. M. Kelly, the Librarian said the Council's publication on 'the care and use of church bells' was out of print. The idea of this card was to bring the matter up to date, and put it into a simple and short form. He proposed that the hon. secretary be authorised to have the cards printed so far as the instructions related solely to the care of bells.

Canon Elsee seconded, and it would be really valuable to have such a card in many belfries, where perhaps no work had been done to the bells for some time.

The Rev. H. Law James said that in every steeple where there was a real live band, the card was not necessary, and where there was not a real live band they might just as well not have the card, because nobody would take any notice of it.

Major Hesse asked if the bell founders did not issue a card which covered all the instructions which they had heard upon the mechanical side.

The Hon. Secretary: I have taken these instructions from their cards.

Major Hesse: Then is it necessary to have the card at all?

The President said the founders' cards were only placed in towers where they had recently done work. One tower in fifty might have a card; the Council wanted to get the card into the other forty-nine.

Canon Baker said he knew a tower where they had a set of 57 rules (laughter). He asked if the rules were observed, and was told the ringers never looked at them (laughter). If the 'instructions' read by Mr. Young could be condensed and boiled down to something short, he thought it might be useful, but it would require a great deal of condensation from what they had heard.

The Rev. H. Drake thought they should print the card and circulate it as a sort of missionary propaganda, where bells were not properly looked after. The reason why it seemed so long was because two different cards were read, and, therefore, a good deal appeared twice over; when they were boiled down he did not think the card would be found at all long. Since the last meeting of the Council several cases had come before his notice where bells had been clocked, and some destroyed as a result. They ought to let people know that that sort of thing was wrong. It ought to be known in every tower in the kingdom, and, therefore, they should make reference to it on the card. They ought also to have a reference to the local association so that people might know to whom to refer when bells needed overhauling, or when it was proposed to add to them. He was willing to defray the cost of the card if it would go forward in the way suggested (applause).

The proposal to adopt the 'instructions' as the basis of a card for hanging in the belfry was carried, and the Rev. H. Drake's offer was accepted with thanks.

THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in London, and it was resolved to apply to the Dean of Westminster for the use of the Jerusalem Chamber at the Abbey.

MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

Mr. W. A. Cave called attention to the decision of the Council that peals on eight bells and over should consist of one method. Last year, he said, there was a peal rung, consisting of Little Bob and Plain Bob spliced, and it had been included in the Analysis. He contended that it should not be recognised by the Council as a peal.

The Rev. H. Law James urged that the motion by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, which they had already carried, covered the point.

No action was taken.

THE RECORD PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

Mr. C. T. Coles said before the Council separated he thought they should pass a vote of congratulation to the College Youths upon the masterful performance on the preceding day at Southwark. As one of the listeners, he could say it was most excellent ringing, and he thought they could say it was the most wonderful performance ever accomplished in Stedman Cinques.

Mr. W. Willson said he had great pleasure in seconding. He had never heard such striking on twelve bells in his life. It was a gigantic undertaking, and commanded the admiration of all men (hear, hear).

The motion was carried by acclamation.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for permitting the Council to meet in the Chapter House, and he was sure he was voicing the views of the Council when he said that at no place during the last 30 years of their meetings had they ever received such a welcome, and had such excellent arrangements made for them as had been made by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild (applause). The remembrance of the drive they had on the previous day, the ringing they had, and the nice fellowship would remain a memory with them all their lives. For these excellent arrangements they had specially to thank Major D'Aeth, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. Hervey Beams and Mr. Stewart.

The motion having been carried,

Major D'Aeth replied, and said it had been a great privilege to have the meetings of the Central Council in that beautiful cathedral. He believed it would do a great deal for the art of ringing in that large and scattered diocese. It would show the clergy, who did not visit them very often, that the church bell ringers were a body of churchmen before they were ringers.

Mr. Beams, who also replied, said Mr. Edwards and Major D'Aeth did most of the work, he (Mr. Beams) had only been the 'ginger.' He saw that they did it (laughter).

The Rev. F. L. Edwards also responded, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the president for presiding, proposed by Canon Baker.

SOCIAL GATHERING.

The members were entertained to tea at the Church House by Archdeacon and Mrs. Carpenter, to whom the President proposed a cordial vote of thanks.

A party was afterwards conducted round the Cathedral, and later in the evening a social gathering was held at the Cathedral Hotel, a company of about 70 being present. In addition to being welcomed by the officers of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, their patron, the Earl of Shaftesbury, was also present. The Rev. F. L. Edwards, presented the president, the honorary secretary, and one or two of the leading ringers to his lordship, who then extended his good wishes and a hearty welcome to the visitors. He said that he feared he knew little of the actual science of ringing, to which consequently he would not refer, but he knew that many famous ringers were present, and he offered all a hearty welcome. He pointed out that change ringing was both an art and a science, and it was important for good ringing that there should be knowledge and enthusiasm. He felt that it was an excellent thing (from many points of view) for lads and young men to take up, including as it did the rudiments and discipline of good citizenship. He referred to the importance of experienced ringers going from parish to parish to help those affiliated to the Guild. In reference to their meeting in the Chapter House, he said that he felt they must have been deeply impressed by the beauty of the Cathedral. He hoped they had all enjoyed their sojourn, and would carry away a lasting and happy impression of their visit.

Canon Coleridge, in reply, said they had never had extended to them such a wonderful reception as that which they had met with at Salisbury. He referred to the very kind way in which they had been received at other meetings in previous years, and particularly to the last meeting in London, when the Dean of Westminster received them on the occasion of service at the grave of the Unknown Warrior. Though they had thus in the past been received by high dignitaries of the church, never before had they been welcomed as here in Salisbury, where they found the Dean, the Archdeacon of Sarum and the Bishop, who had each addressed words of welcome to the Council that morning. But in addition to the Lords Spiritual, they had that evening the special distinction also of being welcomed by a representative of the Lords Temporal. He assured the Earl of Shaftesbury, upon behalf of the 40,000 ringers of England, of whom they had many of the elite present, of their sincere appreciation of his kindness in coming there, to grace by his presence their meeting that evening, and in their name he thanked him most heartily for welcoming them.

During the evening a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on hand-bells, and his lordship, who was found to have an excellent tenor voice, sang some charming ballads. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn also gave a humorous song, and in response to a general request the president gave one of his humorous tales. The evening will be long remembered by all present as a very happy and enjoyable one.

RINGERS FROM IDLE AT KILDWICK.

On Saturday, June 16th, the Idle company of ringers, with two friends and four ringers from Shipley, visited Kildwick. Arriving at the grand old church at Kildwick about 3.30, it was not long before the bells were up and going to Superlative Surprise. The company were subsequently joined by Mr. J. McKell, of Gargrave, and Mr. Garlick, of Skipton, and the bells were kept going to the following methods: Superlative, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, and 360 Violet Minor. The party desire to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Kildwick for the use of the bells which are a beautiful peal, also to the local company for having everything in readiness.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

The June monthly meeting of the above association was held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Daybrook, when nearly 40 members attended from the following towers: Beeston, Bottesford, Bulwell, Cotgrave, Ilkeston, Mansfield, Ratcliffe, Worksop, Nottingham, with visitors from Treeton and Derby, and the local band were there in full force.

Tea was provided in the local Social Centre. The Vicar (the Rev. Wilkinson) presided, and gave the ringers a hearty welcome. — A hearty vote of thanks was passed for his kindness.

After tea the business meeting took place, and Mr. A. Coppock, local vice-president, presided. — The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed as read. A lengthy discussion then took place with regard to holding meetings at six and eight bells towers alternately, but it was decided to carry on as at present. The next meeting was decided to be held at West Hallam on July 21st.

An interesting event took place in the form of a presentation to the late district secretary, Mr. T. H. Kirkby, who had held the position for about seven years, the presentation being made by the vice-president, Mr. A. Coppock, who spoke of the work Mr. Kirkby had done whilst holding office, the position being an honorary one. It was decided, on the suggestion of one of the members, that his services should be recognised. The presentation took the form of a gold bell pendant, suitably inscribed, and a gold brooch for Mrs. Kirkby. The gifts were presented to Mr. Kirkby, and he was asked to accept them with the best wishes of all the members.

Mr. Kirkby replied, saying how their kindness had taken him by surprise, and remarking he had always tried to do his best for the association, thanking all for the tokens of appreciation on behalf of Mrs. Kirkby and himself.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8.30 in Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob Major, Stedman, Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich.

DEATH OF A FRAMPTON (LINCS) RINGER.

MR. HERBERT TAYLOR'S SUDDEN END.

All members of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. Herbert Taylor, who passed away on June 20th. He retired to bed apparently in his usual health on the Wednesday evening. Upon giving him his usual call on Thursday morning his sister, with whom he lived, received no answer, and on going upstairs to ascertain the reason she was horrified to find him dead. He had passed away in his sleep, from heart trouble.

The funeral took place on Saturday, 23rd June, in the Parish Churchyard, Frampton. He was borne to his last resting-place by four members of the local band, viz., G. Coleman, F. Batterham, J. Young, and W. Barker. Ringers were also present from Benington, Boston, Butterwick and Kirton. Immediately after the funeral, at the request of his relatives, a 720 of Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by the following: W. Young 1, F. Batterham 2, W. E. Clarke 3, J. Young 4, W. Barker (conductor) 5, G. Coleman 6; and also a touch of Bob Minor by the following: — Bishop 1, W. Lukin, senr. (conductor) 2, P. Lakin 3, J. Phillips 4, C. Flatters 5, W. Carlton 6.

In the evening a peal of Bob Minor (5,040 changes), an account of which occurs among the peal records, was rung in 3 hrs. 12 mins., by the following: J. Betts (conductor) 1, F. Batterham 2, J. Phillips 3, J. Young 4, W. E. Clarke 5, G. Coleman 6. The striking was very good all through, and great credit is due to the ringers of the 2nd and 4th bells, it being their first peal, and also first attempt.

DEATH OF AN OLD BENNINGTON RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. John Kitchener, of Bennington, one of the old squire's band. Deceased will be remembered by many of the older generation of ringers, especially those of the old school of fifty years ago that are now living. A musician as well as ringer, he had been organist at Bennington for 42 years, and filled that capacity until three weeks ago, his end being unexpected, not having taken to his bed until a few days before. He was ill at the time of the Herts meeting on Saturday week, and was asked if the bells disturbed him and he said no, he wanted to hear them.

He rang his first peal at Bennington (Stedman Triples) in 1865, London Surprise in 1870, and Cambridge Surprise in 1873, thus connecting these days of great strides and wonderful feats with the old days when Bennington village was the Mecca of many of the celebrated men of that time. Haley, Lobb, and many others visited there for the purpose of practising the Surprise methods, which were rung regularly for Divine service as well as practice. He was laid to rest in the old churchyard on Thursday last, amidst manifestation of the respect in which he was held, and in addition to his widow and family, and many friends, the two remaining veterans of the squire's band, Messrs. S. Page and L. Chapman, followed their old comrade to his last resting-place. Thus ends the life on earth of a man who will be missed in the life of the old and interesting village of Bennington. While o'er his grave the bells so softly shall their music pour till the end of time. Deceased was 75 years of age.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, June 24th (Patronal Festival), for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: A. Smith 1, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 2, Miss G. Baker 3, Miss P. Moss 4, H. Chandler 5, S. Honor 6, J. Bacon 7, P. Jones 8, W. Honor 9, F. Smith 10.

SLOUGH. — On Sunday, June 24th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 51 mins.: P. E. Jones 1, E. T. Hooper 2, W. H. Fussell 3, W. Henley 4, G. T. Leader 5, A. Bateman 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, A. Perryman 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT. — At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, June 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, J. Crowder 2, E. J. Pannett 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, T. A. Easterby 5, H. James 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, H. J. Norgate 8.

DOVER, KENT. — On Sunday, June 24th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes). Brookes' Variation, in 45 mins.: J. Eagles 1, C. Turner 2, S. Binfield 3, F. W. Elliott 4, C. R. Walker 5, R. H. Stevens 6, C. R. Millway 7, J. Wood 8. Conducted by C. R. Millway. Mr. S. Binfield hails from Folkestone, and Mr. J. Wood from Northbourne. It was the first attempt for a quarter-peal by the latter ringer.

PETERBOROUGH. — On Sunday, June 24th (St. John's Day), for morning service, 224 Superlative Surprise Major: F. Dainty 1, W. M. Cross 2, H. Beechey 3, S. Wright 4, J. Carman 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice 8. For evening service, 768 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Butler 1, F. Dainty 2, S. Wright 3, W. M. Cross 4, H. Beechey 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8.

SHIPLAKE, OXON. — At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Sunday, June 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Wain 1, C. Mitchell 2, H. H. Mance 3, E. Reeve 4, W. Essery 5, E. Nash (first quarter in method) 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, J. Hiscock 8. Rung on the occasion of the annual outing of St. Luke's, Chelsea, ringers.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK. — On June 17th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Nunn 1, J. Rose 2, H. Moss 3, A. J. Berry 4, E. F. Poppy 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6.

WICKHAM SKETH, SUFFOLK. — On June 17th, 360 each of Cambridge Surprise Minor and Double Oxford Minor: G. Kemp, E. Youngs, G. Brown, A. J. Berry, E. F. Poppy, T. Davey, G. Cattermole (conductor) and J. Rose, who belongs to the St. Mary-le-Tower company, Ipswich.

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE. — On Sunday, June 17th before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: S. Jones, senr. 1, W. Morgan 2, Geo. Jones 3, S. Jones, junr. 4, J. W. Clarke 5, H. W. Wilde (composer and conductor) 6, W. Thomas 7, H. Thomas 8.

LONDON. — At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Sunday, June 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 48 mins., 7, 6, 8 covering: A. W. Coles 1, H. Puitland (conductor) 2, G. Cowley 3, W. H. Howe 4, W. Glover 5, H. A. Francis 6, R. E. G. Geare 7, J. Clifford 8.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX. — On Sunday, June 10th for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: *W. J. Ellis 1, H. A. Barnett 2, *H. Ellis 3, *S. W. Crabb 4, C. T. Coles (conductor) 5, E. A. Hull 6, G. B. Lucas 7, *W. Patmore 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

GRIMSBY. — At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, on June 10th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich was rung in 46 minutes, the following ringers taking part: Steve Bromfield 1, Fred Overton 2, Thomas Fitzjohn 3, B. J. Budd 4, Fred Metcalfe 5, Charles Taylor 6, R. S. Long 7, Herbert Mingay 8.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK. — On Sunday, June 10th for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Shemming 1, E. Youngs 2, E. Miles 3, D. Bailey 4, J. A. Berry 5, J. Bailey (conductor) 6. The above was rung in token of respect with half-muffled clappers to their brother ringer, William Morley, who was laid to rest on the previous Wednesday afternoon in his 87th year. Mr. Morley was a ringer of the above church for a great number of years. J. A. Berry and E. Youngs hail from Thornham.

BEDDINGTON CROYDON. — On a recent Sunday for children's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (being 10½ 6-scores each called differently, in 40 mins.: *H. Humphries 1, *T. Bloxham 2, T. G. Bannister 3, S. W. Holdaway 4, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 5, *P. Lane 6. * First quarter-peal.

HITCHIN, HERTS. — At the Parish Church of St. Mary, previous to evensong, on Sunday, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, in 51 mins.: H. W. Else 1, E. W. Day 2, E. J. Newell 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, H. E. Day 6, L. Fidler 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all and by local band. Also on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 10th, previous to evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: E. J. Newell 1, E. W. Day 2, H. E. Day 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, L. Fidler (conductor) 6, G. T. Croft 7, H. W. Else 8.

ROWLEY REGIS BELLS.

AN APPEAL.

Dear Sir,—I take the liberty of appealing through your columns for help towards reinstating the peal of bells of the ancient parish of Rowley Regis, Staffordshire.

The church was destroyed by fire in June, 1913, when so many other churches and public buildings were being sacrificed in a political campaign of that period.

After lying in ruins for ten years the church is now being rebuilt. The tower has been built as high as the nave roof, but the Church Council being already in debt to the extent of over £2,000 cannot undertake the completion of the tower and installing the bells.

A public effort is being made by the four daughter churches of Blackheath, Old Hill, Cradley Heath and Tividale to complete the tower, and also help toward the £400 to rehang the bells. Rowley Regis is one of the poorest parishes in the Black Country, where there are practically no industries.

The bells, undamaged by fire, were augmented to eight in 1887 by James Barwell. The original five were by Matthew Bagley, of Chacombe, 1694. The tenor, 13 cwt., was recast in 1848 by Mears, and again in 1881 by Blews.

On behalf of the poor parishioners, who are yearning to hear their bells again, I ask all large-hearted clergy, laity, and ringers to help. Subscriptions will be gladly received and duly acknowledged through your columns, and may be sent to Lloyds Bank (Rowley Bells Account), Old Hill; Blackheath Branch of Lloyds Bank, or to me.—Yours, etc.,

A. E. PARSONS.

Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

A donation of £1 ls. has been received from S. Martin's Guild Sunday Service Band, per Mr. A. Walker.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch was held on Saturday, June 2nd, at Sutton, Ely. A good number of ringers from neighbouring towers was present. Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon. Service was held, the Vicar (the Archdeacon of Wisbech) officiating. After welcoming the association, the reverend gentleman spoke of uses of bells, both religious and secular. The organist and full choir attended, and the association form of service was used. Afterwards a capital tea was provided by the Vicar and lady helpers, which was much appreciated by all present.

The business meeting followed, the Archdeacon presiding. Four ringing members were enrolled, and Wilburton was chosen for the next meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for providing the tea, taking the service, and lending the bells; to the lady helpers; the organist, choir, and the local band, for having all things ready, and making everyone welcome.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16th, a very enjoyable time was spent by about 40 members of the Guild, and several friends, at the village of Berkswell. They came from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Coventry, Exhall, Nuneaton, Stoke, and the local band. The Rev. C. A. H. Russell, Rector of Whitnash, was also present.

This annual gathering at the Rectory, by the kind invitation of the president and Mrs. Back, is always looked forward to with pleasure.

The tower was open for ringing at 3 p.m., and at 4 o'clock tea was provided in the Rectory.

The Archdeacon of Warwick, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed the Guild to Berkswell once again, and said it was a pleasure both to himself and Mrs. Back to see so many present. It was a function they both looked forward to year by year.

In the course of his remarks, he said he felt sure the Guild was progressing; the type of ringers to-day reached a much higher standard than a few years ago, and were taking their proper places as church workers. He would like to see more of the clergy interest themselves in the ringers, and attend the meetings when held in their district. He hoped some day to see a peal of eight at Berkswell.

Mr. H. Argyll, senr., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon and Mrs. Back for their kind hospitality. He hoped it would be Mr. and Mrs. Back's pleasure to invite them to Berkswell for many years to come.—Mrs. Back having suitably replied, the proposition was carried with acclamation. Several members availed themselves of a visit to the park, where a fete was being held, others adjourned again to the church for more ringing. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Cambridge and London Surprise.

The falling of the bells in peal brought the ringing in the tower to a close, after which the handbells were brought into use and some excellent touches brought round.

CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

The summer meeting of the above branch was held at Winchcombe on Saturday, the 16th inst. The bells (a ring of six) were started going at three o'clock.

Service was held in church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. F. M. Wickham (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. A. D. Pennington (Rector of Alderton), and was attended by about 50 members from the following towers: Alderton, Ashchurch, Prestbury, Cheltenham (St. Mark), Leigh, Leckhampton, Swindon, Tredington, Twinning, Beckford, and the local tower. After service, the party adjourned to the Institute for tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, and was here joined by the people's warden, Mr. A. W. Smith.

The business meeting followed in the same hall, the Vicar taking the chair. About thirty new members were elected including the Rev. Canon H. A. Wilson, R.D. (Rector of Cheltenham), the Rev. Collins Ashwin, R.D. (Rector of Dumbleton), the Rev. H. A. Cooke (Rector of Swindon), the Rev. A. Stephens (Vicar of Deerhurst), hon. members: Mr. C. W. Dyson and Mr. G. Watts (Leigh), associate members. Beckford was the place chosen for the next meeting in September.—It was pointed out that several towers needed instructors, and several members volunteered to help.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his helpful address in church, and for providing the tea.—The Vicar responded, and said how pleased he was to welcome the association to his church, and hoped that a return visit would be paid at an early date.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the organist and choir. Afterwards the bells were made good use of in various methods, and instruction given.—This concluded a highly successful meeting.

COLLEGE YOUTHS AND CUMBERLANDS IN KENT.

On Saturday, June 16th, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Cumberland Society resumed the friendly rivalry initiated by Mr. F. M. Mitchell of the former, and Mr. Sergt. J. Bennett, of the latter society. On the previous occasion peals were arranged to be attempted in Kent at Northfleet and Swanscombe, respectively, the methods to be Double Norwich and Stedman Triples, and both peals were successfully rung, and it was agreed that the methods and towers be reversed at some future date. The above date was chosen for the re-gathering, and the societies met as arranged, the College Youths at Northfleet to attempt Double Norwich, and the Cumberlands at Swanscombe for Stedman Triples, and both bands were again successful, as will be seen in another column. Tom Groombridge, junr., calling 'that's all' to Double Norwich after 2.53, and J. H. Cheesman likewise to Stedman after 2.47. The ringers met at Northfleet after the peals. The handbells were brought into use, and Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Triples and Bob Major were rung by mixed bands, neither society claiming any appreciable superiority in peal ringing, handbells, etc.—Mr. Percy Clark, on behalf of the College Youths, congratulated the Cumberlands on their success, and said he was pleased to see the whole of the ringers that day were members of the Kent Association, with one exception, and commented on the excellent spirit that was shown, and hoped that further meetings could be arranged. He was pleased to note that the Cumberlands had the same band that was in the previous peal, and was sorry the College Youths, for various reasons, were not able to muster the same but a representative band had been got together.—Mr. Sergt. J. Bennett, in true Royal Marine fashion, responded on behalf of the Cumberlands, and reciprocated the kind remarks of his late fellow, Sergt. Clark.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Ludlow and Church Stretton District was held at Church Stretton, when the attendance included the District Master (the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, of Hopesay), and the Rev. H. J. Scott, of Clun. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. T. Dixon, D.D.), who also gave an interesting address, and afterwards hospitably entertained the company to tea in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting which followed, the Secretary reported that the Rev. H. T. Dixon had kindly agreed to become an hon. member, and had also promised to use his efforts in persuading the local ringers to join the parent organisation.

Two honorary, four ringing members, and six probationers from Stokesay Church, and six honorary, two ringing members, and three probationers from St. Lawrence, Ludlow, were elected.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, providing tea, and also for presiding at the business meeting, and to the organist for the musical part of the service.

It was agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wistanstow (if convenient) towards the latter end of August.

June 15th was the anniversary of the first peal on the bells at Winchester Cathedral, rung in 1885, and June 14th of the first on the bells at Lincoln Cathedral, rung in 1886. Both were conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6. Tea provided for all who send their names to W. Mapp, Post Office, Singleton. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The annual gathering of ringers will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Any company requiring them earlier please let me know by June 29th. No peal attempt. Entrance west end with cycles.—A. Symonds, 41, Market Lane.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at Smarden (6 bells) on Saturday, June 30th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. L. H. Evans). Bells available at 2 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. — C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Method proposed: Double Norwich.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Orsett on Saturday, June 30th, by kind permission of the Rector, Rev. J. Eisdell. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea can be provided for those who notify me not later than the 26th inst.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Crowland on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Service at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sully, Glamorgan, on Saturday, June 30th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The next meeting of this division will be held at Felstead upon Saturday, June 30th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. There will be a service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the 'Old School' at 5 p.m., after which the business meeting will be held.—W. H. Dyson, District Master.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech branch.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at Wilburton, Ely (6 bells). Service at 5 o'clock. Arrangement for tea. Please communicate with me early.—H. W. Gidding, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

LONDON. — St. Clement's Youths, St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—The annual outing will take place on Saturday, June 30th, to Windsor and Farnham Royal. A charabanc will leave St. Clement Danes Church at 1.45. Ringing at Windsor Church at 3.15 and Farnham Royal at 6 o'clock.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec., 36, Acacia Grove, New Malden, Surrey.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 3rd and 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 5th and 19th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 24th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Next meeting at Evesham, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30; business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than July 4th to Mrs Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Please turn up in crowds, as efforts are being made to create interest.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingborough on Saturday, July 7th. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by July 3rd?—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Exeter, on Saturday, July 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Buller Hall 5 p.m. Tea provided for non-members at 1s. per head. Those intending to be present must notify the undersigned by Tuesday, July 3rd. All ringers welcome. The following towers will be open: The Cathedral (12), St. Sidwell's (10), St. Thomas's (8), St. David's (8), Heavitree (8), St. Petrock's (6).—J. C. Oke, 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at North Kingfield on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. each) to all who notify Mr. W. Butler, 51, Knighton Street, Hepthorne Lane, near Chesterfield, not later than Wednesday, July 4th.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting directly after tea. Will those requiring tea kindly write to F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts?

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Longdon on Saturday, July 7th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, July 7th, from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above association will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m., followed by tea at 5.30.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Huntspill on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Please turn up in crowds, as efforts are being made to create interest.—C. Evans, Local Sec., Weston Road, Bridgwater.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—A Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at Hinton Blewett. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 14th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea arranged for 5.30, but please let me know by July 9th, those intending to be present, and oblige. Trains from Ealing Broadway at 2.14, 2.19, 2.43, 3.9 (G.W.R.) to Hayes Station.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secretary, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Summer meeting will be held at Barnsley on July 14th. The Rector has kindly offered the use of the Rectory grounds, and trusts to have the presence of all members, with their wives and lady friends. Tea will be provided by Mrs. Hone at the Parish Rooms. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, which must be applied for before July 7th, addressed to Mrs. Hone, The Rectory, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, July 14th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon E. L. Gedge. Tea and business meeting in Church House. A small charge per head will be made for tea, and all who intend being present must notify me by noon on Wednesday, the 11th. These bells have been recast by Messrs. Taylor, and all ringers will be welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The memorial to the late president of the above association, A. T. King, I.S.O., will be unveiled on Saturday, July 14th, at St. John the Baptist, Barnet, at 6 p.m. There will be ringing, with half-muffled bells, from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at about 1s. for those who advise me by Wednesday, July 11th. This will be at 4.45 p.m. Short N. and E. District business meeting at 5.30. Ringing for service at 5.45. The bells will be rung open after the service, and the bells at Hadley will also be available from about 7 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that all members of the association will attend, as well as friends of the late Mr. King, who will be heartily welcomed. The peal tablet will be unveiled at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Thursday, July 19th, at 7 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec. to Memorial Committee.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Schools. Will all wishing for tea notify me before July 9th? All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. At this meeting a peal tablet will be unveiled, and the usual good attendance is requested.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Church Room at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, July 21st. Service in church, with sermon by the Venerable Archdeacon Farmiloe, at 3.30. Ringing as usual.—Herbert Drake, Hon. Sec., Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, 1923.—The festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 21st (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher: The Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, Master of Bedfordshire Association. Business meeting in Chapter House, immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Dining Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2/6 each to members, 3/- to non-members. Application for dinner tickets, accompanied with remittance, to be made to General Sec., by Wednesday, July 18th.—Richard T. Hibbert, Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Annual meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available for ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at the 'Fox and Hounds' at 1s. 9d. per head for all who notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, July 17th. Ringers in the district who generally arrange an annual outing cannot do better than come to Carlton on Saturday, July 21st. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.—A. L. Henderson, Secretary, Mayfield, Pickering.

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TOTTENHAM.—On Saturday, June 23rd, at All Hallows' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in honour of the birthday of the Prince of Wales: A. Racher 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, S. W. Crabb 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. W. H. Strickland 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8. Conductor, H. A. Barnett.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 19th, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. White (conductor) 1, F. Trustler 2, Miss Willers 3, A. Cherryman 4, G. Steele 5, R. Stredwick 6. Also a 264 Cambridge and 192 London Surprise. This is Miss Willers' first 720 of London, who hails from Trumpington, Cambridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

A meeting was held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing was indulged in from 3.15 to 4.45 p.m., when a ringers' service was held, conducted by the Rev. H. J. Kiteat (Vicar), with the organist and a dozen choir-boys in attendance. After service tea was served in the Church Hall by Miss Dora G. Feltham.

The Vicar presided at both tea and meeting that followed, supported by the vice-president, Ringing Master and hon. secretary of the district.

The Vicar welcomed the association to Hillingdon, which included Messrs. C. S. Bird, W. Welling, C. Mayne, F. Goodfellow, L. Page, R. Fardon, W. Hewitt, M. F. Hibbert, W. Henly, J. Pratt, etc., and the methods rung were from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise and Cambridge Royal.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, organist, choir-boys, hostess, and her lady helpers, steeplekeeper, and the Hillingdon ringers. Members and visiting ringers were also thanked for attendance.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on Tuesday, June 5th, in 1 hr. 20 mins., a date touch of 1923 Stedman Caters, composed by R. O. Street: W. Davies, R. O. Street, G. R. Newton (conductor), C. S. Benwell, E. Jones, J. Wilkinson, J. Martin, T. Gilmour, E. Caunce, A. Lintott. Rung on the back ten to commemorate the 109th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for July:—St. Clement Danes, Sunday 1st, 10 a.m.; Monday 9th, 6.30 p.m., business meeting afterwards (8.15) at headquarters; Monday 23rd, 7.30 p.m. St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday 2nd, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., *pro tem*.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meetings will be held in Winchester on Saturday, July 7th, as follows: Central Committee, 11 a.m.; general meeting, 2.30 p.m.; and tea 5 p.m. (members 6d., visitors 1s.) in the Oddfellows' Hall, St. George's Street. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Winchester.—(Revd.) N. C. Woods, Gen. Hon. Sec., Symond's Street.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the Kettering District will be held at Desborough (8) on Saturday, July 7th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, July 3rd?—R. G. Black, Dist. Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

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