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THE COUNCIL'S MEAGRE REVENUE.

Last week we referred briefly in this column to some of the resolutions which are to come before the Central Council next Tuesday. A motion which is likely to find divided opinion is that which, in effect, would remove the rule by which the Council meets every third year in London. It has been the practice of the Council, ever since its foundation, to hold the first meeting of each triennial period—at which the officers for the succeeding three years are elected—in the Metropolis, and it must be admitted that, hitherto, this has proved very satisfactory. The London meetings are, we believe, the best attended, on the average, and there are obvious reasons why this is so. The mover of the alteration of the rule will have to adduce some strong reasons for departing from the now well-established custom, if he is to carry his point.

But the resolution may serve another purpose. If it calls attention to the necessity for a general overhaul of the rules of the Council it will not have been in vain, whatever may be its ultimate fate. The rules need some revision to bring them into line with the Council's present methods of procedure, and the 'decisions' might well be revised in various respects, in the light of modern knowledge. This is a subject to which, perhaps, the Standing Committee will turn their attention, and when they do so, would it not be well if consideration were given to the question of increasing the affiliation fee?

At present the various societies pay a nominal sum of half a crown for each representative, the maximum number being four. Upon this meagre income the Council has to meet not only the cost of the annual gathering, but all its other undertakings, such as printing the collections of peals and methods. In due time some of this expenditure is recouped by the sale of publications, but progress has often been delayed in the printing of important works by the lack of sufficient capital. The low contribution originally fixed was settled at a time when the Council was seeking the support of the associations, which might have been frightened away from a new and untried body if the fee had been made too high. But the Council has now an established and well-defined position in the scheme of things campanological, and it might render much more practical service to the Exercise if it had larger funds at its disposal. Half a guinea per member ought not to be too high a fee to impose, and with this increased revenue the Council would be able to move much more rapidly in providing for ringers such material as would encourage a higher standard of ringing in methods and compositions, and in other directions as well.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Friday, May 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*W. LEONARD JOHNSON ... Treble	*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD? ... 6
*ALFRED BALLARD ... 2	*ARTHUR CATELL ... 7
*EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... 3	*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 8
*GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 4	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9
*ROWLAND BARROW ... 5	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Bob Royal. First of Bob Royal on the new bells. Specially rung to mark the 121st anniversary of the only other peal of Bob Royal rung at this church, May 30th, 1803. Composed and called by Thos. Gibson.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM SCHOFIELD ... Treble	WALTER ARNOLD ... 5
JAMES FLEUTY ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
GEORGE WIFFEN ... 3	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*GEORGE R. DAY ... Treble	JAMES DURRANT ... 5
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 2	HARRY R. ROPER ... 6
GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 3	CHARLES PARKER ... 7
*WILLIAM S. KINSEY ... 4	ROBERT J. POLLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung on Empire Day. * First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	THOMAS H. TAYSON ... 5
CHARLES EDWARDS ... 2	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 6
*ALLAN E. GWYNNE ... 3	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 7
*ALEC J. TAYLOR ... 4	WALTER TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. First peal of Major on the bells. First peal of Major rung in the Hereford district by all resident members. * First peal of Major.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES NICKERSON ... Treble	BERTIE O. SODEN ... 5
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 2	*THOMAS LAW ... 6
CHARLES W. BIRD ... 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... 7
GEORGE BASFORD ... 4	FRED. WILFORD ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

* First peal in the method. It was also the fiftieth peal of the ringers of 1st and 5th, and the sixtieth peal of the ringer of the 6th. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
JOHN HAYES 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 26, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

†GEORGE HEWITT Treble	ALFRED BLOGG 5
WILLIAM LANCASTER 2	FRED RIGBY 6
EDWARD COXHEAD 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
†HERBERT BLACKLIDGE 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

† First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	CHARLES H. SONE 6
LEWIS NEWMAN 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
GEORGE POUND 4	CHARLES SMITH Tenor

Conducted by T. E. SONE.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRED ABBOTT Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5
HARRY CHAPMAN 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 6
FRED. F. RIGBY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
JAMES BOLTON 4	JOHN POTTER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung on the 31st anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Potter's wedding day.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	ALFRED PRIOR 5
WILLIAM THEOBALD 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 3	*GEORGE DAWSON 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

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ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

OSWESTRY, SALOP.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	ROBERT T. EVANS 5
*REGINALD KYNASTON 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 4	ALBERT E. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Triples, and on tower bells. The ringers of 2nd, 4th and 5th were proposed life members, and belong to the local company. Mr. Harry F. Holding's 50th peal.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. approx.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	*ALBERT PLOWMAN 5
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN 2	JOSEPH SHATFORD 6
JOSIAH MORRIS 3	HARRY PETTIT 7
JOHN R. MAIN 4	*WALTER PETTIT Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd are from St. Margaret's, Leicester; 4th from Finedon. Rung on the occasion of the opening of the war memorial extension of the Wellingborough Cottage Hospital Children's Ward by the Marquis of Northampton.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	GEORGE P. BURTON 5
*GEORGE A. SPARKS 2	*FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
FREDK. R. BORRETT 4	*GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sparks. * First peal in the method.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5000 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM HAIGH Treble	CHARLES NORRIS 5
FRANK BELSEY 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
THOMAS BEAUMONT 3	FREDERICK RICHARDSON 7
CHARLES WINNER 4	*LAURENCE HALES Tenor

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday peal to ringer of treble. Also on the 21st anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 2nd.

SOUTH WIGSTON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN E. CLARKE Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
JAMES F. CLARKE 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
*SIDNEY O. CHENEY 3	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS 7
HAROLD G. JENNEY 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First Surprise peal. First 'touch' in a Surprise method by the ringer of the 3rd.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

LOUIS HEAD'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST J. TRIMMER Treble	JOSEPH TALBOT 5
AMOS W. CLARK 2	ALBERT CALVER 6
*MRS. A. CLARK 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
JAMES E. COOPER 4	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. COOPER.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples on an inside bell. First peal as conductor.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES:

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWARD C. MERRETT 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
ROBERT J. DAWES 3	KEITH HART 7
GEORGE PIPER 4	ARTHUR BANKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Triples on this new ring of bells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKLATE ... Treble	JOHN MALYAN 5
WILLIAM NASH 2	BEN JARMAN 6
JOSEPH G. BLOW 3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
THOMAS J. HULL 4	*FRANK BEESON Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

*SYDNEY COOK Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	CHARLES E. PERKINS 6
JOHN BASS 3	*CHARLES W. COOPER 7
WILLIAM H. COOPER 4	†FRANK WILEY Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire on a working bell.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	CHARLES H. BRIGGS 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	ROWLAND BARROW 7
REV. R. P. FARROW 4	WILLIAM H. BRIGGS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITEHEAD.

This was the Rev. R. P. Farrow's 50th peal.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, on May 24th (Empire Day), 758 Stedman Triples: John Armstrong (conductor) 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, G. Bester 3, W. Pickworth 4, John E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, N. Tomlinson 7, A. G. Crane 8.—On Sunday, May 25th, for evening service, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise Royal, in 47 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, Mrs. Deal 2, G. Bester 3, R. F. Deal 4, John Armstrong 5, N. Tomlinson 6, W. Pickworth 7, H. Miller 8, J. E. Miller 9, S. Wade (conductor) 10.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES FLEETY Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
*WALTER ARNOLD 3	†JAMES FRENCH 7
ROBERT FLEETY 4	SAMUEL WARNE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CLAYDON.

First peal in the method as conductor. * First of Triples 'inside.' † First of Triples.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... Treble	GEORGE JEFFS, SEN. 5
FRED. STUBBS 2	FRANK KIRK 6
DANIEL REDHEAD 3	†HARRY GIBBARD 7
*GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. 4	LESLIE GROOM Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by LESLIE GROOM

* First peal on an inside bell. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 1, 1924, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. MARY.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES:

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*HARRY HALL Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	*WALTER RUFFLES 6
PERCIVAL WOODS 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Norfolk. First in the method on the bells. The conductor's 200th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*PERCY AMOS Treble	HARRY CLARKE 3
THOMAS WISE 2	FRANK BURGESS 4
GEORGE PARKER 3	 Tenor

Conducted by HARRY CLARKE.

* First peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. GABRIEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 360 each of Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Court Bob, Canterbury Surprise, York Surprise, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST GIBBS Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4
*ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
*WILLIAM RANFORD 3	*CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal in 14 methods, and first in 14 methods on the bells.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 12 different callings.

*PERCIVAL R. NASH Treble	WILLIAM R. NASH 4
WM. J. BENIAMS 2	ARTHUR NASON 5
HUBERT JONES 3	JOHN PLAIN Tenor

Conducted by W. R. NASH.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. * First peal and first attempt, and aged 14 years. All are Ludlow Guild ringers, excepting tenor man, who hails from Stokesay.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

RICHARD HAYES Treble	MADRICE SMITHER 4
JESSE W. HARRISON 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 5
JAMES BORDFIELD 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HAYES.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. First peal of Minor in the method by all except ringer of 4th. First peal as conductor, and first attempt. Also first in the method on the bells. After the peal the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Hollins) kindly provided refreshments, which were much appreciated.

MEOPHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

ADREY LIVERMORE Treble	HARRY ARGENT 4
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 2	JOHN BURLS 5
CHARLES WATERMAN 3	GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BURLS.

An Empire Day peal. The band wish to thank Mr. P. Ashenden for having the bells ready; also the Rev. G. A. Tait, Vicar, for kindly entertaining the ringers to tea after the peal.

HANMER, FLINTSHIRE.

(St. Mary's Society, ELLESMERE, SALOP.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with twelve different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... Treble	*GEORGE H. EDWARDS ... 4
ARTHUR ALLEN 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 5
WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 3	WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, and rung to celebrate Empire Day. This is the first peal rung by a band of ringers entirely from Ellesmere, Salop.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

VICTOR NISBETT Treble	LEWIS GADSEY 4
CHARLES W. ELSE 2	RICHARD W. PORTER ... 5
JOSEPH NORTH 3	CALEB L. SIMCOCK Tenor

Conducted by C. L. SIMCOCK.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. George Scott to Miss Lucy Fisher, Mr. Scott having been attached to the Fulbeck band of ringers for upwards of 20 years.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	TOM BARTRAM 4
HERBERT J. HARLOW 2	JOSEPH CHURCH 5
LEONARD A. WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 6

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE ST. OSWALD'S SOCIETY.

On Sunday, June 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

In St. Oswald's Belfry,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

REGINALD KYNASTON 1—2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 3—4
ROBERT T. EVANS 5—6	

Conducted by R. KYNASTON. Witness: E. HARVEY KYNASTON.
First peal as conductor.

PEAL REPORTS.

Reports of peals rung on Saturday should reach us by Monday next, and particulars of Monday's peals should be posted the same night, otherwise pressure on our space may delay publication.

CARTER MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. S. H. Symonds for the reference in last week's 'Ringing World.' I must have seen it before in the 'Bell News,' but forget all about it. I, therefore, give up all claims.—
Yours truly, JOHN CARTER.

25, Lessing Street, Honor Oak Park, London, S.E.23.

FORTHCOMING RINGERS' WEDDING

A marriage has been arranged between Miss Hilda F. Willson, of Leicester, and Mr. L. William Jacques (late of Olney), now of Mansfield. The prospective bride and bridegroom have rung many peals together, both accomplishing their first of Cambridge and London Surprise at the same time. Miss Hilda was the first of her sex to accomplish two peals in a day (Stedman Caters and Double Norwich), which she did at the age of 14, and has repeated it in Surprise peals more than once since that time. The bridegroom-to-be has also called peals of Superlative and Cambridge peals. The ceremony is fixed for July 19th at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, the pair being active members of the Midland Counties Association.

DEATH OF A GRAPPENHALL RINGER.

EXPIRED WHILE TOLLING FUNERAL BELL.

The death occurred suddenly, on Monday, May 19th, of Mr. J. Mainwaring, a member of the Grappenhall, Cheshire, band. Mr. Mainwaring was in the act of tolling the bell for a funeral, when he was seen to fall to the ground, but before medical aid could be summoned he had passed away.

Mr. Mainwaring had been a ringer for 51 years, and sexton for 30 years. He was a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild for 29 years. His peals number 20, being as follows: Seven Minor methods 2, seven Treble Bob 13, ten Treble Bob 1 (7,200), seven Surprise 1, Grandsire Triples 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 1. He also took part in 648 complete Minor extents.

Mr. Mainwaring rang in the first peals at Grappenhall, Stretton, Davenham, Frodsham, St. Helen's, and Warburton.

The funeral took place on Thursday, May 22nd, the Rev. C. A. Clements officiating. The bells were rung deeply muffled in the evening by the local band, touches of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major being brought round.

A REET GOOD WREATH.

The following bit of conversation overheard at a recent ringing meeting is too good to be overlooked. Apparently the discussion was on method names.

First voice: Well, the names will look all right if rung in a wedding peal.

Second voice: Aye, and if th' bells are half-muffled, it will mak' a reet good wreath.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Twelfth Council (32nd annual meeting) will be held in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, 10th June, 1924, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

The entrance will be from Dean's Yard.

AGENDA, 1924.

GENERAL.

1. Election of President, of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and of Hon. Librarian.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
6. Introduction of new Members to the President.
7. Election of Standing Committee.
8. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees; and to re-appoint or alter the constitution of the Committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a.) Peal Collection.
 - (b.) Literature and Press.
 - (c.) Methods.
 - (d.) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e.) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f.) Records.
 - (g.) Science Museum Exhibit.
9. Hon. Secretary to report as to Card of Instructions.

MOTIONS (Abstract of).

10. To call attention to the Nomenclature of Legitimate Minor Methods employed by the Council, and to move a resolution.
11. To call attention to the Nomenclature of Methods and to move the appointment of a Nomenclature Committee: (1) To review existing Method-nomenclature; (2) to prepare suitable topographical names; and (3) to formulate a plan for the application of such names.
12. That only topographical names be employed in the nomenclature of new Methods, and that the Council should control and revise the names.
13. That this Council only recognise as peals upon handbells those that have been umpired, and that the qualification of an umpire shall be that of being able to ring the method and check each call as made.
14. To alter Rule of the Council, No. 6, by omitting 'but that the meeting following the Triennial Election be always in London.'
15. That the Council consider the advisability of publishing instructions showing how Bobs are made in various Minor methods, published in 'Legitimate Methods.'
16. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
17. Other business, if any.

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green,
Catford, London, S.E.6.

RINGING AND SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

At a combined committee meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Royal Society of Cumberlands, the following final arrangements were made for the entertaining of ringing visitors to London in connection with the Central Council meeting at Whitsun: Saturday, 7th June.—Social Meeting at the 'Coffee Pot' (College Youths Headquarters), Warwick Lane, E.C., 7.30.

Whit Sunday.—Service ringing at St. Leonard, Shoreditch (12), 10.0 a.m.; St. Clement Danes (10), 10 a.m.; St. Mary Abbots, Kensington (10), 10.50 a.m. and 5.50 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row (8), 10 a.m.; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (12), 4.45 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 5.30 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street (10), 5.30 p.m.

Meeting at 'King of Denmark' (Cumberlands Headquarters), Old Bailey, E.C., 7.30 p.m.

The respective societies' records and peal books will be on view at the above headquarters.

Whit Monday.—By kind permission of the incumbents, peals can be arranged for Central Council representatives at the following

towers: St. Clement Danes (10); St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10); Enfield (8); Edmonton (8); and all desirous of taking part should communicate with Mr. J. Parker, Queen Ann Place, Enfield, for Enfield or Edmonton; Mr. W. T. Cockerill for St. Dunstan's, and Mr. J. W. Cornford for St. Clement Danes.

Tuesday.—10th June.—After the meeting the bells at Westminster Abbey will be available from 5 to 6 p.m.; St. Margaret's 6.30 p.m., and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., followed by a social gathering at the 'Bedford Head Hotel,' Maiden Lane, W.C., at 7.45 p.m.

W. T. COCKERILL (hon. sec., College Youths), 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

J. W. CORNFORD (hon. sec., Cumberland), 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (NORTHERN BRANCH).

PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 24th, when about fifty members and friends were present. Included in the towers represented were Bigby, Blankney, Branston, Gainsborough, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Hale Magna, Heckington, Lincoln (Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peter-at-Gowts), and the local company. From the Elloe Deaneries Branch were the Rev. H. Law James (Guild Ringing Master), Mr. G. Ladd (hon. secretary), and Mr. J. T. Brown, Spalding. The bells of St. Denys' were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept going in various methods. A service was held in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m., and exceedingly well attended. The Rev. Dr. Mortimer officiated. Taking for his text, Colossians iii. 17, he gave a very impressive and most instructive address, which was greatly appreciated by the members. Mr. N. E. Snow presided at the organ. Subsequently an excellent tea was provided at the Church Room, and followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. F. F. Linley (President) took the chair, supported by the Rev. H. T. Parry (president of the Grimsby district), and members of the committee. Apologies for absence were read from the Rev. Canon Hicks and the Rev. R. Bond.

The annual report and balance sheet for 1923, also the secretary's report for the past twelve months, were submitted to the meeting. The draft rules, which have been drawn up for adoption at the next annual general meeting were considered.

Mr. C. H. Baker intimated that he intended giving notice of amendment in respect to rules 5 (a) and 6 (a). This was as follows: Rule 5 (a). The annual meeting shall be held at the headquarters of each district in turn in the month of May, etc. Rule 6 (a). A half-yearly meeting shall be held in the month of September, etc. By this means the members would be able to adopt and pass the report and balance sheet soon after receiving the same.

Three new members, Messrs. P. H. Skipworth, W. A. Gray and H. Hanson, all of Brigg, were duly elected.

The formation of a new district, with Sleaford as headquarters, was next considered, and after some discussion it was proposed by Mr. F. F. Linley, and seconded by Mr. H. Torr, that Mr. N. E. Snow be asked to act provisionally as president, and Messrs. W. Dickinson and W. H. Wood, provisionally as joint secretaries: also that they be requested to call a meeting of the ringers in Sleaford and the neighbourhood for the purpose of forming such a district. On these gentlemen signifying their consent, the proposition was carried.

There being no other nomination, Stow was selected as the place for the next half-yearly meeting.

Mr. Baker, in drawing the attention of the members to an article recently published in 'The Ringing World,' respecting strikes and lock-outs amongst bell ringers, said he would like to know the opinion of the Rev. H. Law James upon it. Mr. James stated that he had a short time ago received a letter from an incumbent in the Northern Branch concerning his ringers who, through trouble over money matters, had withdrawn from the tower. In his reply he gave the incumbent to understand that he did not agree with ringers being paid for their services.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Mortimer for taking the service, Mr. N. E. Snow for presiding at the organ, the church authorities for the use of the bells, Mr. W. Dickinson for making the necessary arrangements, the caterers for the excellent tea provided, the sexton, and all others who had helped to make the meeting such a success, also Mr. F. F. Linley for acting as chairman, were unanimously carried.

The bells were lowered about 9 p.m., and a very pleasant meeting brought to a close.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Mondays, May 19th and 26th, 720 each of Coldstream and Lincoln Surprise, respectively. First 720 of the latter method by all: W. Corfield 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Triner 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Hunts Branch was held at Eynesbury. About 30 ringers were present, the places represented being Eynesbury (6), St. Neots (3), Ramsey (2), Long Stanton (3), Luton (2), Trumpington (2), Great Staughton, Somersham, Chatteris, Dunstable, Barnet and Renton.

A well-attended service was held in Eynesbury Parish Church, at which the Rector gave an eloquent address, in which he pleaded for the use of church bells for purely devotional purposes as well as the ordinary ringing for services, mentioning that the Angelus and the Sanctus bell were in use in his parish.

Tea was served in the Parish Room. a commodious and well-lighted building, after which the usual business meeting was held, with the Rector in the chair.

It was resolved that the next meeting should be held at Godmanchester, subject to the consent of the authorities.

The meeting ended with hearty votes of thanks to the Rector of Eynesbury for his address and welcome, to the incumbents of the three churches for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for their help in serving an excellent tea.

During the afternoon and evening several touches were brought round on the six bells of Eynesbury, and the fine new eight at St. Neots, but rain prevented the ringers from getting to Eaton Soton, the six bells of which were kindly placed at their disposal by the incumbent.

EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL JUBILEE.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Edinburgh, on May 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 56 mins., by F. Veitch 1, Miss A. I. Whitson 2, W. C. S. Heathcote (conductor) 3, W. B. Sampson 4, H. Mann 5, A. G. Collinson 6, W. Marshall 7, J. Marshall 8. This was rung in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone in the Cathedral in 1874, and was the first quarter-peal by the ringers of 1st and 7th. Mr. Collinson is approaching his 50th year as a ringer.

The tenor at Edinburgh Cathedral is 42½ ct., and the heaviest bell in Scotland.

RESULT OF AN APPEAL.

The amount received in response to the appeal on behalf of Mr. T. Hammond, senr., was £18 9s., after deducting expenses for postage, writing material, etc. The sum of £17 15s. was handed to Mr. Hammond, who would like to thank his fellow members of the Exercise, and others, for their generosity towards him.

NONCONFORMISTS' EFFORTS FOR BELL RESTORATION.

The Vicar of Norbury, Cheshire, the Rev. A. J. Humphries, preached twice at the Hazel Grove Congregational Church on Sunday in aid of the fund that the officers and members have decided to raise towards the restoration of one of the bells at the Parish Church. The idea is that the Nonconformist Churches should combine in this effort on behalf of a bell to be dedicated to them. The Wesleyan Church is not, according to a decision recently come to, joining in as a united body, but members will at their discretion give of their own free will. The Vicar's subject was 'The bells on the horse's feet, from the Prophet Zechariah. He spoke of the effect church bells have on the minds and hearts of the people, and of the like effects produced by the sight of church steeples. The Vicar's historical matter was most interesting. He said some of the bells in Norbury tower were cast in 1617, and placed in Disley Church, whence they were removed some years afterwards to Norbury. There were three links attaching together Disley Church and Norbury. One was the bells; another was the organ originally placed in Norbury Church, which came from Disley; and the third was that the Leghs and Lyme were patrons of both churches. The Vicar's sympathy towards the Nonconformist churches and their organisations was marked throughout his two visits.

The collections amounted to £8 10s.

MUFFLED RINGING AT SHEFFIELD.

On Wednesday evening, May 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes, from Brook's Variation) was rung at All Saints' Church, Sheffield, with the bells half-muffled, by members of All Saints' and the Cathedral Societies: A. W. Gledstone 1, J. Thorpe 2, J. W. Smithson 3, F. Shackleton 4, T. W. Chown 5, W. Stubble 6, F. Willey (conductor) 7, E. F. Rippon 8. This was rung as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Joseph H. Taylor and Mrs. S. Seed.

Mr. Taylor was a chorister at All Saints' Church, and all through his life had taken a deep interest in its welfare. He died suddenly, after an operation, on May 10th, at the early age of 39 years.

Mrs. Seed was, in her earlier years, a zealous worker in the Sunday Schools and church. Her husband, Mr. Sam Seed, was a member of All Saints' ringing society for many years, and the sympathy of a large circle of friends will go out to him in his great bereavement.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We regret to announce the death of William P. Cooper, Leicester's 'grand old man,' which occurred suddenly on Friday last at Wyggestone Hospital. He was 86 years of age, and had rung many peals at St. Margaret's and elsewhere. He was buried on Tuesday.

Thirty-two years ago to-day the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Debenham, Suffolk, in 10 hours 32 minutes.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the 16,800 Kent Treble Bob Major rung by the Chester Guild at Mottram-in-Longdendale in 9 hours 40 minutes. This peal was rung in 1906.

On June 9th, 1850, the first peal in America was rung. This was at Christ Church, Philadelphia, when H. W. Haley, J. Hewett and W. Lobb were on a handbell ringing visit to the United States. A band was got together with difficulty, but Holt's ten-part was successfully accomplished. R. Dodd, a one-legged man, rang the tenor for 2½ hours, and was then relieved by J. Davey, who finished the peal, which was called by Haley.

Believed to be the first rung out of London, a peal of 5,040 Grand-sire Maximus was rung at Birmingham on June 12th, 1815.

Visitors to London in connection with the Central Council meeting are asked to note that a change has been made in the times of ringing on Whit Sunday, owing to services at St. Martin's. Ringing at this church will be at 4.45 p.m., and at Shoreditch at 10 a.m.

BELL RINGING BROADCAST FROM BIRMINGHAM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through your valuable medium, thank all those ringers in different parts of the country who have written to Mr. Walker and myself re the Stedman Cinques broadcast from St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sunday, May 25th, for their expressions of appreciation.

We have heard from places as far afield as Bristol, Macclesfield, Leicester, Liverpool, Derby, Burton-on-Trent, Beeston, Frodsham, Coventry, etc., and according to these reports the experiment was undoubtedly a success.

Great credit is due to the British Broadcasting Co. for the trouble they took to ensure success on this, the first occasion on which real change ringing has been broadcast.

I should be very glad indeed if anyone at a distance from Birmingham who was 'listening in' to the ringing and service, and who has not already written, would kindly drop me a postcard to say how it 'came over' in their district.—Yours faithfully,

A. PADDON SMITH.

11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.
May 27th, 1924.

The following extract is from 'Wireless Notes' in the 'Birmingham Gazette,' dated 26th May, 1924:—

'The 5IT engineers, the bell ringers of St. Martin's Church, the Rector of Birmingham (Canon Grose Hodge), the choristers, the organist, the congregation, last night merited the thanks and congratulations of Midland listeners-in. I doubt whether as successful a broadcast of a striking church service has ever been achieved.'

'At 6 p.m. there was a slight earnest of what was in store in the short test of the change ringing and the organ interlude that then took place. Then at 7.45 the bells came crashing through magnificently, and at 8 o'clock the organ took up the opening voluntary.'

'The whole of the service was perfectly plain and distinct. It was easy to imagine oneself in the rear of the famous old church, one seemed to lose nothing of the spirit of the service, and at the same time had much of the atmosphere.'

'The music had that some clarified sound that one invariably associates with church services, and the voice of the Rector intoning the responses was an ideal voice for radio. The voice of the reader of the lessons was equally excellent, and then came the glorious singing of the psalm, and a fine rendering of the anthem.'

'The special address of the Rector was easily the best broadcast religious address for some time, and it seemed that there was no moment in this particular broadcast that could have been bettered in any way, and there was provided a real demonstration of the untold value of the broadcasting of a church service when that service is as suitable for broadcasting as that happened to be.'

'Probably one wonders why it should have been so good. Previous church broadcasts have been good, but that from St. Martin's transcended them all. Probably the reason was that Canon Grose Hodge made the fullest use of his opportunities.'

'The broadcast was interesting from the fact that for this occasion the 5IT engineers employed two microphones for the purpose—one being installed in the belfry, and the other in the church. On no previous outside broadcast has more than one microphone been used.'

NEW BELLS AT BRIDPORT.

A FINE RING OF EIGHT.

The Bishop of Salisbury dedicated, on Thursday evening of last week (Ascension Day), a very fine peal of eight bells which have been provided for their parish church by the people of Bridport, the little market town, which lies picturesquely in a valley of the Dorset hills, and within sight of the sea. A wonderful spirit of unanimity and co-operation among the parishioners has marked the carrying out of this work, which, first mooted in 1912, and postponed on account of the war, has been carried to completion in a manner which must give satisfaction to all concerned. The moving spirit in the scheme has been Mr. W. S. B. Northover, who is both churchwarden and ringer. He has acted as treasurer of the fund, and so wholeheartedly and successfully has he worked that a month ago the committee were able to announce that no further funds were required—a very uncommon position of affairs when a restoration is carried out by public subscription. Mr. Northover, however, has had peculiar gratification in undertaking the part he has played, for it was his father who, in 1887, was chiefly responsible for raising the money by which, in commemoration of Queen Victoria's jubilee, two trebles were added to make the former peal of six into a complete octave, and five of the old bells were recast.

The six bells, which had been in the tower since 1843, and the added trebles, formed, however, a poor ring of eight, while at the rehanging in 1887 an experimental frame was put in which failed to come up to expectations, being too slight to carry the weight of metal. Ringing for any length of time was out of the question, and only two peals were rung upon them—one on the day the bells were opened, May 5th, 1887, and one on King George's Coronation Day.



THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BRIDPORT.

The present restoration made a clean sweep of the whole of the old work. Bells, frame and fittings, were cleared right out. The new frame is a splendid piece of engineering work. The central tower stands over four open arches, and thus has a tendency to roll whenever the bells are rung, but the seven heavy steel girders which now form a double foundation are so arranged and built into the walls as to tie the tower in each direction. The frame itself is in two tiers, the upper portion being secured not only to the bottom frame, but directly to the steel joists by means of 6in. by 6in. angle girders which run from top to bottom of the construction. The bells hanging in the upper frame are the 2nd, 3rd and 5th, and although the tower is not of large proportions, ample space has been left all round the frame and girders so that every part is easily accessible for future painting.

As to the bells themselves, they are a very beautiful peal. The tenor is 21 cwt. 72 lb. in E flat, and the total weight of the ring 83 cwt. 95 lb. They are a worthy product from the Whitechapel Foundry, full, resonant, not over-clappered, and harmonically tuned on Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's own system. The fittings and framework have been entirely renewed. The cast-iron headstocks were specially designed, and the bells run on British-made ball bearings of heavy type. The clappers are fitted with lubricators, and the rollers for the ropes run on ball bearings fitted with lubricators.

The inscriptions on the bells give their history, but it may be interesting to point out that the oldest bell in the ring of five which existed prior to 1843, was the fourth, which bore the date 1630, and, although no name or initials were on the bell, the figures and orna-

mentation were the same as used by Thomas Pennington, a founder of that period, whose name appears on bells in this locality cast about the same time.

Next in point of age was the treble, dated 1681, and was most likely cast by Thomas Purdue, a flourishing founder of that period.

Then came the third, a bell dated 1727, and, although it bore no name, it was probably a Purdue bell, cast by a son of the above-mentioned Thomas.

Then came the second, dated 1764, and bearing the name of T. Bayley, of Bridgewater. This man was by trade a clock maker, and a relative by marriage of a Mr. Street, a watch and clock maker of Bridport. Sometimes jointly, sometimes separately, their names appear on a few bells in the West of England, but their bells were of inferior tone, compared with other founders' work.

The fifth or tenor was a fine bell, dated 1784, and cast by T. Purdue, a grandson of the man who cast the treble.

These old founders were mostly itinerant workmen, erecting their furnaces and casting bells wherever they obtained orders. This was on account of the difficulties of cartage over the roads of that period.

At the augmentation in 1887 the second bell was given by the women of Bridport, and this bell has now been recast by them, no fewer than 254 subscribing to it. Four hundred and twenty Sunday School teachers and scholars, past and present, have defrayed the cost of recasting the third, while the ringers themselves, out of their own private funds, recast the fourth. The particulars of the new bells are as follow:—

Treble 6 cwt. 2 lb. 'To the Glory of God.' Two bells were added and the peal completed in the Jubilee year of the reign of Queen Victoria A.D. 1887. E. J. L. B. Henslowe, Rector; S. Whetham, J. W. Hartgill, Churchwardens. Recast 1924 in memory of Edward Humphreys, killed in action 1915.

Second 6 cwt. 28 lb. Jubilate Deo. From the women of Bridport A.D. 1887. Recast by the women of Bridport A.D. 1924.

Third 7 cwt. 4 lb. Added A.D. 1843. R. Broadley, Rector. Recast A.D. 1887. Recast A.D. 1924 by the Sunday School teachers and scholars of the parish.

Fourth 8 cwt. 46 lb. A.D. 1681, R.D., N.D., C.W. Recast 1887. Recast 1924 by St. Mary's ringers. W. H. Bishop (captain), T. C. S. Podger (vice-captain), W. S. B. Northover (hon. secretary), J. Gale, W. J. Zealley, J. Thompkins, E. Manuel, F. Beer, C. W. Crabb, V. S. O. Keech, E. T. Spencer.

Fifth 9 cwt. 108 lb. John Colfox, Elias Punfield, Churchwardens. Cast by Thomas Bayley, Bridgewater, A.D. 1764. Recast A.D. 1887 at the cost of William Colfox. Recast A.D. 1924 in memory of Thomas David Colfox, killed in action 1918.

Sixth 10 cwt. 100 lb. A.D. 1727. Recast A.D. 1843. Recast A.D. 1887. Recast A.D. 1924. 'To God's Glory and in memory of William Kerridge Brown (Churchwarden), 1854—1855.'

Seventh 13 cwt. 71 lb. A.D. 1630. Recast A.D. 1887. Recast 1924 in memory of J. A. Collins (Lay Reader), 1873—1908; S. Whetham (Churchwarden), 1887; W. James (Churchwarden), 1898; W. B. Northover (Churchwarden), 1902; A. M. Furlonge (Priest), Caroline Sutill, Fanny George, S. J. Alden, M.D.

Tenor 21 cwt. 72 lb. The gift of John Grancell and Joan his wife. 'Sing Praise to God.' A.D. 1734. Recast A.D. 1843. R. Tucker, C. S. Knight, Churchwardens. Recast A.D. 1887. Recast A.D. 1924. In memory of F. J. Balson, C.W., 1914—1915, by Sarah, his wife. J. W. Coulter, Rector; W. S. B. Northover, E. Clarke, Churchwardens.

Despite a heavy downpour of rain, the spacious church was filled for the dedication service, which included special prayers, psalms and lessons. The Bishop dedicated the bells while standing beneath the tower, and he also dedicated a new clock which has been presented to the church by Mr. J. G. Dunn. He also dedicated a memorial, in the form of a brass tablet, to the late Mr. James Gale, who was for 64 years a member of the choir, a bell ringer and a devout Churchman. The bells were then heard for the first time. Rung in rounds by the local company, they signalled the supreme moment in the fulfilment of the work, and announced to the population outside the church the completion of the act of dedication. The Bishop's address was based on the words, 'Nevertheless I tell you the truth, it is expedient for you that I go away,' and he dwelt upon the significance to Christians of Christ's Ascension. Referring to the ceremony which had just taken place, he said the parishioners of Bridport had shown to a wonderful extent the truth of the saying that unity makes strength. He touched upon the versatility of bells as instruments reflecting the emotions of the people, whether of joy or sorrow, and said that his sojourn in Australia had taught him what a binding link the bells of England were with those of her sons who had left her shores. He urged the bell ringers to magnify their office, to realise that they were the representatives of the whole life of the place, the exponents of the spirit of the place. Let them, therefore, first be reverent, standing on the Christian side of life and maintaining the Christian colour of life. He urged upon them perseverance, and to be always recruiting new members, so that

their bell ringing troop might always be maintained. Let them remember the example of James Gale's life in that parish, both as a choirman and as a bell ringer—a kind of citizenship that did count for something from generation to generation.

After the service the mellow tones of the bells were again heard, the first ringing being done by the local band, and a touch of Grand-sire Triples afterwards rung, with the aid of some of the visitors present, Mr. T. Hervey Beams being conductor.

Friday was an 'open' day, and the bells were rung at intervals from 7.30 a.m. till 8 p.m. At a gathering at the Rectory in the afternoon (held in connection with the Bishop's official visitation), the Rector, on behalf of the Bell Restoration Committee, presented to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's foreman (Mr. Jesse Tyler) a handsome silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed, in recognition of the splendid way in which he had carried out the work.

Mr. Tyler expressed his thanks for the unexpected gift.

The Rector then publicly handed to Mr. A. A. Hughes (head of the firm of Mears and Stainbank) the cheque for the contract, and thanked him for the way in which the ancient Whitechapel firm had carried out the work.

Mr. Hughes said the restoration which they had carried out at Bridport was one of the happiest in his experience. He could only hope that every piece of work that the old Whitechapel Foundry carried out would be done under similarly happy conditions. He had made many friends in Bridport during the six months he had known the town, and he hoped to see more of them in the future.

Subsequently in the tower Mr. Northover was thanked for his part in the success of the restoration scheme, and ringing was continued until late in the evening. All the ringers who tried the bells were loud in their praises of both tone and 'go,' while among the public there were general expressions of pleasure at the quality of the bells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Rossendale Branch was held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, and was well attended, members being present from Christ Church and St. Saviour's, Bacup. Waterfoot, Rawten-shall, Helmshore and Ramshotom, in addition to visiting members from Heptonstall, Burnley and Todmorden, including two lady members, viz., Mrs. Crabtree and Miss Bell. Touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Kent, Oxford, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung during the afternoon and evening.—The Vicar presided at the meeting, and extended a hearty invitation to the association to come again.—Four new members were elected.

The usual vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells, to the ringers for having all in order, and to the Vicar for presiding, brought to a close one of the best meetings held in Rossendale Branch for a long time.

The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 12th.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24th, the Clifford District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild held its second meeting at Whitney-on-Wye (the previous one having been held in September, 1923), when some 30 ringers were present during the afternoon and evening, and enjoyed touches in various methods, including A. J. Pitman's 240 of Grandsire Doubles, which was rung for service, at which the Vicar officiated, using the Guild's form. Members of the choir were also present, and sang the Magnificat to a special setting, Miss Lewis presiding at the organ. This was a feature greatly appreciated by the ringers. The Vicar gave a short but very appropriate address.

Afterwards the visitors were invited to tea in the Women's Club, where a splendid repast had been provided by the Vicar and his wife. A short business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. — Norton Canon was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, some time in July.

Mr. Hyett said it gave him very great pleasure to propose that the six members of the local band become probationary members of the Guild.—Mr. Randle said he should like to add to that number five probationers and one ringer from Norton Canon tower. These were received with applause.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. L. W. Richings for his address and his hospitality; also to Mrs. Richings for her kind assistance, to Miss Lewis for presiding at the organ, to the members of the choir, and to the ladies for their help at the tables.—The Vicar, in responding, said it gave him very great pleasure to have the Guild there that evening, and the same cordial welcome would be theirs on any future occasion. As no society could get along without youngsters, it must be a very healthy sign for the Guild to see so many young ringers present that day.—The ringers then returned to the tower, and kept the bells in motion until 9 o'clock. Members were present from Glasbury, Clifford, Eardisley, Almeley, Bredwardine, Letton, Staunton-on-Wye, Norton Canon, and the local tower.

THE NAMING OF METHODS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

There is a general opinion abroad, that the band who ring the first peal in a method are the proper people to name it. One hears talk of the 'rights' of the band, and the 'rule' of the Exercise in this matter. Now, it is most convenient that methods should have names, and since someone must give them, I know not why the first band should not do it as well as another. But when it comes to 'rules' and 'rights' in the matter, that is altogether another story.

The Ancients knew of no such rule. How the first methods got their names it would, I think, be hard to say. Some grew up for this reason and some for that, as names have a way of doing. It was not because the Mancroft men so willed it, that Double Norwich got its name. They called it Court Bob Major, believing it to be the proper eight bell extension of Court Bob Minor. Outsiders called it Norwich Court, thereby saying, in so many words, that it was not really Court Bob, but only what the Norwich men thought was it.

The modern rule, if rule as yet it is, has been heard of only in the last few years. It originated with one who, if not still a young man, would I fancy be much put out if you were to hint that he is not still in the prime of life; one to whom the Exercise owes many good things connected with methods, I mean the Rev. E. Bankes James. Once upon a time he said to such as were concerned, 'Here is a good method, fit for any band to ring, and the band that rings it, shall have the honour of giving it a name.' Which they did.

If the Exercise has had any rule at all, it is that the man who first produced a method had the right to name it—the man who, as the Ancients said, 'first found it out,' or, as the Moderns say, 'composed it,' or, as Henry Dains used to say 'made it.' It was a nice, compact, logical theory, and ran something like this: 'Mr. Jones sat down with pencil and paper and made a method, much as he might sit down (or stand, if so minded) and make a table. When he had finished what he had made was his own property to do with as he chose, to put in the waste paper basket (assuming he possessed one) or to ring (if he could get a hand to help him) or to publish (if the Editor pleased) or to name. His rights were those of a creative artist over his creation; the same rights that Shakespeare had in 'Hamlet,' or Milton had in 'Paradise Lost.' Just the same, for there was no legal copyright in any case; and different only in this, that while Milton got twenty pounds for 'Paradise Lost,' I have not yet come across anyone rich enough to give twenty pence for the best of methods (a real pity when I consider the very fine assortment of methods I have by me). That was the theory. So the 'Clavis' people named Superlative, what they proudly proclaimed as 'our own.' So Shipway named his 'Principle.' So Sottansall named a half-dozen or so methods I have forgotten. So Hubbard named 'Yorkshire Court.' So Heywood named 'Duffield.' So Henry Dains named 'Barnsbury,' and others. So Mr. Carter named 'Forward,' and so on.

But during these last few years we have found out something about method construction. Methods have ceased to be artistic creations, and developed (or degenerated—please yourself) into expressions of mathematical law. You work out a formula, and your methods come by the bushel. As if one set up a sausage machine, and, turning the handle, sausages come to your heart's content. Where they used to get methods singly and with much thought, we can get them by dozens. Dozens did I say? By hundreds! Nay, if you don't tie yourself down to eight or ten bells, but go into the higher numbers, you can have them by thousands; aye, and millions. And if you really do want to know something about methods you must go into the higher numbers, up to twenty bells, say, which will give you plenty of elbow room and space to turn yourself about in. If you go much further you will find, I fear, that your stationery bill will go up.

Well, all this must upset the old ideas of the relation between method and composer. If I were a father, I think I could remember, and reasonably well look after a couple or so of sons.

But when it comes to such family as Ahab had, seventy of them, why, the case is altered. You cannot expect a man to own and maintain rights in hundreds and thousands of methods. It can't be done. Am I, every time a new method appears, to go through a mass of figures to find out whether it is there or no, in extenso, in skeleton, or in formula, explicitly or implicitly, directly or in variation? The gods forbid!

Besides, if a man gets harmless pleasure in thinking he is the first to write down a certain set of figures, who am I to dash his joy? He may have all my rights and privileges in the matter and welcome. After all, they are a precious poor and scanty lot. For a long time the old theory of authorship has been wearing thin. It was well enough when methods were few, and those seeking them fewer still. But now, when many men for many years, have been working at them, who can say who was the first that actually discovered any particular method? Wherefore men said he who first published a method is the owner. And pray what does he own? He has got no solid, sordid, mercenary rights in the shape of royalties for per-

formance. You don't put his name on your peal boards as you do the composers of peals. He cannot claim the certain credit for being the first who had the method. And now you are depriving him of the right to name the method.

Let us, however, not dispise these retail dealers in methods. They have their uses. Many a really good method would be forgotten, overlooked in the very mass of its relations and friends, if it were not that some men still painfully work out methods row by row. But the retailer must not think he holds the old position that Annable and Reeves and Porter and Shipway held. No, nor yet the position that Sir Arthur Heywood and Henry Dains held, or the position that he himself held in his youth, assuming that he dates from, say, the Diamond Jubilee, or earlier. We have altered all that. Did you ask who the 'we' are? I shall not tell you. Find out for yourself if you want to know. Only it does not include Mr. — or Mr. —. They, as everyone can see, are still under the old thrallidom. Nor Mr. —. He has just brains enough to write down figures and no eyes to see anything further. Moreover, he will tell you he does not agree with you, and that everybody has a right to his own opinions. That stamps him at once as hopeless and a reprobate. Don't argue with him. Let him alone in his blindness.

There is one unflinching test that you can apply. If anyone tells you that he is the composer, owner, author, or 'only begetter' of any method soever, then be sure that he knows nothing whatever of method construction. Do I make myself clear? I say not that his knowledge is limited or defective or rudimentary, but that he has got none at all; he knows nothing about it. Do please, Mr. Editor, impress this on your readers. I would get you to put it in big black capitals, only I hate the sight of them in a printed page. The man who says he is the author of any method knows nothing whatever about method construction. Have you got it? So we will proceed further.

Well, as the old rule has gone, it does not matter much who names new methods, provided the job is done properly. But there's the rub. Do you think it is an easy task. Good, simple soul, it is the hardest of jobs. It takes a keen ear for words as words, and a lively sense of the fitness of things—qualities you will not pick up at every street corner. And do not think it matters much whether a method is named properly or not. Its future depends on its name more than you wot of. I could show how this is true about men's names. How Benjamin must be a bit of a sneak, and Tom rather given to bullying; or at any rate how they ought to be, if they are not. But I have not the time, and besides it has been done before, and if I passed it off as my own, some kind friend would be sure to bowl me out.

The trouble we are in over the names of the Six Bell Methods is due entirely to the neglect of duty and cowardice on the part of the Method Committee, which in this connection means Mr. Law James and myself. Twice we failed lamentably. Once, when we sent out our book without names, we said it was so that the bands who rang the methods could name them. Really we did not know what methods had already been named and what not. Just think what hot water we should have got into had we called a method 'Wapping,' which had previously been rung as 'Shadwell.' And, secondly, when the time came that the naming had to be done, we handed the job over to the Analysis Committee. They were clamouring for it to be done. Very well. Let them get on with it themselves. And a pretty mess they have made of it. Oh, I know their scheme was a thorough one, their intentions excellent. But the result is an Awful Example. And here a word to you that think the thing so easy and simple. If these men with all their knowledge and experience could go so far astray, what hope is there for you to keep the straight path? Have you considered how fine a line divides complete success from utter failure? If you don't want to take refuge in the stodgy and commonplace, you must balance yourself, as it were, on a razor's edge. There is our familiar Grandsire Triples; a good dignified name with just that suggestion of the method's history which a really first-class name should have. But alter it just a bit. Call it Grandfather Triples, and you turn it into a thing for laughter.

Then there was a method, an excellent method, they rang a year or two ago in Kent as 'Victory Major.' That is the sort of thing these misguided persons did when they called a part of the unoffending county of Sussex, 'Peacehaven.' Change but one letter of the methods name, call it Victoria Major, and you have got almost as good a title as you want.

My strong advice is avoid adjectives as names. You may make a brilliant success, you are far more likely to make an abject failure. New Bob is a confusion of utter impotence. Superlative, taking all things into consideration, is a great success. But Premier? No, that won't do. It (quite and absolutely without the intention of the band that rang it) suggests a lie. For how can a method be premier which is but a second-hand variation of a much better method?

Sottanstill has some bad names, but as the methods are dead and done for, let their dishonoured corpses rest in peace. 'Princess

Mary' is bad (I mean the method's title; I have all due respect for royalty).

No, if you would be safe keep yourself to the names of towns and villages. But you must not think you are out of the wood yet. Place-names vary in an extraordinary degree. What mischievous imp prompted people to call a good method 'Pudsey Surprise'? Are there no good names in all the broad acres of Yorkshire that they must needs light on just that one? I know they will tell me that they had good and sufficient reasons for what they did. I believe them fully, but it does not make the name a good one. Now, when I for certain reasons published the method years ago, I called it Chichester Surprise. Judge which of the two is the better. And some years ago a couple of methods were rung, one as Reddish Major, the other as Leek Major. It sounds like one of Mr. Beeston's visits to Covent Garden, but they are the names of towns. Anyhow, they ought not to be used as names of methods, for ringers owe something to the Exercise at large. The Exercise owns the methods if anyone does; and what man of taste would willingly ring Pudsey or Leek or Reddish?

Use some sense of proportion in your names. Don't give the names of counties and cities to methods no one will want to ring. Fortunately the Exercise has been on the whole happily served in this respect. London is the name of the first of all methods. Cambridge and Oxford and Norwich and Bristol and Kent are the names of methods people will always ring. So let it be. There are plenty of fine names among the towns and villages of England to choose from. Such as Marlborough and Sandringham, and Beverley, and such like. What we want is the quality that Harry Hotspur demanded in his wife's swear words, a good 'mouth-filling' name.

'YORKSHIRE GLORY.'

Dear Sir,—I write, on this occasion, in the town and county in which dwells the record for 'the naming of methods.' No county has had a 'hand' in christening methods (in the past) to the extent that Yorkshire has, and Yorkshire still possesses the record for six-bell ringing, 15,120 in 21 extents. Well may we say of this record, 'Nemo me impune lacessit.' Of a truth we can say the same where our right to christen our methods is concerned. Your leading article this week deals with the agenda for the coming Council meeting, and the most prominent item seems to be the nomenclature of methods. I should like to point out to all concerned that the Council is unable to determine what or what not we shall christen our methods—the Council is the power which can suggest that only 'topographical' names should be used. In that they are in order, but beyond that they cannot go. Ringers, in their own way, preach the service of a Great Creator, and they proclaim from His steeples the greatness of His works, and call all and sundry to bow the knee to His shrine.

Among our ranks there are many who take exception to the various floral names applied to six-bell methods: Geranium, Bluebell, Primrose, Hyacinth, Foxglove, Violet, Woodbine and Snowdrop. I should just like to ask those who quibble about nomenclature if there is in the whole of the universe any more potent symbol of the might of the Almighty, whose praises we fling far and wide from our steeples, than the beautiful creation we find on the lawns of old England, viz., the Snowdrop, or the Violet which we find in our hedgerows. Let us be consistent in our worship.

There is no doubt that 'topographical' names are the most suitable; they pin the method to the place where it was first rung; but who is to deny our right to call a method 'Topographical Minor' (Delight or otherwise), that embraces all places! The Council is our advisory body, not our dictatorial body. This universe has thrown off the didactic stage, and is now able to think a little for itself, and we are waiting for our Council to give us a lead in these matters; not for it to thunder down at us an edict as to what we shall have to do. Canute told the sea, 'Thus far and no further shalt thou go,' but it 'was rude and wet his feet.' We shall do the same.

What is required is the revision of the names for Minor methods. Those which were christened years before the Council took the matter in hand must retain their names. Those who gave them these names have as much right to christen those methods as those who would rename them now. The only thing wrong is that enough evidence was not taken at the 'rechristening' job; too much haste was used, due regard was not paid to prior claims, chaos is the result.

Yorkshire has a great respect for the Council, and the good work it has done, but—it has a far greater respect for the pioneers of six-bell ringing who christened such methods as Snowdrop and Primrose. Their sponsors went to their rest decades ago, but their work still lives. Like the things of beauty after which they christened their strings of figures, they reappear as hardy annuals, and will live for ever, so will our right to bestow the name we think most fitting on the work we have had a hand in foisting on to the hapless Exercise.

Those who grumble should have gotten a move on, and done it before we did, for honestly, sir, on perusing your columns I find that

the biggest grouseers are those who have named the least methods. Trinity and Easter Sundays may not suit the Euphoniacs—well and good. Let them get a move on, and ring and christen all the eight-bell methods, then we shall not offend them. Neither shall we fiddle while Rome burns. Names are of small import to the welfare of the Exercise compared with the 'register of compositions'—or the history of the art, compiled to date in book form. The 'expressed desire of the Exercise' is not in the mouth of the one person who voices a subject at the Council meeting. That the hon. member for Blankshire expresses the opinions of the Blankshire electorate has long been an exploded theory. You send 'em in with a blue flag, and their first speech is red (and read) to the last splash.

The motion before the Council re 'umpires for handbell peals' is good. We can, any of us, ring a peal 'in hand' in the Smithy, if it please us. We ring it because it tickles our fancy, but no peal should be counted in an association report unless the Umpire has passed an 'exam.' on taking off course ends. Peals without such umpires are not worth the paper they are printed on. Ring 'em, as many as you like, but do not expect to get them printed at the expense of the Guild as a whole when only 'four' had any fun out of it.

Motion No 15 ought never to have been inserted on the agenda. Our 'Scientists' should have done that years ago—made their work like that which Caesar required—above suspicion. That in itself is more important than a paltry name. Why should Stedman stand, and names of other men be erased? Grandsire, as a name, is meaningless, not even topographical, much less euphonious, but to ringers who have rung it it signifies a lot. Leave Stedman alone; let Shipway be—we shall call it so if we wish. Carter's principal is what we wish it to be, and leave Billy 'Woodcock's Victory' in the Minor Collection, and get work done this year—not fritter away yet one more good Whitsun Tuesday. And rechristen the undersigned, an' it lies in your power, my Merrie Gentlemen.

SAMIWELL PEPPERY.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT PRIVETT.

A well-attended meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Privett on Saturday last, when over 40 ringers were present. The fine weather brought the members from Alton, Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Fareham, Farnham, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Swanmore, Shedfield, Wickham, and Winchester. Among those present were Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), and the Rev. E. Banks James.

A very enjoyable service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, at which the Vicar of Privett (the Rev. A. E. Edge), in a well-chosen address extended a welcome to the Guild on that and future occasions. Tea was served in the Schoolrooms, where about twenty more than the expected number had to partake of the food provided. It is a pity that members cannot inform the secretary of their intention of coming so that the necessary arrangements can be made. However, as it was a fine day the weather had to take the blame.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting which followed. Several new members and probationary members were elected, and the election of Mr. G. Norgate, of Privett, was confirmed by those present.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Titchfield, the date to be left open: due notice, however, will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to the steepkeeper and organist for their services, concluded the business meeting.

The members then adjourned to the tower, where further ringing was indulged in. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge, London, and Berkeley Surprise Major.

RINGERS AS CHURCHWARDENS.

At Whitwick, Leicester, three members of the Whitwick Church Society of Change Ringers have in recent years held the office of churchwarden, viz.:—

(1) Mr. S. W. West, retired from that office three years ago, having served two terms, altogether 13 years, in addition to having held almost every other office a layman can hold in the church.

(2) Mr. R. P. Roulston was appointed Vicar's warden last year, and has just retired owing to ill-health.

(3) Mr. J. Walton was elected people's warden this year.

May I ask, does this constitute a record? It will be interesting to have your readers' views. Mr. Roulston is also a lay reader, chorister, and superintendent of the Sunday School.—Yours truly,

STORER W. WEST.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KILBURN.—At St. Augustine's, on Sunday, June 1st, for the Patronal Festival, 600 Bob Minor: W. Ball 1, Mrs. E. M. Atkins 2, G. Margetts 3, A. Gardiner 4, F. Saxby 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6, N. Flowers 7, H. Jones 8.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Foskett 1, E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, C. V. Ebberson 4, T. Newman 5, F. H. Crook 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, H. Kilby 8. Also a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, with W. G. Matthews taking part.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, June 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. J. Pannett 1, F. Fraser 2, H. James 3, J. Hurrell 4, J. Dafters 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jefferies (conductor) 7, T. A. Eastorby 8.—On Wednesday, May 28th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Fraser 1, H. James 2, E. E. Richards 3, E. J. Pannett 4, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 5, R. Wood 6, J. Hurrell 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, May 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Hall 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, D. Luck 3, T. Cann 4, H. Fellows 5, G. Gatward 6. Rung to welcome the Archdeacon of St. Albans, who during the course of the service dedicated a new oak altar and ornaments recently placed in the Dacre Chapel in the above church as a thankoffering to God for mercies vouchsafed during the late war. The panels of the altar have been beautifully carved by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Whyte-Venables), who is over 70 years of age.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 25th, for a war memorial service, at St. Mary's Church, 501 Grandsire Caters: A. Coppock (D.L.I.) conductor, 1, M. Ward (W. Yorks) 2, F. Flood (Sherwoods) 3, G. Goodship (Berks) 4, L. Chadburn (R.A.F.) 5, W. A. Jones (R.A.F.) 6, G. West (R.E.) 7, E. C. Shepherd (Cheshires) 8, F. Salter (M.G.C.) 9, P. Price (D.L.I.) 10.

MATLOCK.—On Sunday, May 25th, after morning service, as a last token of respect to the late F. Knowles, who had been a ringer at the Parish Church for over 20 years, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. Greabrex 1, L. Statham 2, G. W. T. Smith 3, G. H. Paulson 4, J. H. Paulson (conductor) 5, F. Paulson 6, A. Holmes 7, E. Holmes 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Chad's Cathedral, on Sunday, May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Hunt 1, A. Scrivens (conductor) 2, W. Ellis 3, J. Porter 4, C. Mackenzie 5, T. Miller 6, T. Kelly 1, B. Kelly (1st quarter) 8.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 360 each of Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and 180 of Plain Bob: J. Young 1, G. Coleman 2, S. Bennett 3, W. E. Clarke 4, J. Betts (conductor) 5, A. Bennett 6.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, May 25th, at the Unitarian Church, for special evening service, re dedication of the bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: E. Mawby 1, J. Turner 2, H. Gaskell 3, F. Knott 4, R. Rider 5, F. Page (conductor) 6, H. Jones 7, E. Seddon 8.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.—For evening service, on Sunday, May 25th, 504 Stedman Triples: Miss F. Hooton 1, Messrs. L. Hooton 2, F. Barks 3, A. Marsh 4, G. R. Widnall 5, H. Lewin 6, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 7, W. Kinton 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples, with the same band except S. Pinder 6 and G. R. Widnall 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: C. Brown 1, G. Edsor 2, Miss N. E. Shorter 3, J. Loveridge 4, W. Beeson 5, J. Gill 6, O. Sippetts (conductor) 7, B. Batty 8.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.—On May 25th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Chamberlain 1, F. J. Tite 2, C. Payne 3, W. Brown 4, E. Chamberlain (first 720 as conductor, and first attempt) 5, G. Layte 6.—For evening service, on April 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Layte 1, F. Priestly 2, C. Payne 3, W. Brown 4, J. W. Priestly 5, F. J. Tite (conductor) 6.

BATH.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 45 mins.: J. W. Bell 1, J. Taylor 2, Miss N. Williams 3, J. Hallett 4, A. Prince 5, G. Jones 6, T. Grant 7, C. W. Bell (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major for ringers of 1st, 4th and 6th.

HENDON.—On Sunday, May 25th, for evensong, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: C. Crampton 1, C. H. Martin (conductor) 2, S. Hoare 3, F. Pratt 4, E. E. Pratchett 5, M. F. R. Hibbert 6. This is the first 720 on the bells since they were rehung, and 1st, 2nd and 4th recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Watford, and tenor from Bushey; others to local band.

MILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Empire Day, Saturday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 360 Original and 900 Grandsire, in 49 mins.: A. Turner 1, W. Stockford (longest length in 'side') 2, P. Asplin 3, C. Yates 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on June 3rd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m.—*Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Penn, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. A tea will be provided at 10d. each.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, June 7th. Tower open from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells (8) available throughout the day. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided gratis at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The 26th annual meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Whit Monday, June 9th. Stockton Parish Church bells (10) available after 4 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 12 noon. Address to be given by the Rev. J. C. C. Kerwin, Vicar of Ormesby. Dinner provided in the Clifton Hotel. Members 2s., non-members 3s. Tea will be provided by the president in the Trinity Church Room, Yarm Lane, Stockton, at 5.30 p.m. to those who notify the secretary by the above date.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting and jubilee festival at Exeter on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in Cathedral 12.15 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Coleridge, president of the C.C. Dinner and meeting at Deller's Restaurant, Bedford Street, 1.30 (2s. 6d.).—E. S. Powell, General Sec., The Vicarage, Holbeton S.O., Devon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The first annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service at the Cathedral 12 noon, with address by the Bishop of Peterborough. Luncheon (2s. 6d.) and meeting at Neaverson's Cafe, 18, Long Causeway, at 1 p.m. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's, Woodstone and Whittlesea (8), (by bus 4d.), will be available.—David J. Nicholls, General Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — A meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 4th, those requiring tea. Witley bells (8) will also be available from 12.45 to 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday. Service in Cathedral 12.15. Preacher: Rev. Prebendary S. Cornish Watkins. Dinner 1 p.m., at Booth Hall, 2s. 6d., followed by business meeting. All towers in city and country round open for ringing. Tea 6 p.m., 1s.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. Sec.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Rhyl on Whit-Monday. Service at St. Thomas's Church at 2.30 p.m. Meeting after service. All ringers welcome. Those intending to be present please notify me.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley, near Chester.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at Lowestoft on Whit Monday, June 9th. The ring of eight bells of St. Margaret's will be available. Luncheon at the Crown Hotel at 1 o'clock, followed by the general business meeting at 2 o'clock in St. Margaret's Institute, Alexander Road. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 45th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 9th. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with address by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Chelmsford; 12.15 p.m., meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street; 1.30 p.m., lunch at Hicks's Restaurant, High Street, members 2s. each. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham —Charles H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells available from 11 a.m. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Star Inn at 4.30 p.m. (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on Whitsun Monday, June 9th. Service at 12 noon, with address by the Rev. W. E. Gilliatt, Rector of Sevenoaks. Luncheon at the Lime Tree Hotel 1.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Towers open for ringing: Sevenoaks (8), Westerham (8), Shoreham (8), Braxted (6), Seal (6), Seal Churt (6). Members intending to be present at the luncheon must apply for tickets at once.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Consett on June 9th. Committee meeting at 12 noon, and dinner at 1 o'clock at the Railway Hotel, Consett. The bells of Consett Parish Church (8), St. Aidan's, Blackhill (8), St. Mary's, Blackhill (6) (after 10 a.m.), and Benfieldside (6) are available. Please meet at Consett Parish Church to arrange bands for the different churches.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The next quarterly ringing meeting will take place at Heversham on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Beetham bells (6) will also be available from 12 to 3 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 14th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 10th.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitechurch on Saturday, June 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Sixpence per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than June 7th. — Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The summer meeting will be held at Knebworth on June 14th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Short service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea immediately afterwards. Will those who require tea please notify me?—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, June 14th, by kind invitation of W. R. Neuth, Esq. Tea at 5 p.m. Short service at 4.30 in Parish Church. All intending to be present will they kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 11th?—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard, Middleton, on Saturday, June 14th. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The usual monthly meeting will not be held in June. Hoylandswaine have secured a challenge cup to be competed for annually. The first contest is to take place at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, June 14th. Draw 2 p.m. All ringers invited. Tea will be provided for those applying for tickets to Mr. Moxon, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone. A useful service of motors runs through the village.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, HALIFAX.—A ringers' re-opening of the bells, after being rehung by Mears and Stainbank, will take place on Saturday, June 14th, at which all ringing friends will be welcome. The bells will be at liberty from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., and tea provided at 1s. 6d. each to all who notify Mr. F. Roberts, 1, All Souls' Terrace, Halifax, by Wednesday, June 11th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Staveley, June 14th. Belfry open 2 o'clock. The committee meet in the Institute (adjoining the Rectory Barn) at 4.15. There will be a service in Church at 4.30, address by Rev. Canon Molineux. Tea in the Rectory Barn (1s. each) at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting. It will greatly assist the local committee if those intending to be present at the tea will kindly advise Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Lowgates, Staveley, Chesterfield, by June 11th. The Rector has kindly placed the Rectory lawn at the disposal of members for bowling.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The summer meeting will be held at the Parish Church, High Wycombe, on June 21st. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service by the Rector 5.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock to all who notify me of attending not later than June 19th. Meeting 7 p.m. Trains from Paddington 1.25, 2.23 and 3.40.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Annual branch meeting and social, August 23rd, at Blackburn Parish Church. Other branches please notice. Particulars later.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Arley on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than June 17th at 1s. 3d. per head.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) open from 2 to 9. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5, at a charge of 1s. per head, to those who notify Mr. F. Mortimer, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield, by June 18th. Will intending visitors please note? Motor bus leaves Firth Park tram terminus every 20 minutes for Ecclesfield.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, June 21st. Further particulars will be given in next week's issue. Will all towers interested kindly make a note of this date, and, Scarborough, being an ideal place for a ringers' outing, the secretary extends a hearty invitation to all ringers. — A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — South and West District. — A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3.15. Will arrange tea for those who let me know by the 23rd. All ringers welcome. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

THE LADIES' GUILD. — Preliminary Notice. — The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. Further particulars later. — E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. — Mr. W. Willson has removed from 23, Hopefield Road, to 3, Winchester Avenue. Hon. secretaries please note. Also Mrs. L. A. Hardy has removed from No. 16 to No. 23, Hopefield Road, Narborough Road, Leicester.

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