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THE ICKLETON CASE.

The censure passed by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Ely in connection with the recasting of Ickleton Church bells was severe, and Vicar, churchwardens and bell founders came under the condemnation of Mr. MacMorran. In as far as the church authorities failed to comply with the requirements of ecclesiastical law, it is not for us to question the judgment of the Chancellor. From the reports which we have read, he does not seem to have entered into the merits of the case, but to have decided off-hand to suspend the churchwardens and report the Vicar to the Bishop for their failure to apply for the faculty before the work was done. In view of his comments, however, it would have been interesting to know what would have been his attitude towards the proposed restoration of the bells, had he gone into that side of the question, when faced with the fact that the tenor was actually broken and two other bells were cracked; while the frame was in such a condition that it was damaging the tower. Obviously neither the bells nor the frame could be left as they were, unless they were to remain in perpetual dilapidation. Even the most rabid desire for the preservation of ancient bells and buildings could not overlook the fact that at any rate half the bells must be recast; and that the safety of the fabric required a new frame. If the church authorities erred at all, therefore, it was only in their zeal to do the best they could with the least loss of time.

The censure of the bellfounders, however, is, we think, upon altogether another footing, and totally undeserved. It is not their business to apply for the faculty, nor is it their responsibility to see that one is obtained before they begin the work entrusted to them. They merely carry out the instructions given to them, and if the work done is something which they may have recommended, it does not make them any the more liable for seeing that the legal requirements are carried out. We are still wondering why (if he was correctly reported) the Chancellor said: 'The less I say about the founders the better. I should never have allowed them to touch these bells in any circumstances.' According to one report which we have seen he also said that the Press would be doing him a great service if they reported that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were in no circumstances to be authorised by faculty in that district to interfere with any bells or church towers. If the Chancellor really did say this, and we can hardly believe it is a figment of the imagination of the reporter, words fail to express our surprise. One may well ask what this well-known and reputable firm has done which should debar them from making contracts in

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the Ely Diocese? The Chancellor spoke from a privileged place on a privileged occasion, but having asked the Press to broadcast such a statement, it would have been but bare justice had he given his grounds for such a sweeping ban. He certainly could not have pronounced this judgment from the case before him, for, as far as we can gather, he had not even heard the evidence of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and it is English law as well as English justice that a person should be heard before he is condemned. What, then, was the information upon which Chancellor MacMorran acted, and who was his informant? The public, we think, have a right to know. The position, as the Chancellor left it, is a threat to the whole progress of bell restoration and to the initiative of bell founders, at any rate in the Diocese of Ely, and we hope this matter may be carried further.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTER.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...	... 2	JAMES BULLOCK	... 8
HARRY R. PASMORE ...	... 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN ...	... 9
HENRY R. NEWTON ...	... 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	... 10
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ...	... 5	ALFRED B. PECK	... 11
HERBERT LANGDON ...	... 6	WALTER PRIME	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	... 7
GEORGE R. PYE... ...	... 2	ARTHUR HEAD	... 8
ARTHUR J. NEALE ...	... 3	HAROLD W. CLARK ...	... 9
CHARLES T. COLES ...	... 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... 10
*FRED HOPPER	... 5	WILLIAM PYE	... 11
†DANIEL COOPER... ...	... 5	JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ellen Hopper, second daughter of the ringer of the fifth.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. SELLERS ...	... 6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	... 2	JOHN H. HOWELL ...	... 7
GEORGE DOWLING ...	... 3	WILLIAM A. HUDSON ...	... 8
HARRY N. IMESON ...	... 4	WILLIAM MIDDLETON...	... 9
EDWARD RICKETT ...	... 5	JOHN W. HOBSON... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS F. KING	6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS	2	FRED LAMBETH	7
JESSE FRANCIS	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	8
JOSEPH T. DYKE...	4	GILBERT H. HARDING ...	9
*TREVOR HOLLOWAY	5	†NORMAN V. ANDREWS	...*Tenor*

Composed by the late J. CARTER. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in F.

GABRIEL LINDOFF ...	...*Treble*	RICHARD LYNCH	6
HARRY E. WILLS	2	JOSEPH ATKINSON...	7
THOMAS MCMORRAN	3	ROBERT TAIT	8
WILLIAM WILSON	4	WILLIAM E. LYNCH	9
CECIL HARRISON	5	GEORGE F. WILMOT ..	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This is the first peal upon the light ten. First of Bob Royal by association, and first Royal by all except the conductor. The ringer of 2nd late of Croydon.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. DRAGE	6
JOHN T. RICKMAN	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	3	STAFFORD W. GREEN... ...	8
EDWARD C. MERRITT ...	4	JOHN DEARLOVE	9
*FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	5	KEITH HART...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	...*Treble*	JOHN BROWN...	5
*THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ...	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	6
WILLIAM ROBINSON	3	WILLIAM WILSON	7
FREDERICK HINDLE	4	RICHARD DENNISON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WILSON.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters, Mr. E. Jennings, of Kendal, kindly standing out to reduce the band for Triples. The ringers of the treble, 4th and 7th from Blackburn, 5th from Hoghton, 6th from Southport, 2nd, 3rd and tenor from Furness Branch.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY STALHAM	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. DRAGE	5
GEORGE H. SHUKER	2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER... ...	6
FRANK BENNETT...	3	JOHN DEARLOVE	7
EDMOND J. HOBBS	4	KEITH HART...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal in the method on the bells, and the 100th peal by Mr. W. H. Shuker. Messrs. Hobbs and W. Shuker were elected members of the association previous to starting.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 31¾ cwt.

ALFRED J. TRAPPITT...	...*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
CHARLES T. COLES	2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	6
GEORGE R. PYE...	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
*DANIEL COOPER...	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

ALFRED MOULD	...*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	5
REGINALD BOULTON	2	CHARLES SMITH	6
WILLIAM H. T. KING... ...	3	JACK BAILEY...	7
GEORGE FREEBREY	4	ERNEST MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by GEO. FREEBREY.

This peal, which has 22 courses, with 4-6-8 and the 6th its full extent home, is now rung for the M.C.A. the first time. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (Rev. A. E. Clarke) for granting permission to ring, and to the towerkeeper for having everything in readiness.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

DAVID ANSCOMB	...*Treble*	JOHN BEAMS...	5
GEORGE HOAD	2	ALBERT HARMAN...	6
JOHN H. WHITE	3	ARTHUR C. OTWAY	7
WILLIAM COOK	4	GEORGE MARRINER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD BULLEN	...*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... ...	2	GEORGE H. CROSS	6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ...	3	JOHN T. KENTISH	7
EDWIN F. PIKE	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Deputy, Thomas Robinson, a former churchwarden of St. Botolph's and representative governor of the Bishopsgate Foundation since 1893.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST B. BETTS ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS K. DRIVER	5
ARNOLD BLACKBURN	2	WILLIAM HORAN	6
JAMES INGHAM	3	LESLIE W. C. MORRIS... ...	7
FRED HODGSON	4	HERBERT PEEL	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by FRED HODGSON.

The ringer of the 3rd is from Mytholmroyd, 5th from Middleton, 6th from Todmorden, 7th from Armley, tenor from Birstall. The rest belong to the local company.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Wednesday, May 18th, in 40 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Long 1, F. W. Brinklow 2, P. L. Bishop 3, A. W. Dix 4, T. H. Norris 5, W. E. Oakley 6, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 7, G. Hughes 8.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK A. FINCH ...	*...Treble*	CHARLES F. SAYER	5
ROBERT A. WARMAN ...	2	THOMAS BECKETT	6
*STANLEY W. COPLING ...	3	*HARRY W. BARRETT	7
†MISS VIOLET BECKETT ...	4	FRANK H. DAVEY ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Miss Beckett is only 14 years of age, and great credit is due to her for the masterly way she rang her bell. She was elected a member of the Guild previous to the peal, which was rung for the Dedication Festival.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALPHÆUS J. BERRY ...	*...Treble*	‡ARTHUR G. BLAXCELL ...	5
BERT CHILVERS	2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	6
*ALBERT G. HARRISON ...	3	HARRY MOSS	7
†NOLAN GOLDEN	4	WILLIAM STEGGALL ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

* 25th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JAMES PAGETT	*...Treble*	JACK BAILEY	5
WILLIAM POYSER	2	JOHN W. GLEW	6
ALFRED MOULD	3	*CYRIL J. PORTER	7
GEORGE FREEBREY	4	JOSEPH LORD	*...Tenor*

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Being 2,512 changes of each. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	*...Treble*	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	WILLIAM MARTIN	6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	3	GEORGE H. DAYNES	7
JOHN BURLES	4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William Martin.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F flat.

JOSEPH DEAN	*...Treble*	‡JOHN BURSTON	5
*ERNEST SIBLEY	2	ISAAC BENNETT	6
FRANK BURGESS	3	THOMAS WISE	7
†ALBERT E. HOWARD	4	ALFRED BECKWITH ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. ‡ First peal for the above Guild. First peal of Triples as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung.

MANGOTSFIELD.—At St. James' Church, on May 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 1, E. Palmer 2, C. Harding 3, W. Hewitt 4, T. James 5, T. Marsh 6, P. C. Williams 7, J. W. Jefferies 8. First quarter in the method by all except ringers of treble and seventh.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM A. SIMMONS ...	*...Treble*	JIM HURRELL	5
HENRY WOOD	2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ...	6
WILLIAM A. MARTIN	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	7
ERNEST B. CROWDER	4	HENRY NORGATE	*...Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Joseph Law, who joined the St. John's Deptford Ringers' Society in 1875.

ASH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	*...Treble*	FREDERICK FAIRBEARD ...	5
WILLIAM SPICE	2	ARTHUR H. SAXBY	6
HENRY J. CASTLE	3	HARRY PARKES	7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	4	HARRISON SMITH	*...Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and first peal since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being perfect.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE ...	*...Treble*	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
*MISS KITTY WILLERS ...	2	JAMES M. BAILEY	6
GEORGE WILSON	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY	7
GEORGE BAILEY	4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ...	*...Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ALFRED ROWLEY	*...Treble*	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5
SAMUEL BAKER	2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ...	6
*HENRY A. FARLOW	3	REUBEN HALL	7
JOHN C. ADAMS	4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	*...Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

* First peal of Bob Major on an inside bell. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

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

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY ...	*...Treble*	ARTHUR MARTIN	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
PHYLLIS M. MOSS	3	*THOMAS GOODCHILD	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	JESSE ELDRIDGE	*...Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

WANDSWORTH.—At Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, on Friday, May 20th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: T. Bolton 1, J. Herbert 2, H. Ellis 3, H. Dyass 4, S. Brown 5, W. H. Worsley 6, E. Cassell (conductor) 7, W. Williams 8. First quarter-peal on the bells, which were recently hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th are Sunday service ringers of St. Mary's, Putney.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

ERNEST WITHERS	*Treble*	JOHN PERKINS, JUN.	4
ARTHUR TAYLOR	2	EWART ANDREWS...	5
JAMES BRADLEY	3	GEORGE MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. BRADLEY.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST MOORE	*Treble*	CYRIL VALENTINE	4
ARTHUR MOORE	2	HARRY PARKER	5
GEORGE VERNON...	3	JOHN S. ROYLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. S. ROYLE.

First peal as conductor.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford and five extents of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

CHARLES G. BATES	*Treble*	*THOMAS MILLER	4
ALFRED E. BACON	2	JAMES H. RAPER	5
THOMAS W. CHOWN	3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal on six bells. On the ancient chalice at this church the name of the parish is spelt as 'Hyom.'

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 8, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

BERNARD GILLATT	*Treble*	WILLIAM HARRINGTON ...	4
BRIAN BRAY	2	GEORGE HOBBINS...	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	JACK BRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. HOBBINS.

The ringer of the 4th is from Elsham, and this was his first peal.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN BEVAN	*Treble*	JIM HURRELL	4
CYRIL BRETT SMITH	2	PERCY BRETT SMITH	5
WILLIAM R. WINGATE ...	3	ROBERT BRETT SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. BRETT SMITH.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Lydia Brett Smith and Percy Brett Smith.

FRINSTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one six-score of Stedman, 13 of Plain Bob, 14 of Grandsire, and 14 of Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A.

P.O. A. R. OCKWELL, R.N.	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	3
WILLIAM SPICE	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	4
GEORGE GILBERT... ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal on the bells, and first peal in a five bell tower by all.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED STUBBS	*Treble*	JAMES M. NICKERSON	4
FRANK KIRK	2	WILLIAM STOCK	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	AMOS SMART	*Tenor*

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT NASH	*Treble*	ALF E. PARSONS	4
*FRED LOWE...	2	WILLIAM T. PALMER	5
*HERBERT MELBOURNE ...	3	WALTER ALLWOOD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD D. SMITH	*Treble*	A. E. AUSTIN	4
JOHN MOULE...	2	WILLIAM MILLER	5
WILLIAM A. TACK	3	ROBERT HOWARD... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. MILLER.

Messrs. Howard and Tack are from Barley, Herts, Austin from Shelford, Cambs, the rest from Leytonstone.

LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, four 720's of Kent, one 720 of Plain Bob.

CHARLES E. WEBB	*Treble*	FURNESS WOODEND	4
EDWIN JENNINGS...	2	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ...	5
WOODBURN NEVINSON ...	3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. L. Argyle, Vicar of Langdale, and Miss M. Oliver.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

REGINALD V. JOHNSON	*Treble*	GEORGE ELLIS	4
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ...	2	ALFRED J. BULL	5
BERNARD WELLS...	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, June 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	1-2	HERBERT LANGDON	5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3-4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ...	7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpires: JOHN W. ROWBOTHAM and THOMAS BENNEY.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at All Saints' Church, Sedgley, on Saturday, June 11th, in beautiful weather, and upwards of forty members attended. The bells were at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and they were kept merrily going in various methods until service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. G. H. Maydew (curate). The Vicar, the Rev. Dr. T. G. Swindell, D.D., read the lesson and also gave an eloquent address. After service, an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a bountiful tea was in readiness. The business meeting followed, at which the venerable Vicar presided, being supported by the Rev. G. H. Maydew and Mr. E. A. Babbs, churchwarden. Apologies were announced from Mr. H. Mason and Mr. A. J. Skelding.

Business of a routine character having been disposed of, three new honorary and several performing members were added to the roll.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Hagley, subject to the usual permission being obtained. The quarterly peal will be attempted at Sedgley, and the arrangements are left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting at Sedgley, for the service, for his inspiring address, for the use of the tower and bells and schoolroom, and for his courteous conduct in the chair at the business meeting; also to his colleague, the Rev. G. H. Maydew, and to the organist, who, although blind, ably played for the various hymns and other parts of the service, and the ringers are more than grateful to him. Thanks were also given to Mr. B. Fullwood for the part he played, he having everything in readiness, and to his loyal band of ringers: also to Mrs. Fullwood for preparing the tea, and to those ladies who assisted her in looking after the wants and comfort of the visitors, also to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a successful and happy one.—The Vicar replied on behalf of all concerned, and then closed the meeting with prayer.

RE-OPENING OF ROPLEY (HANTS) BELLS.

INCREASED FROM FIVE TO SIX.

Tuesday, May 31st, was a day to be remembered by the inhabitants of Ropley, Hants, the occasion being the dedication of the church bells after restoration and an addition of a treble to make a ring of six. The whole cost of the work has been defrayed by Miss Hagen, 'in memoriam of friends of the donor.'

The old five were in a bad state, and had not been rung for a long period. Their silence was, however, joyously broken on May 31st by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild collected together by the Master at very short notice, owing to the date (May 4th) originally fixed for opening having been postponed by the Bishop. The old bells have all been recast (each bell retaining its old inscription) and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. They are mounted on a steel frame with ball bearings. The tenor is 15 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp; diameter, 43 inches. The total weight of the bells is 50 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Mr. F. E. Collins represented the founders at the opening. The ringers, as well as parishioners, were all entertained to tea before the dedication service, which was fixed for 7 p.m.

After the dedicatory prayers had been read by the Bishop, a few rounds on the bells were rung. In addition to the Lord Bishop, other clergy present were the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. C. Geldart), the Rural Dean (Rev. E. C. Peakes), with Rev. H. M. Lewis and Rev. R. T. Shea (Four Marks), and the Rev. C. Trumbrell (Beauworth), while Mr. R. C. Turner was at the organ. The Bishop's address on bells and their message was an interesting and inspiring one.

Immediately after the service, and as the congregation dispersed, the bells were heard in Bob Minor for the first time, a well-struck 720 being brought round by the following members of the Guild: R. Linter 1, G. Williams (conductor) 2, G. E. Chappell 3, F. S. Bayley 4, F. E. Collins 5, J. H. Shepherd 6. Short touches in others methods were also rung by other ringers present who were able to stay, amongst whom were the hon. general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), Messrs. Noice and Paine (Winchester), Nash (Southampton), and W. Linter, sen. (Swanmore).

The whole work in connection with the restoration has been excellently carried out by the well-known Croydon firm, and it is hoped a band of ringers will soon be organised locally.

It should be added that a brass plate has been fixed on the south wall of the church, which is inscribed: 'To commemorate the gift of Marianne Sophia Hagen of the church bells, and the provision of a new treble bell, this brass is dedicated by Ropley parishioners, 1927.'

THE TILSWORTH BELL FUND.

At the fete held at Tilsworth, Beds, on Saturday, June 4th, in aid of the fund for the restoration of the tower and bells, the sum of £153 was cleared, which, with about £47 already in hand, brought the total to £200. Collecting cards have been circulated for this fund for a long time, and the committee are now anxious to get them in, and hope to realise another £100 from this source.

If their hopes are fulfilled, they will only need about another £50, unless they decide to add another bell. The committee thank all who have helped them in the past.

'THE ANTIENT ORDER OF PEAL SNATCHERS.'

FALLING BRICKS CAUSE ADJOURNMENT.

On Saturday, ye daye of grace, ye convenor of 'Ye Antient Anathematised Order of Free Peal Snatchers' did order ye members of ye 'Lodge of Light' to foregather in ye steeple of Barston, of good fame and fayre countrye

Someone said it was only one mile from the station, and after one hour's walk through truly beautiful lanes, alongside which the harebells waxed amazing plentiful, oh, good augury, we wished we could meet ye one-mile merchant! Then 'ye Grand Prime Peal Snatcher' opened the lodge on the first degree, known as 'the degree of steeple keepers,' and after working this interesting degree through all its stages, viz., oiling really rusty gudgeons, raising ropes used only for foot chiming, adjusting slide bolts, etc., all of which was made the more interesting inasmuch as the bells had never been rung for ages. The gudgeons were the rustiest the lodge had even seen, the ropes were so hard that even the Past Grand Rope Smith had to use the grave-digger's pick as a marlinespike. The G.P.P.S. then opened on the second degree, known as the 'Degree of Stay Busters,' and explained the system of stays in this steeple, stays fixed by Bagley when he fixed the bells. Before closing on this degree, the lodge, as a body, anathematised the gentleman who cracked the third. The lodge then opened on the third, or 'Gudgeon Benders' Degree,' and with due solemnity rang just ten whole pulls, with all the pomp and panoply which is meet and proper for such an occasion, before passing on to the 'Grand Sublime Degree of Tower Twisters.' Immediately on opening in this difficult degree, to which only the most intrepid brethren of this antient order are admitted (few are read in, but many read out), two bricks fell out of the tower wall and dropped on the floor just above the treble ringer's head, loosening showers of mortar and the dust of ages on all concerned. This caused the G.P.P.S. to adjourn from gudgeon bending to refreshment, more safety and pleasure being the result thereof. The lodge then ascended the steeple, and the 'Past Grand Clapper Turner' showed the brethren several more 'courses' of loose bricks ready to be shaken down, and ably illustrated to the brethren the results obtained when these fell in the proper place, by dropping one of these bricks on the patriarchal belfry spider. On the way to the house of call, named very appropriately the 'Brickmakers' Arms,' the G.P.P.S. expounded to the brethren the wonderful proposition, 'Peals Asinorum,' viz., 384 bricks equal one cubic yard, one brick falls each ten changes, twelve bricks fall per six-score, 50¢ bricks fall per peal, so that, at the rate of one peal per week, in ten years there would be no steeple. He was just going on to explain the difference in the gravity of a brick which dropped from the clock chamber to the treble ringer's 'think box,' to a brick which dropped on the ringer who missed his last half turn, when the brethren arrived at the Rest House, and proceeded to discuss the gravity of something else, and the discovery that the ale here also cost 6½d. So the lodge did reopen on the highest, or 'Peal Washers' Degree.' In the opinion of the G.P.P.S., this is the most pleasurable degree to work of all the degrees, as it never causes aches or pains to anything except the right elbow. The lodge was declared closed after the singing of 'The shades of knights were trooping past'; and, good Sir, be it known that all the brethren paid for their beer—why? because Boniface was looking.

UNCLE JUSTACUSS.

P.S.—The harebells on the roadside were in ringing order. Poor Bagley's bells were not. Would that the parish paid more attention to centennials than the annuals.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Steeple Ashton on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Knubley, M.A.), and tea was provided in the Parish Room, and followed by a short business meeting, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (chairman of the branch) presiding.

The election of the two new members elected at the special meeting was confirmed, and Mr. Frank Penn, of Westbury, was elected an unattached member.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of those present to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist, and to those who arranged the tea.

Canon Knubley, in reply, said how pleased he was to have the meeting there, and said he would convey the thanks to the organist. He invited those present to walk round the Vicarage garden.

Ringers present included Mr. T. King, of Bath, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, Loughborough, and members from Steeple Ashton, Bishop's Cannings, Bratton, Devizes (St. Mary's and St. John's), Erlestoke, Keevil, Holt, Westbury, Warminster and Trowbridge.

Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung, and ringing also took place at Keevil, where the bells were available for the evening.

A special meeting of the branch was held at Bromham on Saturday, May 28th, when ringers were present from Bromham, Chippenham, Chirton, Devizes (St. Mary's and St. John's), Holt and Rowde. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung, and two new members were elected to the Guild.

SALISBURY GUILD'S LOSS.

DEATH OF MR. WALTER BISHOP, OF SWANAGE.

The Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild has suffered a great loss by the death of Mr. Walter G. Bishop, who passed away at Swanage from heart failure on Trinity Sunday. He had attended the branch meeting on the Saturday evening, and was walking home when he collapsed at the top of a steep hill. He was helped home, but died on the following morning.

Walter Bishop was one of the mainstays of ringing in the Wimborne Branch, and had been for thirty years a member of the Swanage tower, where he did most of the conducting. He was in charge of the bells, and made it his duty to see that everything in the tower was kept clean and in good order. He always gave of his best, and nothing that required attention was too much trouble to him. He was chiefly responsible for training the young ringers, and many ringers, not only at Swanage, owe their skill to his painstaking tuition. He would be found in the tower whenever there was anyone to teach, sometimes four evenings a week, and never seemed to grudge the time. It must have been disheartening when pupils to whom he had given hours of his time got slack, or dropped out; but if he felt it he never showed it—he was as ready as ever when any new 'colts' came along.

Always willing, always hardworking, always even-tempered, always courteous, Walter Bishop's death has come as a great blow to his many friends, outside as well as inside the tower; and in the latter has left a gap which it will be impossible to fill, and an example which all would do well to follow. He is mourned as one who was, in every way, a good man.

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. H. PULLING.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at Bramshott Parish Church, Hants, on Wednesday evening, June 15th, when Mr. Alfred H. Pulling, conductor of the Holy Trinity Guild, Guildford, who has been acting as honorary instructor at Bramshott, was presented with a solid oak copy of an old English bracket clock, in appreciation of his valuable services. The clock bore the following inscription: 'Presented to Mr. A. H. Pulling by the Bramshott church ringers and friends, in appreciation of his valuable services, generously given, as instructor. June, 1927.' The presentation was made by Mr. W. H. Wright, churchwarden, and Mr. Pulling suitably replied.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Thursday, April 21st, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. W. H. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, Miss Upsher 3, S. W. Crabb 4, C. A. Button 5, J. G. Nash 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, N. Tomlinson 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Bletchley, on Saturday, June 4th, when about 50 members attended, representing Bletchley, Beachampton, Fenny Stratford, Loughton, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Simpson, Shenley and Woughton, with visitors from the Herts, Bedfordshire and Northants Associations. The bells were ringing from 2.30, and the members attended service. The choir was in attendance, and the singing was of a very hearty character. The address, given by the Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, completed a most enjoyable service. Tea was served on the Rectory lawn, and was followed by the business meeting, the Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell, being in the chair.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) presented the report of balance sheet, which showed the branch to be in a good financial position, having £10 invested and £12 1s. 8d. balance in hand.

The Rev. L. Moxon was again re-elected president, and Mr. W. Sear secretary and treasurer, with the thanks of the meeting for services rendered during his 13 years of office.

The places of meeting were chosen for the year, and Bletchley was once again selected for the annual festival next year.

The Master complimented the branch on its financial position, and spoke of what had been suggested in other branches of the Guild as to utilising some of the money to assist to convey parties of ringers to other parts of the branch to teach change ringing in those towers where there was a desire to learn. After a discussion, the proposal had the approval of the meeting, and the Secretary suggested that it should be left to him to arrange matters when required.

The usual vote of thanks was passed by the Chairman, Rev. L. Moxen, to the Master for preaching, the choir, and to the ladies for providing tea.—This was suitably responded to.

It is interesting to relate that one young enthusiast walked that day from St. Albans to Bletchley, a distance of 27 miles, and enjoyed the ringing, staying to the last, and then joined the train for home. This concluded a very happy meeting. Ringing during the afternoon was up to the standard, the methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to London Surprise Major.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Thursday, June 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) at St. Mary's Church for the wedding of Miss E. Mildash and Mr. Scott: G. Saunders 1, W. Webb 2, F. Tubb 3, F. Cherritt 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

HESWELL, WIRRAL.—On Bank Holiday, June 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles (1,440 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Jones 1, J. Smith 2, G. R. Edwards (conductor) 3, J. Lea (longest length) 4, R. G. Edwards 5.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal at Tipton on Saturday was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Alfred Rowley, who is a member of the local band. He has now called a peal of Bob Major from each bell in the tower, each peal a different composition. He has rung 50 peals and called 25 different peal-compositions in the four standard methods on these bells.

The only peal on fourteen bells, Stedman Sextriples, was rung at Birmingham five years ago to-day.

The peal of ten at Taunton were opened on June 25th, 1885. Taunton is one of the most recent additions to the rings of twelve.

Ninety years ago next Tuesday, Henry Dains was born.

On June 30th, 1833, Elijah Roberts 'tapped' a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham.

CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I make known to the Exercise, through your columns, that since your last issue I have received for the Central Council Library those numbers of 'Bell News' which were required, and that that collection is now completeed.

At the same time I should like to suggest that if any reader of 'The Ringing World' can offer or obtain the offer of any book or other publication which might be of value to the library, I hope he will communicate with me.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.
Broadlands, Caversham. Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

Quite unintentionally we did an injustice last week to the Whitley Bay company, when we stated that the peal rung at Warnham, on June 11th, was the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major. On May 14th, 1924, the Whitley Bay band rung Mr. J. W. Parker's 5,056 of Spliced Superlative and Cambridge, and the writer of last week's article must apologise to that talented company for the oversight. It is another illustration of the shortness of human memory. The footnote to the peal of Spliced London, Superlative, Bristol and Cambridge should have said: 'First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods.'

DEATH OF MR. H. G. PARSONS.

RINGER AND COUNTY CRICKETER.

On Friday, June 10th, at the advanced age of 87 years, Mr. H. G. Parsons ('old Harry') received his last call. In spite of his great age, he was quite active until a few months ago. Although not a great ringer, he was, in his younger days, a regular Sunday ringer at St. Mary's, Ealing, where he was steeplekeeper for about 30 years.

He was also a well-known figure in cricket circles in the earlier part of his life, having played for Middlesex as far back as 1863. He was also coach to many famous cricketers, including the three brothers Studd, and from 1872 to 1914 he was umpire for the Marlborough Blues.

He was interred in the Ealing Cemetery on Monday, June 13th, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on his favourite bells by the following: F. S. Palmer 1, E. J. Walton 2, P. E. Clark 3, J. H. Hunnisett 4, R. Thompson 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, E. Harris 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A JOINT MEETING OF SOCIETIES.

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Area of Yorkshire was held at Conisborough on Saturday last, when upwards of 50 members attended, each district being well represented. The fine peal of eight were kept very busy until five o'clock, when a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar of Conisborough (the Rev. H. Lee), who gave the ringers a very hearty welcome, this being the association's first visit since his induction as Vicar. An excellent tea was provided by the local company in the school adjoining the church, to which about 60 sat down.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea, the Vicar taking the chair. Eight new members were elected, these being Messrs. R. Fletcher and T. Cooper (Rawmarsh), G. Turner (South Auston), T. Huddlestone, S. Huddlestone, J. Myers, K. Jubb and A. Hague, of Ecclesfield. The Vicar and his churchwarden, Mr. H. Thirlwall, were elected as hon. members of the association.

An invitation given by Rawmarsh to hold the next meeting at that place was accepted, the date being fixed for October 22nd.

The Secretary gave a report regarding the testimonial to the late vice-president, Mr. F. Willey, and the meeting fully endorsed the manner in which the committee had used the money subscribed, and the hope was expressed that Mr. Willey's stay at Southport would be of great benefit to him and restore him to health again.

A vote of condolence with the relatives of two old members of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. W. S. Plant (Ranmoor) and Mr. W. Lambert (Bolsover), was passed by all standing in silence for a few moments.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and the schools, to the ladies for their services at tea, and to the local company, were heartily carried, and replied to by the Vicar and Mr. Harrison. This brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

ICKLETON CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The sympathy of all ringers, clerical and lay, will be extended to the Vicar and churchwardens of Ickleton in the painful position in which they have been placed by the surprising judgment delivered by the Chancellor of the Ely diocese, reported in your last issue. In view of what has been said, it may be well to give the dates and founders of the bells from 'The Church Bells of Cambridgeshire':—

Ickleton 6. Tenor F, etc.

1. Lester and Pack, 1761.
2. Thomas Newman, of Norwich, 1729.
3. William Chapman, London, 1781.
4. Lester and Pack, 1755.
5. Newman, of Norwich, 1729.
6. Thomas Lester, of London, 1751.

Now, it will be evident to anyone who knows anything about the subject that these bells have very little archæological value or interest; in fact, for practical purposes, none at all. And yet we have an official in the responsible position of a diocesan chancellor speaking of them as being 'lost for ever,' etc.—language of gross exaggeration, and quite absurd when one considers that three or four of these priceless antiques were found to be cracked! The Chancellor is a lawyer, and cannot, of course, be expected to be a bell expert. In dealing with matters connected with bells he has therefore to rely upon information and advice supplied by others. In this case his mentor was a well-known architect connected with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, who had been employed by the Ickleton folk for the restoration of their tower only, but who could not resist the temptation of dipping his finger into the campanological pie as well. Hinc Illæ Lachrymæ. The effect of his interference was manifested in the Chancellor's remarkable statement that he would not have allowed 'the firm in question' (i.e., the Croydon Foundry) to touch any of the bells, for it is no secret that Simpson tuning is anathema to the S.P.A.B.! It is satisfactory to learn that the Vicar and churchwardens have had the full support and confidence of their Parochial Church Council, that matters have since been amicably adjusted with the Chancellor, and that, as far as can be seen, the work will now proceed smoothly and peacefully.

Perhaps ringers will bear in mind that two trebles are still required to complete the octave, and that here is an opportunity for showing their sympathy to the harassed authorities of Ickleton in a practical way!

The moral of all this is clear. In every diocese the Chancellor should have at his elbow an individual or committee who know something about bells and the needs of ringing, and who will be prepared, if necessary, to remind him that the church tower is not a museum for cracked (if rare) specimens, but a building for the keeping and use of musical instruments, which from time to time are in need of repair and renewal.

H. B. WOOLLEY.

Long Stanton.

CHURCH COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION OF CONFIDENCE.

At a meeting held on June 13th the Church Council of Ickleton passed a resolution, in which they expressed their entire confidence in the Vicar (the Rev. P. H. Cooke) and churchwardens respecting their conduct in the application to the Chancellor of the diocese for a faculty for the church bells, and the church secretary was requested to forward the resolution to the Bishop of Ely and the Archdeacon.

PARISHIONERS' SUPPORT.

Mr. P. Webb, the leader of the ringers, informs us that the church authorities and committee are being warmly backed up by all the parishioners, rich and poor alike. Nearly everyone in the village is subscribing, including Nonconformists, widows and old-age pensioners, and they are amazed at the treatment which the Vicar and churchwardens received.

It is hoped that the scheme, not only to restore the tower and bells, but to add two trebles, may be carried out in its entirety. The work on the tower has been completed, and with generous support it will be possible to add the two new bells. Subscriptions should be sent to Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Cambs. He acknowledges with thanks the following contributions: Collected at Herts meeting at Braughing, 16s.; Mr. W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, 5s.; Sawston ringers, 10s.; Mr. J. Oldacre, 5s.; Mr. E. G. Hibbins, 5s.; Rev. H. B. Woolley, 10s.; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, £1; Rev. R. F. R. Routh, 5s.; Ely Diocesan Association, £5; Mr. F. Nunn, 2s.

DEATH OF VETERAN DEPTFORD RINGER.

The St. John's, Deptford, Society has lost its oldest member by the death, at the age of 85 years, of Mr. Joseph Law, who joined the band in 1875, when the bells were first installed. Mr. Law remained a regular ringer at the church until three or four years ago, when he left the neighbourhood. He continued ringing almost up to the time of his death, which took place at Plumstead on May 17th.

BELLS OF BOSTON 'STUMP.'

A RESTORATION APPEAL.

The bells at the famous Lincolnshire Church of St. Botolph, Boston, familiarly known as 'Boston Stump,' have long been in a state of dilapidation, and the Mayor (Councillor James Tait) has issued a public appeal for their restoration. The Mayor says it is absolutely necessary, in order to obtain satisfaction, to recast and rehang the bells. No funds are available for the work, which it is estimated will cost £800.

The dates of the present bells range from 1657 to 1785. The first mention of the bells in Boston Church is in 1553, when it is said there were 'five great bells in the steeple and a sanctus bell.' The Corporation records state that the bells were repaired in 1627. A sixth bell was added previous to 1709, for that year a faculty or licence was granted to recast the 'immense old bell hanging in the tower, which was of little use and imperfect sound, and publishing the holy hours imperfectly, and of the metal of the said bell to make three smaller ones. Two of these bells to be added to the six now in the tower, and the third bell to be for the clock to strike upon, and to tell the hour to the people loudly and clearly, and to place the same on the lantern or highest part of the tower, to place and suspend the same for the better and more audible hearing of the sound thereof.'

It may be mentioned in passing that this 'immense old bell' was the one which, Dr. Stukeley says, 'could be heard six or seven miles round, with many old verses upon it, and which was knocked to pieces about the year 1710, without taking the inscription.'

The large clock bell, directed to be melted and recast, weighed above 4,000 lb. The new clock bell, at that time cast from part of it, weighed only 533 lb. The large clock bell was of the kind called, from the shape, a saucer bell. It was suspended in the tower lantern. The new clock bell, cast in 1709, was suspended below the leaden roof of the belfry; this bell is said to have been cracked in the year 1754. In 1758, a new clock bell was directed to be made, the weight of which was not to exceed 1,000 lb. This was the bell upon which the clock struck at the time referred to.

The clock and chimes are first mentioned in the Corporation records in 1614, when John Tomliuson was admitted a freeman gratis, 'he agreeing that he will, during his life, keep the clock and chimes in order, and all the ironwork and wires belonging to the same, and to keep all the chambers and bell-lofts clean during his life.' In the year 1732 new chimes were ordered; they struck upon the eight-peal bells. They became imperfect, however, and ceased to play in 1832. In 1825, the Corporation subscribed £100 towards a new clock, which was fixed in the ringing chamber in 1827, the entire cost attending it being about £900. It was refitted in 1853, and fixed in the bell chamber; the cost of refitting and refixing was £85 3s. 10d. The quarters struck upon the two bells cast out of the great bell in 1709. The old figures, called 'quarter-jacks,' were sold in 1853.

The second bell of the six in the tower, being cracked, was also recast in 1709, and the eight bells were first chimed in the steeple on December 17th, 1710. The sixth bell was recast, and the bells generally put in order in the year 1758, by Thomas Eyre, 'Pyrotechnus de Kettering.'

Mr. George Gilbert Scott, the architect, says; 'The bells were originally rung from the little stone galleries which run round the second storey of the tower, on the level of the window sills, the ropes passing through the heads of the windows, thence for a considerable height through the interior of the wall, and over blocks or pulleys, set in openings of the walls of the belfry. The holes through which they passed may yet be seen in each window-head, and also in the belfry above.'

Thompson, in his account of the church written 75 years ago, said: 'The ringers now stand on the groined stone roof. The tenor bell of the present peal weighs 2,400 pounds. The rehanging of the bells in 1853 cost £85. Until about 15 years back a bell used to be rung about five o'clock in the morning. This originated probably, in an intent to call labourers, workpeople, and servants to their daily toil. The same bell was rung again at eight o'clock in the evening, this being no doubt the continuation of the ancient curfew bell. Now, although in this utilitarian age, the practice of continuing memorials of bygone customs has become unfashionable, we think the tolling of these bells may be defended upon utilitarian principles. The morning bell prepared those whose inheritance is labour, for the commencement of that labour; whilst the evening bell marked the termination of the active period of another day in a salutary and impressive manner, and had a tendency to excite feelings and thoughts which everyone would be made better by indulging in.'

The only known peal rung on the bells was Stedman Triples by the Lincoln Guild on October 11th, 1913, rung under the most difficult conditions. The big ringing chamber is close under the bells, and a great dome rises in the centre of the floor which almost hides each ringer from the man opposite. There is a tradition that a peal had previously been rung at the 'Stump' after the Battle of Waterloo, and the ringers were taken to London and feted and made much of.

STISTED BELL FUND.

Amount already acknowledged, £130; Mr. W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley, £1; Harlow Common ringers, 10s. 6d.; Halstead ringers, 1s.; total, £131 11s. 6d. All subscriptions should be sent to Mr. H. F. Cooper, Stisted.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

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THE VALUE OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

For the Towers and Belfries Committee, Major J. H. B. Hesse said that during the year he had inspected five towers, and in each case the work had either been completed or would be carried out when funds were available.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said, although as a committee they had not been given a definite job to do, they were working with a view to improving the towers and belfries. He had been very busy inspecting towers in his own diocese. He had never known a time when so much desire was shown to have bells put in order. He put it down largely to the fact of the great number of branch meetings that their Guild held. Ringers attended these meetings, and visited a tower, perhaps, where the bells had been restored, and they went back dissatisfied with their own. That, he thought, did more to get bells put into order than any amount of talking about it outside. He put this before the Council as an important advantage of branch meetings. He thought this, often more than peal ringing, got bells put in order. A band might visit a tower and condemn the bells as unringable, but if the authorities said they had no money, that was where it would end. But that was not the case if the matter were 'boiling' in the locality. In all cases where he had made inspections, the work was going forward or had been done and given satisfaction.

The Hon. Secretary said he had received a letter from Mr. E. H. Lewis, who reported that he had during the past year given advice in two cases. One was Bow, where he found the arrangement of the twelve bells was very interesting, and about as good as it could be. The other was that of a big bell which was to be swung through 90 degrees only, and particulars as to the amount of thrust were wanted. He had made the necessary calculations and forwarded them in order that they might be placed on record. With regard to the committee, individual members could still do much in giving advice, but it did not seem as if there was much for them to do collectively, at least until the steelmakers have discovered a special steel which would withstand corrosion and be sold at a price which was cheap enough for bell frames.

The Rev. H. Drake said he was interested to hear that members of the committee had visited towers to report on the condition of bells. He did not know that was part of their work. He had also had a good deal to do this last year in visiting and reporting, and it would be of assistance if members of the Council felt they could call on the committee to visit a tower and reinforce the advice given.

The President said he was perfectly certain Major Hesse and Mr. Jenkyn would do so as far as their other duties permitted.

The reports were adopted, and the following re-elected on the committee: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. E. A. Young and Major J. H. B. Hesse.

THE YEAR'S RECORDS.

The Records Committee's report was as follows: First peals in new methods have been rung by (1) the Chester Diocesan Guild, viz., 5,152 Belgrave Surprise Major, 5,024 Clarendon Surprise Major; (2) Hertford County Association, viz., 5,184 New Gloucester Surprise Major, 5,040 Original Triples; (3) Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, 5,040 London Bob Triples. Record lengths have been rung by (1) Lancashire Association, 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major, 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major; (2) the Chester Diocesan Guild, 5,088 Double Bob Major, 'in hand.' Peals in methods spliced together for the first time have been rung by (1) the Chester Diocesan Guild, 5,184 Plain, Double and Reverse Bob Major, in hand; (2) Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, 5,076 Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters; (3) the Kent County Association, 5,152 Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and Double Oxford Bob Major, 5,088 Plain and Double Oxford Bob Major; (4) Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, 5,095 Plain Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples; (5) Midland Counties Association, 5,096 Plain and Little Bob Major, 5,024 Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Major; (6) Middlesex Association, 5,073 Erin, Stedman and Grandsire Caters. The first peal of Reverse Bob Major 'in hand' has been rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston, in moving the adoption of the report, said about three years ago the Council authorised the committee to have copies of the records typed. He was sorry there had been delay in getting that done, but they were now completed, and had been handed to the secretary of the Council. The purpose for which the copies had been typed and placed in the hands of the Council was that they might be examined in order to find out the mistakes which in any work of that kind would almost inevitably take place. Already mistakes had been found, and they would be duly corrected.

The report was adopted.

THE NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. Drake, for the Nomenclature Committee, said the committee were in a difficulty to know what to do. In the minutes passed that day it was stated that an amendment was passed. It was also recorded that he had asked that the amendment should be turned into the form of a rider, but that was not supported, and the amendment was turned into a full resolution. When this amendment was put there was really no proposition before the meeting, and the result was the committee did not know where they were. The committee's report, as Mr. Burton pointed out afterwards in 'The Ringing World,' was still before the Council; it was neither accepted nor rejected, and he (the speaker) felt that, as a committee, they could do nothing more than leave it there. They had done what they were asked to do, and unless the Council asked them to do anything further he did not see what they could do. Mr. Drake went on to say that the amendment passed at the last meeting, in his opinion, ruled out one of the motion's on that day's agenda. The amendment was 'That this Council, while urging on the Exercise the extreme importance of choosing suitable names for new methods, declines to interfere with such rights as bands and individual ringers at present enjoy of giving names to new methods. And, further, is of the opinion that no alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods, except where urgently necessary.' The committee, in their report, had provided some scheme by which the Council could review the method of affixing names. With that in view, he asked the Council to take the amendment as a rider, in which way it would have qualified and not wrecked the report. The Council, by the amendment, declined to interfere with the names, but he must point out that that action would, in his opinion, prevent them considering the motion on the agenda later in the name of Mr. Law James (laughter).

Mr. T. H. Beams said the effect of the amendment passed last year was to nullify everything the committee did. He left it to the Council to judge whether it was done purposely. Their work having been nullified, there had been nothing left for them to do during the past year, but there was a way out of the difficulty. If they wanted the committee to go forward, they must give them instructions as to the lines upon which they wished them to go forward, or else they should choose a new committee.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said if they would read last year's amendment they would see it left a nice loophole, and when he drafted it he intended that it should wreck the report of the committee (laughter). It did not say that the Council declined to interfere or do nothing in the naming of all methods, but said the Council declined to interfere with such rights as ringers and bands had at present. As a matter of fact, such rights as they had were subject, and always had been subject, to revision by anybody. If he, or anyone, published a method and the Exercise did not care for the name given to it, they could alter it, and always had altered it. What he objected to, in moving the amendment, was laying down autocratic rules, without appeal, for naming all methods, past, present and to come, and making wholesale alterations in the names of methods which had been rung. What they wanted to do was to leave the matter in a loose state in which it could be adapted to circumstances. A band who rang a method could call it what they liked, but if they called it by an unsuitable name the Exercise had the right to refuse to agree to it. With regard to the procedure on the amendment, it was an amendment to a report which had been moved and seconded at the previous Council, and he thought Mr. Drake was in error when he said it was not so.

EXIT!

The Rev. H. Law James proposed that the Council's thanks be given to the committee for what they had done; they had read their report and would make what use of it they could.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore thought from last year's amendment the committee were done away with. He suggested the committee might now be dissolved.

The President said by the amendment carried last time the committee could not possibly go on with any work in the direction of their report, and they had confessed that that day. As there was no work for them to do, he imagined the committee would come to an end unless they reappointed it and gave it something definite to do.

Mr. C. T. Coles said the committee was appointed three years ago because of the dissatisfaction and confusion which arose through various methods having more than one name. The primary object was that they should go into the matter and settle the correct names; whether they went beyond the terms of their reference he would not say. He did not agree that the amendment last year interfered with the later motion which was to be considered. This latter referred to an extension of a method and not to the naming of one.

Mr. J. Hunt said in his opinion the committee went much too far by trying to change names that had been known to the Exercise for hundreds of years. Last year they put nine or ten resolutions in their report. He believed some members would have supported two of them, but the committee wanted to carry the whole lot at once.

The Rev. H. Drake said the committee merely compiled a list of names of methods to which objection might possibly be raised, and left it to the Council to decide on what lines they wanted the alterations made. They put their recommendations in the form of a number of resolutions, which could still be put one by one; they did not ask the Council to adopt them all. Some of the resolutions were things which they could all agree with and were really necessary. He would like to move, if nothing else, that the president put the resolutions to the Council one by one without discussion, and, if there was any opposition to them, those who objected could lay their views before the committee during the course of the year, and the committee would try to meet them. There was a desire in the Exercise that something should be done, and if the Council did not re-elect the old committee he hoped they would elect someone else. Mr. Drake added that it was most outrageous thing that recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' should have taken the form of an attack on the Editor, who was one of those most in favour of doing something to get rid of the present confusion which exists in these names.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said it seemed to him that although this committee had nothing to report, they were going to spend a long time discussing it (laughter), which seemed to him absolutely futile. By 29 votes to three at the last meeting they gave the committee what he thought was their quietus on the report. The committee did an infinite amount of work and produced 13 resolutions, all of them controversial, and now they actually proposed they should discuss them individually at that meeting. (Mr. Drake: No, not discuss them). He begged to move that the committee be thanked for their services, but be not reappointed.

Several members rose together to second this.

The Rev. H. L. James pointed out that between that and the next meeting the Collection of Minor Methods would be revised, and the Methods Committee would see that the names in that publication were settled satisfactorily.

Mr. Beams: Satisfactorily to Mr. Law James (laughter).

Mr. J. W. Parker said the names of the Minor methods had already been decided by the Analyses Committee, and were accepted by the Council. Failing amendment, the names given by the Analyses Committee must stand.

Mr. Beams said the committee were given three things to do: to review existing nomenclature, to prepare suitable topographical names and formulate a plan for the application of such names. That was what they did, and the Council neither accepted nor rejected the report.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith: Will it bring the matter to a head if I move that the report be rejected and the committee given an opportunity to resign (laughter).

On being put, Mr. Pritchett's motion was carried by a large majority.

METHODS COMMITTEE TO SETTLE NAMES.

When the Council resumed after the luncheon interval, Mr. J. A. Trollope said, as the Council had decided to reissue 'Minor Methods,' and in that reissue the question of names would arise, he would like the Council to empower the committee to deal with names: that was to say, to give the committee power to deal with the whole matter at their discretion. He thought the Council could trust them, because they had just issued the 'Major Collection,' in which the names used had, he believed, met with pretty general approval.

The Rev. H. Law James, in seconding, said the committee would, as far as possible, adopt the names given to the methods by those bands that rang the first 720 in each case.

Mr. W. Willson was opposed to the Council giving the committee the power asked for. To give the committee discretion would grossly interfere with what had been done before, and they were asking for powers which had just been crushed with the previous committee. They had taken the power from one committee and were now asked to give it to another. He knew Mr. Trollope was blessed with a certain amount of confidence, but he thought this was asking too much (laughter).

Mr. Trollope said it was only a question of what names had got to be put into the publication for which the Methods Committee were held responsible. What the committee would have to decide was not a question of finding names for the methods, but of choosing the most suitable names from those already given. The whole thing was covered by the resolution passed last year. He had then fully in mind the whole of these contingencies; there was nothing new in what he was now asking for.

Mr. T. Faulkner said that Council had already stultified itself by washing out the work of three years of the Nomenclature Committee. Might he suggest that instead of the Methods Committee arrogating to themselves the powers to select titles for methods which might or might not be rung, Mr. Trollope should add to his committee the names of the members of the Nomenclature Committee, so that the whole of their work for the last three years should not be lost. He would propose this as an amendment. The Council had thrown a wet blanket on the six-bell ringers of the country, and on their behalf he must make a protest against it.

Mr. Trollope said they by no means desired to throw over the Nomenclature Committee's work entirely. What they wanted was to be able to use a certain amount of discretion in order to take the best of everything. They did not want to put in alternative or additional names, but to consider them all, including the Nomenclature Committee's list, and the Analysis Committee's list, for final selection, and they could not complete the book until that was done.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said he saw no harm in the resolution if it were properly understood that all the committee proposed to do was to make the best selection from existing names, and loyally accepted the Council's decision that they did not want any change of names. If Mr. Trollope would give that pledge it ought to satisfy the Council, and he thought it would.

Mr. Trollope: That is exactly what we want.

Mr. A. D. Barker said the Nomenclature Committee was appointed to do this work three years ago. They had presented a report, which was neither accepted nor rejected, because the Council accepted Mr. Trollope's motion, which nullified all the committee's efforts. Now Mr. Trollope was asking for the same power to go into the question again with his own committee.

On being put, Mr. Trollope's motion was carried by a large majority.

TO APPROACH THE B.B.C.

The Council then came to the notices of motion, and for the convenience of Mr. T. H. Taffender, who was prevented by duty from remaining to the end of the meeting, the proposal standing in his name was first discussed. It was: 'That the Council approach the British Broadcasting Corporation with a view to the broadcasting during the evening programmes of a series of instructional talks on change ringing, with handbell demonstrations.' This matter, he said, had come before his association (the London County) on account of the unsatisfactory matters which took place a little time ago in the 'Children's Hour,' and they also thought it would be more edifying to the public if the talk took place in the evening programme. The association thought the Council would have more influence behind it than an individual association would have, and suggested that the Council should elect a committee to approach the B.B.C. Personally, he thought it might be taken up by the Literature and Press Committee.

Mr. A. D. Barker seconded.

Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said it would be better if the committee were formed of men living in London.

Rev. C. D. P. Davies spoke in strong support of the motion. He had never listened to the 'Children's Hour,' he said, so he did not know what happened then, but he had listened to ringing of all sorts. What had struck him about the Broadcasting Corporation was that they were absolutely ignorant of the real principles of change ringing, and showed it by the tantalising way in which change ringing was 'faded away' about the two sixes before the end of a course of Stedman Cinques. The B.B.C. wanted educating, and he was sure they were open to education if approached in the proper manner. He wrote to them himself and got a perfectly courteous reply, but nothing came of it. If they had a committee as suggested, it would be most advisable that they should consist of people in London, who could go personally to the B.B.C., if necessary.

Mr. A. A. Hughes said he was afraid they would find a great deal of difficulty in dealing with the B.B.C. The corporation's efforts were devoted to pleasing the public. Members of the Council had all heard the very atrocious efforts of chiming on the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. He had listened and shuddered, but members of the public, who did not understand change ringing, had told him that they much preferred to hear the chiming at St. Martin's to the broadcast from Bow, Cheapside, when they had heard Stedman Cinques as it ought to be rung. If the Council appointed a committee, they had got to overcome that very big difficulty of the B.B.C.'s idea of the public preference for chiming.

Mr. H. W. Wilde supported the motion, and said he believed they could educate the public if they could get an able speaker to give a series of short talks, with handbell illustrations.

The motion was carried, and a committee appointed consisting of Messrs. T. H. Taffender, W. T. Cockerill, A. A. Hughes, J. D. Matthews and E. A. Young.

MARKET LAVINGTON BELLS RESTORED.

The bells at Market Lavington have been reopened after restoration, the ceremony being performed on June 4th by the Archdeacon of Wilts, who is a great lover of bells and bell ringing.

Market Lavington bells, six in number, which were recast some fifty years ago, have been rehung in an iron frame, with new bearings and clappers. The vibration of the bells when rung in their old oaken frame had caused the masonry of the tower to become somewhat dislocated, and this has been placed in a thorough state of repair.

Perhaps the most gratifying feature of the work is the fact that it has been paid for. To be faced with an expenditure of something in the neighbourhood of £500 was no small task for a parish of the size of Market Lavington, but so well did the parishioners and others interested respond to the appeal for funds that the whole sum has been practically secured. This happy result is partly due to the generosity of Lord Warrington, of Clyffe, who added fifty per cent. to every contribution. Grants towards the restoration fund were also made from the Diocesan Church Building Society and the White Bequest.

The ringers present at the reopening included the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbothom (Devizes), the vice-chairman, Mr. B. Cook (Bratton), the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Francis (Trowbridge), and the secretary, Mr. F. Green (Devizes), Messrs. G. England, G. Swift, S. H. Sutton (Devizes), T. Holloway (Westbury), and E. Perrett (Rowde).

The ringers present, with employes of the firm which had in hand the work in the tower, were the guests of the Vicar at tea, during which the company was visited by the Archdeacon.—On behalf of the ringers, Mr. Heginbotham welcomed the Archdeacon to that part of the diocese, and the latter suitably replied.

Thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality were voiced by Mr. Cook, and Mr. Sturton, in his reply, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many ringers present.

In addition to those mentioned, the visitors included ringers from Bishop's Cannings, Erlestoke, Warminster, Zeals and Bourton. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

The ringers were unanimous in their appreciation of the manner in which the work to the bells and the tower had been carried out, and of the much improved tone of the ring.

Great thanks are due to Mr. F. Green, the secretary of the branch, who, at the request of the Vicar, made arrangements for the ringing at the reopening service.

BEGINNERS' PROGRESS.

On Tuesday, May 24th, at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,278 changes) in 52 mins.: Miss Mabel Robertson 1, Miss Anna Cushing 2, Miss Durrant 3, Miss Helen Bill 4, Arthur Halstead 5, J. Rampley 6, P. Sadler 7, G. Mayers 8, J. F. Duffield (conductor) 9, P. S. Thompson 10. This was Miss Robertson's first quarter-peal, and the first by Miss Cushing with an 'inside' bell.

At St. Matthew's Parish Church, Stretford, on May 19th, 720 Bob Minor: C. W. Birchall 1, C. Norman Birchall (first 720) 2, W. Wigglesworth 3, H. Chapman 4, T. Birchall 5, Wilfred Moss (conductor) 6.

At Tring Parish Church on Empire Day, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Cherry 1, C. Badrick 2, K. Bishop 3, F. C. Reeve 4, J. Puplett 5, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake 6, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. First 504 by ringer of 3rd, who only started to learn change ringing in January this year.

At Sharnbrook, on Empire Day, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes) in 42 mins., consisting of 360 each of Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob and 180 of Plain Bob: W. Surridge 1, W. Cooper 2, A. J. Barcock 3, R. C. Allen 4, F. Allen 5, E. C. Allen (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2nd, 5th and 6th, and first as conductor.

At Mere, Wilts, on Whit Sunday, for morning service, 168 Grandsire Triples: C. Bunce 1, G. Bunce 2, J. Gray 3, H. Keates 4, E. Coward 5, W. Keates 6, F. A. Coward (conductor) 7, E. Doddington 8. This is the first touch ever rung on the bells by a local band.

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NOTICE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rostherne, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready 3 o/c. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. Edward Davies, Rostherne, Cheshire, by Tuesday, June 28th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on June 30th. *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea, at the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. S. K. Lockyer) and friends. Business meeting after. A good gathering at this annual event is hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brightling on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Parish Recreation Hall at 5.30, through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. E. A. W. Haviland). Business meeting to follow. Half fares (maximum 1s.) allowed to members.—G. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3.0 Tea and general meeting at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5.0. Tea will be 1/- to fully paid-up members, to others 1s. 6d.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 on the Rector's lawn (if fine). All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BARNSLEY ASSOCIATION.—Hoylandswaine Cup contest takes place on Saturday, June 25th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Ringing commences at 3.15 p.m.—A. Panther, Sec. pro. tem.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Warfield (8 bells) on Saturday, June 25th, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Duffield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (10) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcomed.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—By invitation of the Vicar, thhe next quarterly meeting will be held at Minehead (10 bells) on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. — G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minhead.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Alderton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by the invitation of the Rector (Rev. A. D. Pennington) at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. — Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — First general quarterly meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, June 25th. Red Buses (cheap return fares) every ¼ hour from Newarks, Leicester and Bond Gate, Nuneaton, also many local buses. Bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m. Barwell (8) from 4 p.m. A short service will be held at Earl Shilton 4.30. Tea at 5. Committee meet at 3.30; general meeting follows tea. A good representative attendance is hoped for.—E. Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Ash on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—P. W. Smith, Dis. Sec., Fairview, Littlebourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Twyford, Berks, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) at 3. Short Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 5. Guild reports obtainable. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treas., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on June 25th, when the bells recently rehung, will be open for ringing. A tea will be provided by the Rector, and all ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Egerton on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. The usual tea arrangements will be made.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— Newbury Branch.—Summer meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley, Berks, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8), at o'clock. Service 4.34. Tea at 1s., 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bingham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Meat tea 1s. 6d. each.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5, with tea and meeting to follow.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Loddon on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) will be available at 2.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) will be provided by Mr. T. Gordon at the Church Rooms at 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. — Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Sowerby on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, June 25th. Bells: All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6) available from 3 p.m. onwards. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome.—L. Moon, Branch Sec., Ramleh, Park Lane, Newmarket.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on June 25th at the Parish Church, Builth Wells. Ringing at 3 p m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5. Tea provided by Rev. Archdeacon Church Jones.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623). —The 304th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Monday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. All visitors welcomed.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dochester Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Abbotsbury on Thursday, June 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Monday, June 27th? All ringers welcomed.—W. J. Benger, Hon. Sec., 21, North Square, Dorchester.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting of above district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Co-operative Café. All ringers welcome. Cheap tickets available from Fenchurch Street, via Tilbury. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 29th.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, July 2nd. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m. Service in the Pro-Cathedral (Holy Trinity) at 4 p.m. Preacher: Bishop of Winchester. Tea at 5 p.m. The meetings will be held at Ward Street Hall. Bells available: S. Nicolas' (10), Holy Trinity (8), Godalming (8), Shalford (6). Tea 1s. for visitors, 6d. for members. Will those requiring tea please notify by June 28th? Cheap tickets by Southern Railway. Those requiring vouchers to obtain should apply to me without delay. All ringers and friends welcome.—G. Pullinger, 14, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.— The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available from 1 p.m. Service in All Saints' Church at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea in Girls' School, Hungate. Applications for tea tickets (1s. 9d. per head) to be made to Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Waldyoe Cottages, Market Weighton, not later than Wednesday, June 29th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting and a six-bell contest will be held at New Mill (near) Huddersfield, on Saturday, July 2nd. Draw in school 2.45 p.m. Will all those requiring tea (1s. 6d. each) please send their names not later than Monday, June 28th, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.— Next meeting at Leadenham (6) on Saturday, July 2nd. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.— A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow in Church Hall. South Weald bells (6) will be available during the evening.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Aldenham, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells open 3.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. Ringing till 8.30. Fast trains to Bushey 1.15 and 1.40 from Broad Street, 2.40 from Euston. Other trains at frequent intervals. Bushey nearest station. Cheap fares. Number for tea by June 29th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts. Note.—Beautiful country. Excellent tea. Good company.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Stretford Parish Church on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells at Parish Church (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided free. Will all wishing to attend please let me know on or before Wednesday, June 29th? All ringers welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, July 2nd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 28th? — H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, July 2nd. St. Michael's bells available after 3. Tea in the Kepier Hall at 5. Those intending to be present please advise Mr. R. Parkinson, 1, North View, Fence Houses, not later than June 30th.—Geo. S. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

BROMSGROVE. — The re-opening of the Parish Church bells will take place on Saturday, July 2nd. Short service at 3.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All ringers welcome. Will intending visitors notify me by June 30th?—H. F. Martin, Churchfields, Bromsgrove.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Hamer on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—James Wm. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea provided. All welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 28th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, July 2nd, at Ecclesfield. Committee meeting 4.30 p.m. Visitors are specially asked to send in their names for tea to Mr. F. Mortimer, The Cross, Ecclesfield, not later than June 30th.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 2nd. Tea 5.30. Will all who intend to be present please inform Mr. A. Rowley, 88, Church Street, Stone, not later than Wednesday, June 29th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 2nd. Evensong at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral. The Very Rev. the Dean of Wells will address the ringers. Tea, 5 p.m., at Wickenden's, followed by business meeting. Bells: Cathedral, 3 to 3.50 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. approx.; Chewton Mendip, Cheddar, Ditcheat, and Shepton Mallet towers will be open from 8 to 9 p.m. Kindly let me know by June 27th how many will want tea.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting at Knebworth, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8), available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. All welcome.—Geo. T. Croft 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch. —Quarterly meeting at Tilston, on Saturday, July 2nd. Service 4.30. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify me before June 28th.—J. W. Clarke, Rake Lane, Eccleston, Chester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, July 4th, at 8.15. Good attendance desired. Ringing during July: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 3rd, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 4th, at 6.30, and the 18th at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 12th, at 8. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

YORKSHIRE AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above Associations will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Halifax. The following rings of bells will be available, Halifax Parish (12). All Souls (8), Northowram (8), Queensbury (8). Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head and applications for same must reach Mr. F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Akroydon, Halifax, not later than first post Tuesday, July 5th.—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Hon. Joint Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The annual branch meeting will be held at Croston Parish Church on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to all who notify Mr. P. Ascroft, Highfield Road, Croston, not later than Wednesday, July 6th. A good attendance is requested. Business: Election of branch representatives and officers. It is also the centenary of the record peal on these bells (10,080 changes), and the peal board will be on view.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on July 9th. Bells (10) available from 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Members' subscriptions due at this meeting. Applications for tea to reach Miss L. Foulk, 1, King Street, Duffield, by July 6th.—Molly Davenport, Hon. Sec., Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, July 5th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halewood, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested, business important.—Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8), recently recast, will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Will members please note the date and place of Blackburn branch annual meeting and social, August 13th at Whalley?—J. Watson, 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The annual meeting for this district will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 6th?—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Washingborough, near Lincoln, on Saturday, July 9th, with a view to the formation of a Lincoln branch. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will all who intend being present notify Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, before Wednesday, July 6th?—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, and business meeting to follow. Stanmore bells open during the evening. Usual charge for tea, but will all who require same please let me know by the Wednesday prior to meeting? All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 9th, from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at Fabb's Restaurant. Heston July 30th. Ask for a cheap ticket on railways.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Day trip to York on July 16th. Bus leaves Doncaster at 9 a.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. (including lunch and tea). Will all who intend going notify me before July 7th?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

NORFOLK GUILD.—Practice meetings will be held at Hethersett (8) July 2nd, Honingham (6) July 16th; both 3 p.m. Young ringers particularly welcomed.—B. Thompson, Dis. Sec., 148, The Avenues, Colman Rd., Norwich.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, July 16th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held on Saturday at Consett Parish Church, when the bells of Consett (8) and Blackhill St. Aidon's (8) will be available after 2 p.m. for ringing.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

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