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LOYALTY TO COUNCIL DECISIONS.

The Nomenclature Committee set up three years ago with definite instructions to deal with the naming of methods received the coup de grâce at the last meeting, after having been partially strangled twelve months ago. They were appointed to bring method naming to something like order out of the chaos which previously existed; and because they tackled their task with a greater zeal and thoroughness than the majority of the members had apparently anticipated, their whole report, with some of which at any rate there was pretty general agreement, was side-tracked. That was last year. It was done by a speciously worded amendment, and placed the committee in such a position that they did not feel warranted in doing anything further. That being so, the Council on Whitsun Tuesday decided there was no further use for the committee, and they were politely given the 'order of the boot.'

The treatment of the committee was, we think, a bad precedent, and is not quite the kind of thing that will induce members to take up work for the Council. No one wants to give a year or two's thought and labour to a subject, at the request, be it remembered, of the Council itself, to find the whole time wasted and the work deliberately wrecked. The committee may have erred on the side of over-elaboration of their task, and the Council may have been somewhat frightened at the prospect of having a dozen separate recommendations to discuss, but we are almost tempted to think that it was the committee and not their proposals which led to entire rejection of their work. Had the Methods Committee been doing this thing, there might, we fancy, have been no torpedoing. Doubtless they would not have gone as far as the Nomenclature Committee went, but they have the ear of the Council, as was shown when they had the intrepidity to ask for power to rename at their full discretion the methods in the 'Minor Collection,' which they are going to republish. They toned down their request when objection was raised, but it will be interesting to see what really happens.

At the moment the names given by the Analysis Committee hold the field, but those who remember the Salisbury meeting will recollect that there are disagreements between these two committees as to the correct names to be given to certain methods. The Council adopted the committee's report, and, by so doing, having now said they have no use for the Nomenclature Committee's proposals, have settled the names in the Minor Collection. As far as the Council are concerned there is only

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one name for each method. For what purpose, therefore, do the Methods Committee want discretionary power? Is it merely to ensure that their own views on the disputed names shall prevail? As our readers are aware, we have no love for many of the names which the Council adopted on the recommendation of the Analysis Committee, but we think there ought to be loyalty to the Council's decisions. It is unfortunate that the Council does not always know exactly what it has done in the past. It was quite obvious at the Mansion House, despite a gentle reminder by Mr. J. W. Parker, that the Council imagined there were still methods in the collection with a variety of names, and it is quite certain they did not appreciate that in 1923 they had themselves settled each one. Had they realised this, we imagine they would not have given even the limited powers of revision to the Methods Committee which they gave in such a haphazard way.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*EDWARD EVANS	...*Treble*	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ...	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	2	HARRY R. ROPER	8
*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	9
WILLIAM P. GARRATT ...	4	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN	10
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	11
ALBERT A. FLEMING... ...	6	FREDERICK J. TILLETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Superlative Maximus. Mr. Wiffen had not previously struck a blow in it. Composition, W.2H.W.3H repeated.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING	...*Treble*	GEORGE WILLIAMS	5
JAMES H. RIDING	2	GEORGE R. JONES	6
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS	3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ...	7
JAMES ALDERMAN	4	ARTHUR TILSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

First peal for ringers of 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th, who are local ringers. Rung on the occasion of the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Williams, being made a Canon.

DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*THOMAS BANKS	...*Treble*	THOMAS T. GOFTON	5
*CHARLES F. VASEY	2	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ...	6
WILLIAM L. GOFTON ...	3	ADAM DEAS	7
†WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ...	4	ERNEST E. FERRY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First on eight with a bob bell. First in the method on the bells. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 4th are local.

DERBY.—On Sunday, June 12th, at the residence of Mr. Geo. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins., on handbells: A. Mould 1-2, Jack Bailey 3-4, W. Wallace (conductor) 5-6, P. Tate 7-8. Longest length by all except the conductor.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY FLETCHER ...	...*Treble*	*HERBERT G. FRETWELL ...	5
WILLIAM LANCASTER ...	2	THOMAS STIMPSON	6
WILLIAM POYSER	3	*GEORGE WARRINGTON ...	7
*REGINALD H. BODLTON ...	4	JOSEPH LORD	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by J. LORD.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ...	...*Treble*	MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ...	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	HARRY KILBY	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	ROBERT A. FARDON	7
MISS RUBY HAWKSWORTH...	4	REUBEN SANDERS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE

Miss Hawksworth's first peal in the method.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	...*Treble*	SYDNEY G. ARMSTRONG ...	5
*WILLIAM M. STONE	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	ALFRED H. PULLING	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	4	GEORGE W. STEERE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal and first attempt.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON	...*Treble*	JOHN T. KENTISH	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
ISAAC EMERY	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Arranged and rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, June 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

JACK STOPP	...*Treble*	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	2	J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	6
REGINALD S. COOK	3	HENRY GOLDING	7
HERBERT GATES	4	WALTER AYRE	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by W. AYRE.

First peal in the method in the county and by all the band. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the diocese, and in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday.

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SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	5
ALFRED B. PECK	2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

RICHARD J. R. CHAUNDY	...*Treble*	WILLIAM STONE	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ...	2	JACK JUDGE	6
JACK HONEY	3	GORDON CAUDWELL	7
ALBERT E. LOCK	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ..	...*Tenor*

Composed by HERNY J. TUCKER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

*REGINALD J. LAWMAN	...*Treble*	JOSEPH B. FENTON	5
JOSEPH A. FENTON	2	ERNEST W. TIPLER	6
WILLIAM TAYLOR	3	WALTER MALINS...	7
ALFRED G. GRANT	4	PERCY W. BENNETT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. MALINS.

* First peal of Triples.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM C. RUMSBY ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ...	5
EDWARD G. GRINDELL ...	2	GEORGE W. ABLITT	6
FRANK L. FISHER	3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	7
CHARLES E. FISHER	4	LESLIE G. BRETT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSBY

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY VALENTINE SEAR	...*Treble*	EPHRAIM LATHALL	5
ALBERT J. GREEN	2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	6
FREDERICK C. CASE	3	HARRY SEAR...	7
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ...	4	SYDNEY FOSKETT... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ...	...*Treble*	*FREDERICK RIDGWELL ...	5
JAMES FLEURY	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
GEORGE WIFFEN...	3	WILLIAM BURGESS	7
FRANK CLAYDON...	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

* First peal in the method inside.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Doncaster & District Society.)
On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt. in E.

J. Edward Cawser ...	...*Treble*	Frederick G. Lewis ...	5
Arthur Walker, sen. ...	2	Arnold Hill	6
George Clark	3	*William Tattershall ...	7
Frederick Clark	4	Percy Gledstone ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Sam Thomas. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Major. The ringer of the 7th kindly made up the band after meeting short.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn, Preston & Furness Branches.)
On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Arthur Tomlinson ...	...*Treble*	Jas. Harrison	5
Thos. Wilson	2	Edwin Jennings...	6
*Stanley Honodr	3	Fred Hindle	7
Miss Clayton	4	John Brown...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by A. Tomlinson.
* First peal of Major. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 7th from Blackburn, 4th, 5th and 8th from Hoghton, 3rd from Lancaster, and 6th from Kendal.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

*J. J. Pethard	...*Treble*	C. A. Binyon	5
†A. J. Taylor	2	J. D. Johnson	6
W. D. Sparrow	3	†E. Withers	7
J. C. Perkins	4	G. Moisey	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. A. Binyon.
* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Edwin Knight (aged 83 years), the oldest ringer, and to Sir Julius Sladden, churchwarden (aged 80). The band were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. J. E. Knight, whose kindness was much appreciated.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Wolborough,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

William A. Wonnacott ...*Treble*		William G. Hiscott... ...	5
Rev. Everard S. Powell	2	William Richards	6
Harry Tippett	3	Frank J. Davey	7
William J. Rundle	4	Ernest W. Marsh ...	...*Tenor*

Composition unknown. Conducted by Rev. Everard S. Powell.
First peal on the bells, and first in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the hospital fete, which was held in the town that day.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Edward Harrold	...*Treble*	Alfred Hackett	5
Louis S. Griffiths	2	†Bernard C. Ashford ...	6
*John Round	3	Abraham Greenfield ...	7
William Brown	4	Albert Taylor... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Abraham Greenfield.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Taylor, who kindly entertained the band at the close of the peal.

CHORLEY, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Arthur Hatch	...*Treble*	Alfred Blogg	5
Edward Lawson	2	William Fowler	6
Fred Rigby	3	William Sharples	7
John H. Gartside	4	George Hewitt	...*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by W. Sharples.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major by all except ringers of 3rd and 4th.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bridget,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

Walter T. Bennett...	...*Treble*	Alfred T. Podlton	5
John Austin	2	William Poston...	6
James W. Trappitt, jun. ...	3	Joseph Williams	7
William T. Poston	4	John Clark	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by John Austin.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KEEVIL, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, April 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two six-scores. Tenor 21 cwt.

S. Ludlow	...*Treble*	A. Bailey	4
S. Gingell	2	L. Cave...	5
W. J. Banwell	3	H. Haines	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. D. Rowley.
First peal by all. All are members of the local band.

COOMBE, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Witney & Woodstock Branch.)
On Whit Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
With ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb.

Jesse R. Cottrel ...	...*Treble*	Albert E. Artell	4
Harry P. Floyde	2	Frederick Appleton... ...	5
George H. Cox	3	William Butler ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. P. Floyde.
First peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

*George A. Johnson...	...*Treble*	*Thomas Banks	4
*Charles F. Vasey	2	†William H. Johnson ...	5
*James Temple	3	Ernest E. Ferry ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. E. Ferry.
* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells. All the band are service ringers at the above church, except the conductor. The ringers of 2nd and 5th are also ringers at the Cathedral. This is the first peal in Durham with local ringers taking part. It was rung at the first attempt. At the conclusion of the peal the Vicar came up into the tower and congratulated the ringers.

EXETER.—On June 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, in 55 mins., with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of Mr. Thomas Snow, J.P., an ex-Mayor of the city: H. H. Thomas 1, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 2, R. Davey 3, J. Hosgood 4, C. Routley 5, W. H. Brewer 6, A. H. Goad 7, W. H. Bailey 8.

DENFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

LESLIE GROOM ... ...*Treble*	*GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. ... 4
*GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... 2	†CYRIL WILSON 5
FRANK KIRK 3	JAMES M. NICKERSON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods with a bob bell. Rung for the Dedication Festival, also as a birthday peal for the two daughters of the ringer of the treble, also on the eve of the 34th anniversary of the conductor's wedding day. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Groom after the peal.

WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 120's each of Stedman, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and 30 Grandsire, comprising ten 240's of Pitman's arrangement and ten ordinary 120's. Tenor 6½ cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE A. NEWTON ... ...*Treble*	*CECIL E. CARR 3
ERNEST MORRIS 2	CHARLES H. WEBB 4
†HENRY BIRD ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Doubles. † First peal and a birthday compliment. First peal on these bells (made five in 1911). Rung on the 112th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

AUBREY BAILEY ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM STOCK 4
WILLIAM SHARP 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	AMOS SMART ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by AMOS SMART.

The ringer of the 5th was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Saturday, June 18, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE GRIFFITHS ... ...*Treble*	GEOFFREY TAYSOM 4
ALEC J. TAYLOR... 2	HERBERT TAYSOM 5
FRED ARROWSMITH 3	WALTER TAYLOR ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

* First peal in Minor.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, June 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

THOMAS PRATT ... ...*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... 4
*GERALD FINCHER 2	DAVID HORNE 5
GEOFFREY LEWIS 3	W. RANFORD... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY LEWIS.

* First peal. The peal was rung as the quarterly peal for the Ledbury District.

WALWORTH.—On Wednesday, May 25th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. E. Davis (conductor) 1, W. Spice 2, J. Emery 3, J. Bennett 4, F. Pike 5, E. Brett 6, C. W. Roberts 7, R. Sanders 8.

CLYRO, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, June 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eight 240's of Pitman's, eight of Morris' arrangement and ten differently-called six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERIC ARNOLD ... ...*Treble*	*JAMES RANDLE 3
*GEORGE J. PRICE 2	GEORGE BREEZE 4
JAMES P. HYETT ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal inside.

NEWTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sunday, June 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*PERCY WILKINS ... ...*Treble*	*HARRY PHELPS 4
*WILLIAM LOCKE 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
*FREDERICK PHELPS 3	RUPERT SHARP ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, June 20, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Double Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Double Court Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*THOMAS TURNER ... ...*Treble*	WALTER T. WILSON 4
MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN... 2	THOMAS GARLEY 5
*JAMES MITCHELL 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First attempt for a peal.

FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, June 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Durham, York, London, Wells, Norwich, Primrose, and Cambridge. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

JESSE W. HARRISON ... ...*Treble*	FRANK CORKE 4
PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

First seven-method Surprise peal by all the band and by the branch.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Wednesday, June 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being the Rev. E. Bankes-James' seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells and by Messrs. Bates, Chown and Freeman.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, June 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*DAVID SMITH ... ...*Treble*	HARRY EYRES 4
HARRY W. HOWARD... ... 2	HARRY PARKER 5
†ARTHUR HANN 3	ALBERT H. BOOTH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal and 14 years of age. † First peal inside.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(PETERBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz., Fulbeck Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, College Single, Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Double Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. WALDRON	...*Treble*	ARTHUR RIGGALL	4
MISS KATHLEEN A. JUTSON	2	HORACE M. DAY	5
JOHN J. JUTSON	3	WILLIAM TILLEY... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in 14 methods by all, and rung at the first attempt. The band were met by the Vicar (the Rev. Stainby), and congratulated on ringing a well-struck peal.

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

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents with 12 different callings.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*WILLIAM A. LEWIS ...	...*Treble*	PERCY E. JONES	4
JAMES H. LUCAS	2	FRANK CORKE	5
*HENRY J. LUCAS	3	FREDERICK A. LAWRENCE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. HOWARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

FRANK E. HAYNES 1-2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ...3-4	*ROBERT HOWARD 7-8
Composed by W. GARRARD.	Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal on handbells.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, June 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART PEAL.

RICHARD C. INGRAM 1-2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5-6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ...7-8

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

FIRST PEAL AT WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

Another page in the history of the church bells of Leicestershire was completed on Saturday week, when the first peal was accomplished on the bells at Willoughby Waterleys or Waterleas (often erroneously produced on maps and signposts as Waterless). A preliminary visit was made some days before by Messrs. Webb (Croft) and Bird (Broughton Astley), the former to splice and attend to ropes, and the latter to remove some of the refuse, etc., deposited on and around the bells by his feathered namesakes, the birds. This undoubtedly led to ultimate success, and, as reported elsewhere, a peal was rung at the first attempt. Mr. E. Morris took notes of the inscriptions and marks for his book on Leicestershire, and at the conclusion of the peal the Rector most kindly invited the band to tea, and further entertained them with splendid selections on the piano from Mendelssohn, Schubert, Haydn and other classical composers beyond the writer's imagination. Afterwards, handbell tunes were played by Messrs. Webb, Morris and Newton, and a course of Grandsire Triples, with Messrs. Carr and Bird, concluded a most enjoyable afternoon.

Mr. Webb thanked the Rector and Mrs. Ingham for kind permission to attempt this peal and their splendid entertainment, which Mr. Ernest Morris seconded, emphasising the fact that it had fulfilled a personal ambition of his, by adding yet another tower (the 93rd) to his list of Leicestershire churches. All went home feeling like the village blacksmith—'something attempted, something done, had earned a night's repose.'

YORKSHIRE RINGERS' OUTING.

A party of Yorkshire ringers, consisting of Messrs. W. Idle (Batley), G. Naylor (Lightcliffe), F. W. Dixon (Guiseley), Mr. and Mrs. J. Cotterell (Bradford), Mr. and Mrs. F. Paymons (Halifax), Mr. and Mrs. Hardcastle (Bradford), Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson (Leeds), F. W. Dixon (Guiseley), Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fearnley (York), together with their guide and counsellor, Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, decided to spend the Whitsuntide week-end in Essex, and, thanks to the joint labours of Messrs. T. Maude, with Mr. H. Dew and Mr. H. Springham, of Bishop's Stortford, a most enjoyable time was spent. Some undertook the long journey by road, while others travelled by rail, all safely reaching Bishop's Stortford on Saturday evening, June 4th. After making acquaintance with mine host of the Chequers Hotel, and a bountiful tea, a visit was paid to the neighbouring parish church, but owing to the bad go of the bells, and service time approaching, only a short touch of Stedman Caters was rung. Sunday morning saw the visitors at Stansted, where the inviting light peal of eight were set going to Treble Bob and Double Norwich. On the Sunday evening, thanks to arrangements kindly undertaken by Mr. George Dent, the bells at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow Moor, were at their disposal, touches of Treble Bob and Stedman on the light ring of eight being much enjoyed. It was a novel experience to find the congregation boldly entering the church porch through the moving bell ropes at this church, though the delightful surroundings of the adjoining Harlow Moor makes a typical English country scene.

Monday morning opened with an attack on the ring of eight at Sawbridgeworth, where a pleasant hour was spent in ringing Treble Bob and Stedman. Next on the programme was Hatfield Broad Oak, where the splendid avenues of lime trees, and the beautiful old church, left much more pleasing memory than the dusty belfry and the heavy going ring of eight. A move was next made to Dunmow, where some of the party hoped to qualify for a 'Dunmow Flitch,' but found on their arrival that the custom had lapsed. Ample compensation was found, however, in the splendid ring of eight in the Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, the beautiful tone and go of the bells being much appreciated, while the genial welcome from the Vicar, the cathedral-like proportions of the church, and the thoughtful provision of refreshments by the Vicar of Dunmow, were much appreciated. After lunch saw the party en route for Thaxted, which has a magnificent 15th century church, and a draught of rope to its bells (90 feet) which invited a draught of another type after ringing. A hurried visit to Saffron Walden completed the day's ringing, and the proceedings ended at the Chequers Hotel, Bishop's Stortford.

Here opportunity was taken by Mr. Maude, as representing the visitors, to thank Mr. Henry Dew, of Bishop's Stortford, for the many courtesies received by the party, and stated that Mr. Dew would, conditional on his acceptance of the distinction, be elected a life member of the Yorkshire Association, as a slight memento of his kindness in arranging all the details of this delightful week. On rising to reply, Mr. Dew was accorded musical honours, the member for York upholding the tradition of his famous city in surprising fashion. In his reply, Mr. Dew stated how pleased he was to welcome the party at Bishop's Stortford, and to have the pleasure of once more hearing the 'clinking course,' and trusted that he would many times have the pleasure of meeting the visitors at Bishop's Stortford.

Tuesday saw some of the party on the return journey, while others had Central Council duties to call them to London. This opportunity is taken to thank the respective clergy for kindly granting the use of their bells, and to all the steeplekeepers, who went to so much trouble to make the week-end a successful and pleasant outing.

P. J. J.

THE PEAL AT DURHAM CATHEDRAL.

By a coincidence, the peal of Bob Major, at Durham Cathedral, on June 18th, was rung on the day of the marriage of Mr. Ernest A. Gallimore, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gallimore, of Lichfield, to Miss Ethel H. Soulsby, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Soulsby, of Esh-Winning, Durham. The bridegroom, baritone lay clerk at Durham Cathedral, also rings at the Cathedral. He belongs to an old ringing family in Lichfield, his father being still a ringer at Lichfield Cathedral, while his grandfather completed over 50 years at the same Cathedral as ringer, the latter part as captain. The ringers expressed their good wishes for the future happiness of the bride and bridegroom.

One of the selected band at Durham was prevented from taking part in the peal at the last moment, and the method had, therefore, to be changed to Bob Major, the treble man filling the gap at a minute's notice. Great credit is due to him, as he had never struck a blow on eight bells before.

A RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers at St. John's Church, Weston-super-Mare, had a delightful day's excursion for their annual outing, when they visited Bournemouth. The drive was through the most beautiful Somerset and Dorset scenery, and they were enabled to enjoy ringing at Poole, St. John's and St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and, on the way home, at Blandford. At each tower they had a cordial reception from the representatives of the local ringers, to whom thanks are given. The successful and happy day was largely due to the kindness of a local lady.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

A by-meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Ash on Saturday last. Over 40 members were present from various towers, including Canterbury, Deal, Sturry, Folkestone, Wickhambreaux, Wingham, Littlebourne, St. Nicholas and Dover.

The Rector of Ash (the Rev. Barton) very kindly made the arrangements for tea, which was held in the Village Hall at five o'clock, after a short service in the church.

The Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore presided over the business meeting which followed, and at which three new members from Dover were elected.

St. Nicholas, on July 23rd, was suggested for the next meeting.

After the business was concluded, the Chairman, in answer to a question by Rev. Barton, explained how a tower could become 'in union' with the association, and it is sincerely hoped that Ash will join the association.

The tower was open from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., during which time some enjoyable ringing took place.

NORTHANTS RINGERS IN LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, June 16th, the ringers of Wicken Parish Church, and one or two friends, held their annual outing. Arriving at Loughborough at 10.30, the party made their way to the Bell Foundry, where Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. had kindly given permission for them to look over the foundry. After a very interesting inspection, in the course of which they saw the great bell for York Minster, and heard the carillon for Albany, New York, the party were taken to the campanile, where touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round, the ringers being interested in the raising and lowering of the light bells. After dinner, the memorial tower was visited, where a special recital had been arranged and was much appreciated. A move was then made to Leicester, where the party were met by Mr. E. Morris and his father, who had arranged ringing at St. Margaret's for them.

A course each of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal were rung, to the delight of the ringers, some of whom had not seen more than eight ropes hanging in a tower before. After tea, a call was made at Northampton, where Mr. Tom Tebbutt had made arrangements to ring at St. Edmund's, a touch of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich and a good course of Cambridge being the finish to a delightful day's ringing. The party wish to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' all those who so kindly helped to make the outing such a pleasant one.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Chaddesley Corbett on Saturday, June 18th. The branch was well represented, nearly 50 members being present. A welcome visitor was Mr. W. Smith, of the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

A service was held in the village church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. D. Thatcher) gave the Branch a warm welcome, and in the course of a helpful address alluded to the spirit of brotherhood in the bell-ringing movement.

Tea was partaken of at Mr. Perrin's tea rooms, Mr. Perrin being one of the local ringers. During the meal, the Vicar of Bromsgrove (the Rev. T. C. de la Hey) and Mrs. de la Hey arrived.

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar of Chaddesley Corbett presided, supported by Mr. A. Hackett (Ringing Master of the Branch), Mr. T. J. Salter (Central Council representative), Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary), and Mr. A. E. Parsons.

Mr. T. J. Salter welcomed the Vicar of Bromsgrove and his wife to the meeting, and Mr. de la Hey in replying explained why the meeting, which was to have been held at Bromsgrove, was put off. He gave the association a very hearty invitation to hold the September meeting at Bromsgrove, and said he would be delighted to extend to them the same hospitality as he had intended for the June meeting.

On the motion of Mr. J. Woodberry, it was unanimously decided to accept the Vicar of Bromsgrove's kind invitation, and hearty thanks were tendered to the Rev. T. C. de la Hey.

Great pleasure was evinced at the return of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons, and all present expressed the opinion that they looked wonderfully well after their holiday tour and rest.

Mr. T. J. Salter, the Central Council representative, laid before the meeting some of the proposals suggested by the Central Council, especially with regard to diplomas for the young ringers.

On the suggestion of Mr. A. E. Parsons, it was decided to leave the matter over until the January meeting, when it could be thoroughly discussed.

On the proposition of the Secretary, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Chaddesley Corbett for presiding, for arranging the service, for the use of the bells, and also for allowing the meeting to take place at so short a notice. He also thanked all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The Vicar, in reply, said that although new to ringers' meetings, he had thoroughly enjoyed their visit and their company.

The members then returned to the tower, and several touches in various methods were brought round. This closed a really delightful meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Ipswich men have not been long in putting a second peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus to their credit. They scored another on Saturday.

The first peal at All Saints', Poplar, Grandsire Caters, by the Royal Cumberlands, was rung for the consecration of the church on July 3rd, 1823.

Norwich, where many first peals were rung, can claim the first peal of Double Oxford Bob, which was rung on July 6th, 1832.

The famous first performance of Holt's Original at St. Margaret's, Westminster, took place on July 7th, 1751, when John Holt himself called the bobs from manuscript.

The death has occurred at Brighton, after a long illness, of Mr. John Jay, at the age of 61 years.

The meeting of the Northern District of the Herts Association at Knebworth to-morrow has been cancelled on account of some slight defect having developed in the tower.

A former ringer at Taunton and Wells, Mr. Frederick Benjamin Wickenden, died on Monday in his 93rd year. He had the distinction of having celebrated a silver wedding with each of his two wives.

Mr. C. N. Sharpies, formerly a ringer at St. John's, Blackpool, has passed Class I. in Natural Science in the recent Cambridge Tripos, and has been awarded a scholarship of £40 and prize of £3 for books. He is the first student from Blackpool Secondary School to pass in Class I.

BOSTON BELLS.

RINGERS' LOYALTY AND TRIBULATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the article 'Bells of Boston Stump' appearing in your last issue, you may care to have the comments of a ringer from the tower in question. For many years the absence of good ringing has been the concern of those who realise what campanology can mean, but this attitude has been confined to a few ringers whose enthusiasm has taken them farther afield and has not permeated the general public. Gradually this pressure by the interested ringers has caused the appeal to take its present form, but there is still the opinion held by the enthusiasts that the vital importance of the appeal is being missed by a large number of people in the town. Boston, with 20,000 inhabitants, possesses this solitary peal of eight bells, which have only given rise to unfavourable comment, and are quite out of keeping with the magnificent character of the building in which they are housed. Not only have the bells failed to call forth the interest of the inhabitants, but ringers of experience in the district give them a wide berth.

The bells and fittings have been in a dilapidated condition for so many years, and it has been a great struggle to keep together a band whose efforts have chiefly been confined to ringing Grandsire Doubles on the back six, with a tenor 30 cwt. Only on very rare occasions has it been possible to attempt short touches of Grandsire Triples, and peal ringing has been absolutely out of the question. Altogether, the present generation here have only once experienced a peal, when, as stated in your last week's issue, a peal of Stedman Triples was successfully rung at the 13th attempt, on October 11th, 1913. Experienced ringers of this country will quite realise what it has meant for a band to keep together under these circumstances.

The Mayor and the Vicar are closely associated with the appeal, and it is realised that it is imperative that, to obtain complete satisfaction, the bells should be recast before rehanging, and we hope this appeal may reach not only the public in the immediate neighbourhood of Boston, but people so definitely interested as ringers in all parts of the country. For a number of years it has been disheartening for those who have stuck so manfully to their task in trying week by week to obtain some kind of ringing for Sunday services, but we have carried on loyally in the hope that a time would come when something would be done. The estimated cost is about £800, and as no funds are available for this work, we do hope that some sympathy will be forthcoming, from both far and near, and any donations to the fund, however small, will be gratefully received by the Mayor of Boston.—Yours faithfully,

F. DEWEY.

6, Orchard Street, Boston, Lincs.

BOTTESFORD BELLS SILENT.

The condition of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Bottesford, has recently caused alarm, and on expert advice it has been deemed wise to cease ringing them.

The ancient oak beams and supports are badly worm-eaten and decayed, and are not strong enough to carry the weight of the bells when ringing. The bells (eight in number) date back to 1450.

At a meeting of parishioners it was stated that the present frame puts too great a strain on the masonry of the tower to which it is fixed, and a new iron frame set on rolled-steel girders was suggested as the best means of saving the stonework of the famous tower and steeple from further damage.

ICKLETON CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having known the Chancellor for many years, I was greatly surprised at his remarks, especially with regard to the bell founders. It seems to me that he allowed a feeling of offended dignity to get the better of his discretion, and gave utterance to obiter dicta which I am sure he has since regretted.

Speaking as a lawyer, and with all respect to the Chancellor, I differ from him in his attitude to the bell founders. His duty is to decide whether the work contemplated ought to be done, and not who is to do it; that is quite outside his functions, and is a matter for the Vicar and Parochial Council when the faculty has been obtained. I cannot see that the slightest blame attaches to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, to whom, in my opinion, the Chancellor owes the 'amende honorable.'—Yours faithfully,

J. S. PRITCHETT,
Recorder of Lincoln.

Hill Top, King's Norton.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOW SIX BELLS BECAME ONE.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Truro Branch was held at St. Piran's Church, Perranwell, on Saturday. The hay harvest somewhat affected the attendance, but, nevertheless, thirty members represented the towers of St. Newlyn East, St. Agnes, Kea, Kenwyn, Gwennap, St. Gluvias, St. Budoch, Mabe and Truro Cathedral.

Ringing commenced at 2.30, and the good ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.) was kept going to rounds and Grandsire Doubles for two hours. The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Hills), and an interesting address given by the Rev. F. J. Driscol, Priest-Vicar of Truro Cathedral, in the course of which he referred to many of the beautiful inscriptions on old bells, which continually reminded people of prayer. He also alluded to the large bell at Briage, Cornwall, which is reputed to weigh nearly 30 cwt., and has the inscription, 'The people desire many bells, but one sufficeth God.' This was inscribed when this bell was cast about a century ago from a previous ring of six. It appeared that the ringers at that time consumed a large quantity of beer in the belfry, and ignored the Vicar when he reprimanded them for their behaviour, so the Vicar, being determined to put on end to this abuse, had all the bells cast into one.

After the service, the ringers adjourned to the Sunday School, where an excellent tea was awaiting them. This was provided by the lady ringers of Perranwell.

On the motion of Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Southeard, the Vicar and all the local ringers were thanked for extending such a warm welcome to the Guild.

The Vicar said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild to Perranwell, and thanked them for the keen interest some of the visitors had taken in his own band and for helping them with change ringing.

It was decided to try and arrange the next quarterly meeting at St. Columb Minor, an unaffiliated tower, and thus try to get that band to take an interest in the Guild.

Ringing recommenced at 6 p.m., and continued until 9.15, when another adjournment was made to the Sunday School for supper. The local ringers were again thanked for their excellent hospitality, and this brought the ninth quarterly meeting held in the Truro District to a close.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HISTORICAL TOWER.

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday, when the old-world village of Benington was once more visited by numerous ringers from many places, and the historical bells were again rung in some of the methods that they rang 60 or more years ago, when Squire Proctor's talented band was in its glory.

The Rector welcomed the visitors, provided tea and presided at tea and the business meeting, and also rang his first course of Stedman Triples. It was very appropriate that this should be upon his own bells.

The old band have all departed with the exception of two, one of whom was present, Mr. S. Page, who is 78 years of age. In spite of that, he took part in a number of touches, including Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich. His ear is as keen as ever for good striking, and his memory serves him well, both as to methods and tales of ringers of bygone years.

Thirty-one sat down to tea, including the president of the association, who honoured the meeting with his presence. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, Rev. W. E. Mills, for his generosity.

DEATH OF WOOLTON'S CHIEF RINGER.

After a short illness, Mr. B. Trevit, chief ringer of Woolton Church, passed away and was buried at Runcorn on Thursday of last week.

In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, an attempt for a half-peal was made, but came to grief after ringing 1,500 changes: R. Hulme 1, H. Grace 2, E. Humphries 3, P. Boardman 4, J. Gardner 5, J. Seddon 6, W. Hughes 7, P. Sumpter 8.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

'SUMMER' MEETING IN THE RAIN.

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch took place on Saturday last, at that delightful place known as Dyrham Park. This is always looked forward to as the annual summer meeting, the beautiful estate, through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Blathwayt), being thrown open to the members. The Bristol party met at St. Stephen's Church, and drove over by motor, but before reaching Dyrham the rain began to descend, and the weather did not realise the poet's description of 'Flaming June,' for there was no brilliant sunshine to welcome the party, such as greeted them last year. What promised to be a delightful afternoon and evening was marred by the inclement weather. Nevertheless, the members made the best of it, and tracks were made to the church and belfry. The Rector was at the church to welcome the visitors, and conducted parties around, and related the history of the building, which possesses a beautiful specimen of a Norman font.

The members found the bells going like tops; on the instruction of the Rector, Mr. F. Tyler (of Messrs. Llewellyn and James, Bristol) had spared no pains to see the bells were in perfect order.

A short service was held, which was followed by a walk (in the rain) through a part of the well-kept gardens, and around the slopes of the lake, on which some of the members wanted to go punting. Tea was served in the Rectory, and 52 members sat down, the Rector assisting in waiting upon the guests. Afterwards, Mr. Harding proposed, and Mr. F. Leaker seconded, a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector for his great kindness. The Rector was given a cordial reception, and, in responding, said how he regretted the state of the weather, as the whole of the grounds and park had been thrown open to them. He welcomed them for their annual summer meeting, and hoped they would continue to come, and that next year the weather would be kinder to them.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) stated the quarterly meeting had to be changed from Coalpit Heath owing to the illness of the Vicar's sister, and he was pleased to say he had arranged for it to be held at Olveston on Saturday, July 23rd. This was endorsed by the meeting.

Arrangements had been made to enjoy the evening in the park, but, as this was out of the question, an adjournment was again made to the tower until 7.30.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH MEETING AT ALDERTON.

The summer meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Alderton on Saturday, and was attended by upwards of 40 members from the following towers: Leckhampton, St. Mark's (Cheltenham), Swindon, Leigh, Ashchurch, Prestbury, Winchcombe, Dumbleton, Beckford, Badgeworth, and the local tower, together with friends from the Worcester area.

The bells were raised in peal, but the tower, with its light ring of six bells, being so small, a number availed themselves of the opportunity, while waiting their turn to ring, of a look round the quaint old village and the Rectory grounds.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. D. Pennington), and a full choir was present. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was partaken of in the Village Hall, the number of willing helpers testifying to the Rector's popularity.

The business meeting followed, with the Rector (who is branch chairman) presiding.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Yeend) in a short report welcomed friends from the Worcester Association, particularly Mr. James Hemming, secretary of the Southern Branch, and suggested that it might be possible to arrange a joint meeting between the two associations, seeing that the two counties were so intermixed in that area.—Mr. Hemming, replying, welcomed the suggestion, and said he would bring the subject forward at their next meeting at Offenham.

The following members were elected: Rev. H. M. Merryweather and W. W. Theobald (hon. members), Misses F. Blowing, L. Benfield and E. Greening (Elkstone), Miss Nora M. Bibby and Miss Vera M. Pully (performing members).

Prestbury was selected for the annual meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. D. Pennington and his many willing helpers for all they had done to make the gathering so successful.—The Rector, replying, said how pleased he had been to welcome the branch, for he loved the bells and always had the ready support of the ringers of his parish. He hoped he would have the pleasure of seeing them all again in the near future.

The tower was again visited, and much useful practice obtained.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Wrexham on Whit Monday, when about 30 members were present.

The business meeting was held in the Church House, and tea was provided by the Wrexham members at Roberts' Cafe. Service followed at St. Giles' Church, at which the Rev. E. Parry officiated and delivered an appropriate address. The reverend gentleman also presided at the meeting, and a vote of thanks was duly accorded him for his services.

The bells of St. Giles' Church were rung during the day in a variety of touches.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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REVISED RULES.

The revised copy of the Council's 'Rules and Decisions' was presented by the hon. secretary for ratification. It had been carried forward, he said, largely by the work of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and they now had a book which would be something more than merely a second edition of the original publication. What he felt as hon. secretary and what Mr. Davies had felt before him, was that they had not had in the previous book something of such value that they could use with outsiders in anything more than a minor way. Their decisions for years past had not been incorporated. For a time, at the end of each Council, it was the custom to issue a leaflet embodying the decisions during the preceding three years, but that practice had been dropped for some time. As secretary, he had found that it was necessary occasionally to demonstrate who and what they were. This was an age of propaganda, when a man was judged by the shouting which came from the housetops, and he had felt that if he had a little book which contained something about the Council and its work, it might be very usefully used on occasion when he desired to impress people with what the Council was and did. When, two or three years ago, he suggested that they should have a new edition, he had partly in mind a booklet which could be used in this way and which would run to a greater number of pages than the present one. Accordingly an admirable little preface had been contributed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. It was proposed to give a list of the affiliated Guilds and associations, and to add a little detachable certificate showing the election of each member and the association he represented. This would be signed by the president and honorary secretary. He thought there were some members who would like to have such a certificate mounted and placed in a little frame, because if a man had his heart in any particular form of work he did not mind other people knowing it. He also proposed to include a list of the places where the Council had held its meetings, and as a matter of interest to incorporate as an appendix a specimen of their minutes, and he had chosen one at Ipswich last year, which was typical of their work. Further, it was proposed to have as a frontispiece a picture of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, the founder of the Council. Mr. Young then proceeded to detail the various decisions of the Council in past years, which would be added, and made a further proposal that, in future, instead of circulating to the affiliated associations 'The Ringing World' summary of the proceedings published immediately after the meeting, the official minutes should be published about January and copies of these sent to the affiliated bodies.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who moved that the alterations to the rules be made, thought the last of Mr. Young's proposals was a very practical one, as the circulation of the minutes in the early part of the year would help to reawaken interest in the Council's proceedings at a time when the members were beginning to think of the next meeting.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded.

Mr. J. W. Jones asked why January was selected for the publication and circulation of the official minutes. He suggested they should be published as soon as possible after the meeting. Most of the members had to present a report to their associations, and if they had these minutes before them in July or August it might be of assistance.

Mr. Young explained that, immediately after the meeting, 'The Ringing World' report of their proceedings appeared, then there came the summer holidays, and before they knew where they were the end of the year was on them. After Christmas they began to think of what they were going to do at the next meeting, and that was the time, he thought, to stir up new interest. He thought the effect of the publication would be lost if the minutes were brought out too soon.

Mr. Jones said they owed something to their associations. They would all be holding quarterly meetings before January, and some of them would be holding their annual meeting. They could not all be expected to take down in shorthand what was said. It was very belated to publish the minutes in January.

Mr. Taffender pointed out that members who wanted to report to their associations had the use of the full report which appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Shuker said the Lancashire Association published their report about November, and he thought the Council's official minutes ought to be out in time to be printed in that report. It was true they had 'The Ringing World' summary, but that was not the official report.

Mr. T. W. Faulkner said a member who could not make up his own report from 'The Ringing World' report was not worth his salt (laughter and hear, hear). He welcomed the hon. secretary's idea; in fact, he would make the date of publication later still, so that it appeared just before the Council meeting.

The hon. secretary's suggestion was agreed to, and the rules, as amended, were adopted. Instructions were also given that 300 copies should be printed.

EARLIER PUBLICATION OF AGENDA.

Mr. George Williams moved a resolution, which originated from the last annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, that the Rules of the Council should be so altered that the agenda should be published twelve weeks instead of two weeks before the Council meeting, involving the sending in of notices of motion three months instead of four weeks before the meeting. Mr. Williams said the feeling of the Winchester Guild members was that more interest would be taken in the business of the Council by ringers generally if they had the opportunity of discussing at their annual or district meetings matters which were to come before the Council. That could only be done if the agenda were published earlier.

Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded the motion, which was supported by Mr H. Barton and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

The Rev. H. L. James said at present some of the associations elected their representatives less than three months before the Council meeting, and in that case, for the first year of the Council, they might be debarred from putting down a notice of motion.

Replying to the Rev. Canon Elsee, the President said that any matter that arose between the last date for sending in notice of motion and the date of the Council meeting could be dealt with under the head of 'other business.'

The motion was carried.

SUGGESTED DIPLOMAS FOR YOUNG RINGERS.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed 'That the Council shall issue at a small charge, peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers.' He asked the members to put themselves in the position of the young ringers and to ask themselves what they would like the Council to do to give them encouragement? He had given serious consideration to the whole question of the young ringer, and he had looked carefully for any sign of movement from the young ringer. One day he saw in the columns of 'The Ringing World' this suggestion from a young ringer, that there should be diplomas given upon application to young ringers for the first peal rung, and that these diplomas should be issued through the Central Council. That suggestion was commented on with favour by another writer. He therefore suggested that the Council might consider the question of issuing a certificate, quite plain in form, giving particulars of the first performances of any ringer who might apply for the diploma. It could be small in size, and they might also issue with it a small case, which could doubtless be sold at small cost, in which these certificates might be kept. He thought it might prove a means of encouraging young ringers. He did not press for a decision that day. If the members liked, they could go home and talk it over with their young ringers and come to a decision next year, but he proposed that the Council entertain the idea.

The Hon. Secretary formally seconded.

Mr. C. H. Howard said that in his report as Master of the Essex Association he had commented on the fact that during the past year, out of 69 peals rung, no less than 42 had been rung in Surprise methods, which meant that the young ringer was not taking up peal ringing as one would like him to. Anything that would encourage the young ringer to start peal ringing would be an advantage to the Exercise. He supposed the idea was to issue diplomas for the first peals in each method?

The Rev. H. Drake said they had done something of the kind in the Suffolk Guild. They had considered the question with regard to Boy Scouts, as ringers. A scout leader, who was interested in ringing, had taken the matter up with the idea of getting proficiency in ringing recognised by the award of a badge. The reply which had been received was that it was impracticable, and that no Scouts' badge could be given for ringing. He (Mr. Drake) wondered whether, in connection with this suggested diploma, the Council could get into touch with the Boy Scouts' organisation and advise them as to how badges could be given to Scouts who helped in ringing.

Mr. T. R. Dennis said he felt the Council ought to go much further than they did at present in the encouragement of young ringers. There were a good many youngsters who would be encouraged if certificates were given, similar to those awarded by Trinity College of Music, in London, for progressive stages in music. If the Council granted certificates for progressive stages in ringing, he thought it would be a stimulus to young members of the Exercise. Moreover, he thought it would raise ringing in the estimation of a boy's parents, if they knew that the youth's efforts to progress were recognised by a body like the Council. He believed it would give them a much higher idea of the work which ringers did.

ADVOCATED 20 YEARS AGO.

Mr. W. Willson said he wrote on this subject over twenty years ago, but in those days he was told it was a 'wild cat' scheme. He was very glad the Council had to-day been converted to his views. In those days his plan was to have three grades of certificate, and not just one for the first peal. The ringer should get the top grade of certificate when he reached a Surprise peal.

Mr. P. J. Johnson thought it would not be wise to make a decision that day. His own opinion of the Council's functions was that they were very largely an advisory body, and that matters of this kind were much better left to the separate associations. For one reason, if the Council undertook it they would be saddling their secretary with a vast amount of additional work in signing the diplomas, and it was also an open question whether they could deal with the thing satisfactorily. In the Yorkshire Association a ringer had to be able to ring a 720 before he was admitted as a member. To his way of thinking, that was the goal for the young member to aim at. They had to choose between encouraging these young ringers and spoon-feeding them (hear, hear). From that point of view, he would rather the Council hesitated before it committed itself to a scheme of that kind. Perhaps the Standing Committee would consider the matter

and report to the Council at a future meeting, but he strongly deprecated any decision being come to that day to commit the Council to that particular scheme.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he thought if they limited the scheme to a ringer's first peal they would be on safe ground, but if they began to issue certificates at different levels of progress they would find themselves in deep water.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said his idea was that a certificate should be issued for the first peal in any method. If a young man rang his first peal, if it were only Grandsire Doubles, it would be published in 'The Ringing World,' the report would appear, and the performance should be open to criticism for at least a month. The ringer might apply for his certificate, but the secretary would not give it him until the report had appeared and a certain interval had elapsed. He would give a certificate for the first peal in every single method that the man might like to apply for. Many a young man rang his first peal in Doubles, and he honoured him for it.

Mr. J. George said more could be done by courtesy to the young ringer and helping him than all the certificates in the world, because if the young man had not the will to learn, nothing on earth could make him. Let them give a certificate to one, and another would become dissatisfied. It would cause trouble in the belfry, and he suggested they should quash the idea altogether.

Mr. H. Barton asked the Council to give the members the opportunity of considering the matter for another year. There was a distinct difference, he said, between a man who had not rung a peal of any sort and a man who, having rung a peal, rang another in a different method.

A member raised the question as to whether the Bath and Wells Association did not grant certificates of this sort, and Mr. J. Hunt replied in the negative. They taught the young ringer, and tried to get him through his first peal, but as regards any certificate they did nothing. He was admitted to the association when he had rung 120 of Doubles. He (Mr. Hunt) agreed that associations could deal with the matter better than the Council, and he thought representatives should have the opportunity of referring the matter to their members.

Mr. W. H. Southeard said in the Truro Diocesan Guild they gave their members a certificate when they could ring the treble to 120 Doubles, and a medal when they could ring an inside bell.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards moved that the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill seconded.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn: In the meantime, members will, I hope, go back to their Guilds and talk about it.

Mr. Faulkner: And also find the young ringers (laughter).

The amendment was agreed to.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

The next motion on the agenda was the one considered the most contentious, and it was moved by the Rev. H. Law James, viz., 'That since William Shipway extended Superlative Surprise Major to Royal, and the first peal of Royal was rung at Wakefield in 1826, the Council cannot accept any extension to Maximus which does not agree with the Major and the Royal.' He did not intend, he said, to occupy the Council a long time. He dealt with the question at Newcastle; they had a long discussion there, and he came away with the feeling that, although he put the matter perfectly clearly, probably only five or six of the members were capable of understanding it. He did not intend to inflict any figures on them that day, and he had drawn up the resolution in a form that did not require him to do so. Let them go back to the old books and look at history. Let them take Double Norwich. Double Norwich Major, Royal and Maximus in strict theory were all the same method. When they got into the tower to ring them, they had three different methods to ring. Take another illustration: Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford, Kent or Cambridge Surprise. In these methods they got not only correct extensions, but they also got practical extensions. Go another step and take London Surprise. The Minor was extended to Major by somebody, he did not know who. Some thought it was by Annable. If it was by Annable, it was by a remarkable man. By no possible stretch of imagination would they prove to him (the speaker) that the Major was the same as the Minor on strict scientific grounds, but if, being able to ring the Major, he went into a six-bell tower and was asked to ring London Minor, having never rung it in his life before, he could ring the Minor and he could call a 720. Why? Because the Major was a practical extension from the Minor, although it was not a scientific one. Another classical instance was Stedman Doubles. Somebody extended it to Triples, Caters and Cinques. They all talked about ringing Stedman Cinques, but if they were going to say that Shipway's Royal was not Superlative, no peal of London Major or Stedman Caters or Cinques had ever been rung. What was sauce for the goose was sauce for the gander. They could not upset what was done by their forefathers a hundred years ago because somebody had got hold of some other theory. Shipway's was a practical extension, and a very fine method, that took a vast amount of ringing. If the Major and the Royal are to stand, then the Maximus must be the same.

Mr. R. Richardson formally seconded, remarking, amid laughter, that he would say nothing about the question, because he was not qualified to express an opinion.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he could not make out whether Mr. James went for the scientific extension or for the practical extension.

The Rev. H. L. James said he went for both. There were three groups. One was the scientific, one the practical and one combined both. All three had been used in the past.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said he hoped, without any disrespect to Mr. James, the Council would not carry the resolution, because he thought it was a meaningless resolution. It said they were not to countenance any extension to Maximus which did not agree with the Major and the Royal. That assumed that the Major and the Royal agreed with each other, and in his (the speaker's) opinion they did not do so. He considered them fundamentally different, and he was going to vote against the resolution.

NEW BELL AT DEANE.

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FAMILY'S GIFT.

Hampshire has gained another ring of six bells, by the augmentation which has been carried out at Deane, where the Rev. C. D. P. Davies has been Rector for some years. The new bell, making with the original five a ring of six bells, is dedicated 'to the honour and glory of God and for the use of Holy Church in loving memory of Owen John David Potts, elder son of Major and Mrs. G. A. Potts, of Penang, Straits Settlement, and grandson of Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Mrs. Davies, of Deane Rectory.' He was born at Deane on January 30th, 1920, and died on January 19th, 1927. The bell is given by his parents and the Rector and Mrs. Davies.

Cast at the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, who have also erected a new iron frame for eight bells in the tower, and have rehung the original five complete with entirely new fittings, the new bell weighs 4 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb., and bears the following inscription:—

'A.M.D.G.
et in memoriam
O. J. D. Potts.
Ecce Vocor Davidis pueri campana beati
Quando mane sono Domini Veniatis ad Aram.
C. D. P. Davies, Rector, 1927.'

Translation of the Latin lines: 'Lo! I am called the bell of David, the blessed lad. When I sound in the early morn may ye come to the altar of the Lord.'

The bells were reopened and the new treble dedicated by Rev. C. D. P. Davies on Sunday, June 12th, in the presence of a congregation that filled the church. The sermon was preached by Canon G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne and president of the Central Council, who took for his text verse three of Psalm 40, 'And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even a thanksgiving unto our God.'

Lady Cooper, a warm supporter from the first of the scheme for rehanging the bells, and a generous donor to the fund, presided at the organ.

After the service, an opening touch of 720 changes of Bob Minor was rung by Rev. C. D. P. Davies (conductor) 1, Canon Coleridge 2, G. Williams 3, A. A. Hughes 4, W. T. Cockerill 5, W. Hunt 6. This was followed by touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor.

By the generosity of Rev. C. D. P. and Mrs. Davies, a splendid tea was provided at the Institute, to which full justice was done. Ringers present were Messrs. E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), A. A. Hughes, W. T. Cockerill, F. S. Bayley, J. H. Shepherd, G. Williams, W. Hunt, G. Pullinger, and two local men.

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

Of the £413 required for the work, there still remains £80 to be raised.

IPSWICH MEN AMONG NORFOLK TOWERS.

The annual outing of St. Mary-le-Tower Society took place on Saturday, June 18th. Leaving by charabanc at 6 a.m., the bells at Wilby were ringing by 7.30 a.m. After breakfast at the White Hart, Stradbroke, and a pull on the grand peal opposite, they went on to the grander peal at Redenhall. At Wymondham there was enough to see to occupy the whole day: ancient Norman arches blended with a costly unfinished reredos; 93 steps to the ringing chamber, which made the young members seek the nearest seat, whilst the veterans took the ropes and rang a good course of London. Dinner at the Royal, Attleborough, en route to Quindenham, with its round tower with four bells above four, Kenninghall and North Lopham, and last, but not least, Diss, where Double Norwich and Stedman were struck with precision. The tenors at Diss, Wymondham, Redenhall and Stradbroke each weigh about 25 cwt., and so harmonious were the peals of eight bells that no two members of the party could agree on their order of superiority, but all agreed that the outing was a success. No one broke down in the Stedman Doubles or fell off bicycles.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Friday, June 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Jones 1, C. Everett 2, H. Jones, sen., 3, H. Jones, jun., 4, H. Stopp (first quarter as conductor) 5, C. Jones (first quarter) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to T. Andrewes Uthwatt, late squire of the parish, who was interred on this day.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

EDWINSTOWE REVISITED.

With very pleasant recollections of the enjoyable visit to Thorcsey and Edwinstowe five years ago, and with a great desire to see old friends, North Notts Association decided to hold the midsummer meeting at Edwinstowe, calling at Thorcsey on the way thither. The bells of Perlethorpe (six) were, by the kind permission of the Rev. A. W. Mandall, placed at members' disposal from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and touches in three or four methods were brought round. At the conclusion of ringing, the ringers were met at the church gates by Mr. Argles and the churchwarden, and received a most hearty welcome. Lady Manvers and Mrs. Argles also expressed their appreciation of the ringers' visit, and the Rev. A. W. Mandall said it was a small recognition which the parson could show towards men who were enthusiastic about this branch of Church work.

On the way to Edwinstowe, the party were prepared for the usual rain, but, undaunted, bikes, motor-bikes, motor-car, and old 'Shanks's pony' landed them at their destination, where they had the pleasure of meeting other ringers, including ex-Sergeant W. H. Johnson, V.C., now of Nottingham and formerly of Worksop. Ringers were present from Nottingham, Mansfield, Sprotborough, Workshop, Sutton-on-Trent, Ordsall, and a full gathering of the local company.

Touches were rung in various methods, from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise, the two ladies from Sutton-on-Trent acquitting themselves admirably in the Surprise method. Tea was served in the Church Institute, presided over by the Rev. F. C. Day Lewis, Vicar of Edwinstowe, who offered a hearty welcome to all, and expressed his appreciation of the ringers' visit.

There was not such a large gathering as five years ago, but the inclement weather of the whole week doubtless had something to do with the meagre attendance.

On the proposition of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Wood, the Rev. L. Illingworth Butler, of Edwinstowe, was elected a vice-president.

The next meeting will be held at Gamston, on Saturday, August 20th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Edwinstowe for the use of the bells and presiding over tea and meeting, and to the Rev. A. W. Mandall, of Perlethorpe, for granting use of the bells, was carried.—Rev. F. C. Day Lewis briefly replied, and the tower was then again visited, and ringing kept up until 8.30 p.m.

AN INTERESTING CENTENARY.

'PROFESSORS'' PERFORMANCE AT CROSTON.

When the Lancashire Association meet at Croston on July 9th, a peal board recording a peal of 10,080 Bob Major, rung a hundred years ago, will be on view. The Croston Church magazine reproduces the following interesting record of the performance:—

GREAT FEAT IN CHANGE RINGING.

Early on Sunday morning, the 15th day of April, 1827, a select band of the Preston and Croston change ringers, expressly to agreement, ascended the tower of the Parish Church of St. Michael's, Croston, and in 5 hrs. 28 mins. completed an arduous task of 10,080 harmonious changes in the musical method of Bob Major, and conducted by Mr. Thomas Broderick, being the first of the method, and the greatest number of changes ever rung at one time on these bells. The professors of the art were stationed as follows:—

Treble.—Thomas Stazaker, Croston.
2.—John Smith, Preston.
3.—Rd. Smith, Croston.
4.—Thomas Broderick, Preston.
5.—John Smith, Croston.
6.—Wm. Cornall, Preston.
7.—John Ditchfield, Preston.
Tenor.—John Simpson, Preston.

We, the undersigned, professors of the art, having assembled for the purpose and heard the whole of the above peal, can testify that it was a fine struck peal.

THOMAS NELSON, Croston.
RD. BOWLING, Leyland.
JAMES NELSON, Croston.
EDWARD HALLIWELL, Leyland.

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

On Saturday, June 18th, the one hundred and sixteenth ringing anniversary was celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham. The gathering, comprising about thirty ringers, was not so large as in former years. Many old friends were absent, probably on account of the unsettled state of the weather.

Several short touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise were rung during afternoon and evening.

The following towers were represented: Assington, Cretingham, Framsden, Glemsford, Ipswich, Lawshall, Long Melford, Little Waldingfield, Otley, Polstead, Preston and Woodbridge (Suffolk), Braintree, Earls Colne, Gestingthorpe, Greenstead Green and Great Tey (Essex), Wisbech (Cambs), and Shipley (Yorks). Mr. Thomas King (former conductor of the SS. Peter and Paul's company) travelled from the last-named place to his native town, specially to be present once more at this annual gathering.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, June 26th, at the Cathedral, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: T. A. Doick 1, W. Falconer 2, P. H. Doick 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. R. Heffer 7, G. Marshall 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, June 26th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: H. Gash 1, S. Stilwell 2, W. F. Ellingham (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, C. J. Tricker 4, J. Kent 5, C. Gash 6.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, June 26th, at the Church of St. Leonard for evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss B. M. Mills 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, J. W. Chapman 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, J. L. Watkins 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of 2nd and 6th.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. King 1, T. Abbot 2, J. R. Main 3, T. R. Hensher 4, F. J. Tite 5, H. Richardson 6, G. Basford (conductor) 7, H. Cooper 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Bunker (first quarter) 1, L. Smith 2, H. Cashmore 3, T. Read 4, F. Case 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Roberts (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: T. Lincoln 1, H. Head 2, R. C. Clark (Chelmsford, first quarter in the method) 3, H. Edwards 4, A. Head 5, F. G. Radley 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, W. E. Emery 8.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 19th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins.: H. Gash 1, C. J. Tricker, jun., 2, C. J. Tricker, 3, J. Kent 4, S. Stilwell 5, W. F. Ellingham (conductor) 6, G. Gash 7 (covering). First 720 as conductor.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' on June 19th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Bird (first quarter-peal) 1, H. W. H. Strickland 2, S. W. Crabb 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, G. Thurgood 6, C. A. Button 7, E. A. Hull 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, 1,168 Bob Major: J. Faithfull (longest as conductor) 1, G. Pullinger 2, H. Payne 3, W. Madgwick 4, Reg. Curtis (longest length) 5, H. Reeves 6, F. Cole 7, R. Brown 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evensong at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. D. Harris (conductor) 1, J. J. Symons 2, A. T. Greenwood 3, F. W. Rogers 4, R. J. Stone 5, J. Paterson 6, C. J. Harding, sen., 7, J. Gates 8. Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service at St. Botolph's, City, 1,264 Double Norwich: W. Alps 1, R. Bullen 2, W. Hewett 3, J. Bennett 4, R. Grimwood 5, F. Hairs 6, R. Sanders 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.—On May 25th, at St. Peter's, Walworth, for evening service, a 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Davies (conductor) 1, W. Spice 2, I. Emery 3, J. Bennett 4, E. Pike 5, C. Roberts 6, E. Brett 7, R. Sanders 8.

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NOTICE

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Shelley on Saturday, July 9th. Tea will be provided for those who apply before July 6th to Mr. A. Goldthorpe, Redhill, Shelley, Huddersfield. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 7th and 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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.—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) (12 to 1, 6 to 7.30), Godalming (8), Shalford (6). Tea 1s. for visitors, 6d. for members.—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.—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.—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.

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. All ringers welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

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.—Geo. S. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

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.

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.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The meeting at Knebworth, on Saturday, July 2nd, is cancelled.—Geo. T. Croft, 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Aldenham, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells open from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea at 5.30. Cheap trains to Bushey (nearest station) from Broad Street 1.15 and 1.40. From Euston 1.56 and 2.40. Other trains frequently. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — Next meeting on Saturday, July 2nd, at Ecclesfield. Through buses from Exchange Street, Sheffield, or from the Firth Park tram terminus. Come and visit the 'Minster on the Moors."—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9th. Bells of Groby (6) available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., and Ratby (6) from 5.45 p.m. till 8 p.m. Short business meeting in Ratby belfry at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James'. Waterpool (6 bells), on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Expecting a good muster present.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Singleton on Saturday, July 9th. Free tea to all who inform the Fylde branch secretary on or before Tuesday, July 5th. — C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at Colerne (8 bells) on Saturday, July 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkshurst on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Eight Bells Hotel (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 5th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Netheravon on Saturday, July 9th. Bells of Netheravon (6) and Fittleton (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5 (Fittleton Institute). Short meeting follows tea. Bells at Enford (6) and Upavon (6) available in the evening.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tendring on Saturday, July 9th. Service at church at 4.30 p.m., and tea at 5.15 p.m. All who intend to be present at tea, will they please notify me by Tuesday, July 5th, latest?—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

PETERBOROUH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Peterborough, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, July 5th?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — District meeting will be held at Redbourn (6 bells) in Saturday, July 16th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Let me know number for tea by previous Wednesday. Subscriptions are now due. — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. Please notify me by Wednesday, July 13th, how many will require tea.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, after service. Business meeting to follow. Kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 13th.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

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.—Western District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by July 13th? — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 2 p.m. at St. Giles' Church (10). Service at St. Giles' at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing also at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (8) and St. Edmund (8). All ringers cordially invited. Will all who intend being present kindly notify Mr. F. Wilford, 31, Wood Street, Northampton, by Wednesday, July 13th? — Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, 1927.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 23rd (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher, the Rev. W. W. Longford, D.D. (Rector of Caversham). Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Carfax Assembly Rooms. Tickets 2/- to members, who apply for same with remittance before Tuesday, 19th, 2/6 on day of festival, 3/- each to non-members. Further details on printed notices later on.—Richard T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

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