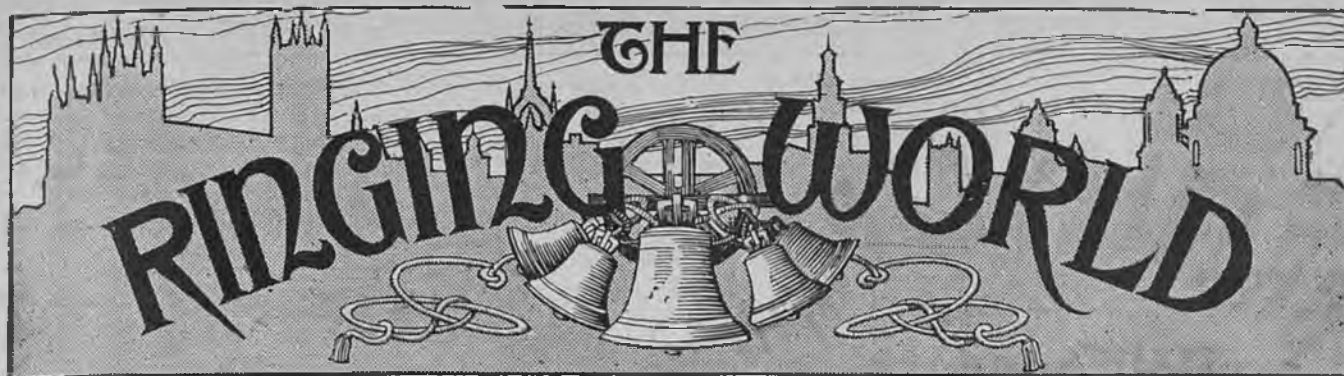




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METHODS COMMITTEE & METHOD NAMES.

The article which appeared on this page last week has, as we imagined it would, drawn a spirited reply from a representative of the Methods Committee. Mr. Trollope, with his usual fluency of pen, defends the committee, but, in our opinion, he has failed to answer our criticism. We cannot in this space traverse all his arguments, but there is one sentence in his letter which we think very completely confirms our view. He says, 'Obviously the matters in dispute between the two committees (Analysis and Nomenclature) are just the sort of outstanding thing which we wanted power to settle.' (The italics are ours.) That is exactly our point. The Methods Committee disagreed with the Analysis Committee over certain names; at the suggestion of Mr. Trollope (the spokesman of the Methods Committee) the Nomenclature Committee's report was ignominiously thrown out of court; now the Methods Committee say the matters in dispute are just the sort of outstanding thing which 'they' want power to settle. It illuminates the whole discussion. In effect the Methods Committee are litigants in this 'action' as to method names, and they want to be judges as well.

Mr. Trollope asks us where we got the idea that the Methods Committee asked for 'power to rename at their full discretion the methods in the Minor Collection.' Our answer is that we got it from Mr. Trollope himself. He said, 'I would like the Council to empower the committee to deal with names; that is to say, to give the committee power to deal with the whole question at their discretion.' That is what Mr. Trollope said, and what is it but asking, in other words, to be allowed to do as they liked? If Mr. Trollope didn't mean it, he phrased his request, to say the least, a little unhappily. It was not until the demand was challenged that modified powers were mentioned.

No one will dispute that the Methods Committee have good intentions; our criticisms were directed against what was, on the face of it at all events, a plan to deal with matters (already settled by the Council through one committee) by authority obtained by a side wind, but had just been withdrawn from another committee. It is probable that in the light of all that has now been said the Methods Committee's proposals may be of a very limited character, and they will say, 'See how innocuous were our intentions,' but, in criticising their proposals, one could only take their words at their face value; and if the request for authority were put forward largely on the spur of the moment, it just proves that these things require something more than casual consideration and choice of language. There is no doubt, we think, that the Coun-

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cil, with one or two exceptions, when this request was sprung upon them, had entirely forgotten what they did at Salisbury in definitely naming all the methods in the 'Collection.' If the Methods Committee, also, had not forgotten it, they should, in honesty, have explained to the Council that it was their desire to make alterations in the decision arrived at four years ago.

TEN BELL PEAL.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

*CHAS. WM. COOPER Treble	WILLIAM GREEN 5
*JOHN PRICE 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
SAMUEL BAKER 3	BEN GOUGH 8
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 9
HERBERT SHEPPARD 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. Edward V. Rodenhurst was elected a life member of the Guild previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon A. H. Peelips.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WELTCHURCH, SALOP.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERBY Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
HAROLD EDWARDS 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
ARTHUR PRINCE 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

SHERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM W. THORNE Treble	THOMAS STREETER 5
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 2	RICHARD HAYES 6
EDWARD ETHERIDGE 3	GEORGE TOMSETT 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN 4	HARRY HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE TOMSETT.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	FRANK CORKE 6
JAMES H. LUCAS 3	HENRY H. CHANDLER 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	CHARLES A. NICHOLLS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

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OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY PLATT Treble	VINCENT HOWORTH 5
FRANK LAWTON 2	HERBERT BARLOW 6
JAMES LEES 3	THOMAS CHAPMAN 7
SAM STOTT 4	CHAS. E. PLATT Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL.

First peal and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the 5th and 7th ringers. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

OXENHOPE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

WILLIAM AMBLER Treble	WILLIE PROCTOR 5
VERNEY BAIRSTOW 2	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 6
THOMAS SENIOR 3	JOE GREENWOOD 7
EDGAR WHITELEY 4	MILLIGAN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER

First peal on the bells since augmentation to eight, the two trebles having been dedicated the previous evening by the Lord Bishop of Bradford.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN PART. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

LAWRENCE HALES Treble	CHARLEY BELSEY 5
† ALBERT MANKTELOW 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
WILLIAM SPICE 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
† P.O. A. R. OCKWELL 4	* RICHARD MOORE Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal. † First in the method and on the bells. All local men except treble and 3rd. Specially rung as a farewell to P.O. A. R. Ockwell, who is leaving for China.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
GEORGE LARGE 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
SIDNEY DAWE 3	ERNEST COOMBS 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT Treble	MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT 5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 6
NORMAN SHORT 3	ARTHUR S. ROBINSON 7
* CHARLES BATES 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD (C.C. Collection, No. 115.)

Conducted by MISS MOLLY DAVENPORT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung with half-muffled clappers on the eleventh anniversary of the opening of the Battle of the Somme.

DOWNE, KENT.—On Thursday, June 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (conducted by J. Hack), 720 Cambridge Surprise (conducted by J. Brown), 720 Kent Treble Bob (conducted by O. Gilbey), with H. Reader, H. Brown and T. R. Flint taking part.

CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	HENRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	RICHARD J. BIRCH 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	FRANK BENNETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal in the method on the bells.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
HENRY BAKER 2	STEPHEN BAKER 6
RICHARD J. BIRCH 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BINGLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON 5
TOM STRANGEWAY 2	JOHN JAGUES 6
GEORGE W. STEEL 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH 4	WILLIAM E. ASH Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

* REV. R. F. R. ROUTH Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 6
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
PERCY WEBB 4	HERBERT FIELDS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Major.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 26, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN S. MORLEY Treble	CECIL NICE 5
GEORGE OLIVER 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
MISS N. E. SHORTER 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS N. E. SHORTER Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 2	GEORGE ELLIS 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	CECIL NICE 7
CHARLES H. SORRIDGE 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by W. CHARMAN. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. The ringer of the 3rd has within 16 months completed the circle of this tower.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS	Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ...	5
MISS N. E. SHORTER ...	2	NELSON ELLIOTT	6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ...	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
BERNARD WELLS	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*NOEL E. HOPE	Treble	ERNEST J. OLIVER	5
MISS N. E. SHORTER ...	2	ALFRED J. BULL	6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ...	3	GEORGE ELLIS	7
NELSON ELLIOTT	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Major.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 3, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

MISS N. E. SHORTER ...	Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ...	5
BERNARD WELLS	2	CRCIL NICE	6
CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ...	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
JAMES BORFIELD	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

SEVEN SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE HURD	Treble	†LESLIE WYKES	4
THOMAS K. DEACON	2	GEORGE A. NEWTON	5
†GEORGE WRIGHT, SEN. ...	3	JOSEPH TAYLOR	Tenor

Conducted by J. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD COLECOMB	Treble	†HUBERT COLECOMB	4
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	WILLIAM H. YOUNG	5
WALTER S. EVANS	3	GEOFFREY W. TAYSONE ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

TAXLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob, each 720 called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM MUSK	Treble	DAVID WHITING	4
ALPHAUS J. BERRY	2	DEREK LOCKWOOD	5
ALAN F. GOLDEN	3	WILLIAM STEGGALL	Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

THRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of twelve different extents of St. Simon's, twelve different extents of Plain Bob, and eighteen extents (with ten different callings) of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBERT G. HARRISON ...	Treble	WILLIAM MUSK	3
ALPHAUS J. BERRY	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
WILLIAM STEGGALL			Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

* First peal of Doubles. This peal, rung after meeting short for Minor, was arranged as a compliment to the conductor. A peal arranged on his 21st birthday could not be attempted owing to the late arrival of one of the company.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores arranged by Ernest Morris.

ROWLAND ADAMS	Treble	JOHN MONK	3
JAMES HAYNES	2	THOMAS WISE	4
ISAAC BENNETT			Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of tenor. John Monk was elected a member previous to starting. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

ARTHUR LORD	Treble	ALBERT YATES	4
†JAMES PARR	2	*SYDNEY BROWN	5
JOHN BEATTIE	3	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	Tenor

Conducted by L. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First peal on the bells after rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. This is also the first peal for the Churchkirk Society since reorganisation.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN CLARK	Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS	4
WALTER T. BENNETT	2	ALFRED T. POULTON	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON	3	WILLIAM POSTON	Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to six.

CASTLE DONINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD, KING AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

ERNEST MORRIS	Treble	GEORGE H. WILKINS	4
EDWARD JOYCE	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	5
JOHN W. BOOTH	3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Specially arranged to enable Mr. Hutchby to ring a peal at his native place. The 150th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 50 mins.: F. W. Bailey (conductor) 1, *Miss Edna Webster 2, *S. Pinder 3, *L. Chadburn 4, M. Ward 5, J. A. Barrett 6, *G. West 7, D. R. Vincent 8. * Longest length in the method. Also longest length by the local company, who are all Sunday service ringers. Rung after an unsuccessful peal of Stedman Triples, to celebrate the coming of age of Miss E. Webster, also the 19th anniversary of J. A. Barrett's wedding day.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM WATKINS Treble	JOHN F. EVANS 4
†JOHN J. PRICE 2	*ALBERT E. JONES 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	FRANCIS EVANS 6

GEOFFREY ABLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all. The ringer of the 3rd is from Ludlow, the others are members of the local band.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

FRANK KIRK Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
JAMES HUDSON 2	HENRY W. GAYTON 5
WILLIAM SHARP 3	AMOS SMART Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

NEW WORCESTERSHIRE EIGHT.

On Sunday, June 26th, the Dean of Worcester dedicated the restored and augmented bells at Claines, near Worcester, and the opening ringing was done by the Cathedral company.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have put in a new iron frame and added three trebles to the old five, making a handy ring of eight, with a tenor of about 12 cwt.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Sowerby on Saturday, June 25th. About twenty members were present from Bradford, Denholme, Keighley, Todmorden, Leeds, Far Headingley, Armley, Halifax, Cross Stones, Queensbury, Lightcliffe, Mytholmroyd and the local company. During the afternoon, touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman were rung. Tea was served in the schools, and the business meeting was held immediately after, Mr. J. Cotterell being in the chair.

Nine new members were elected, viz., J. A. Briggs, W. Smith, F. Hartley, J. Meadowcroft, H. Smith, W. Sutcliffe (Sowerby), S. Whitaker, F. Normanton (Oxenhope), and H. Dews (Bishop's Stortford). No invitations for the September meeting having been received, it was suggested that an endeavour should be made to arrange one at Giggleswick or Settle.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of bells, to the ladies for their services at tea, and the local company for the arrangements made.—The Vicar and Mr. Sutcliffe suitably replied, and the meeting terminated.

THE PEAL AT CASTLE DONINGTON.

On Saturday last, at the Church of St. Edward, King and Martyr (sometimes designated St. Luke), Castle Donington, Leicestershire, a long-sought-after and much-desired peal was accomplished. Mr. James S. Hutchby ('Jim') had ardently wished for a peal on the bells in his native 'city,' where he had been bred and born, and spent his early boyhood days. He rang his first 720 Minor here in July, 1884—since when he had not rung another—over forty-three years ago. Also in conjunction with this, Mr. E. Morris, of Leicester, had 'designs' on this tower, which for various reasons is not easily obtainable for peal ringing, so they fixed up the band, representing as it did, six different towers, viz., Leicester, Lockington, Kegworth, Donington, Southwell, and Loughborough. This made up the conductor's 150th tower for a peal, 94 of which are in Leicestershire.

The humorous side to this peal was supplied by the conductor, who, catching train to Loughborough, managed to miss the Castle Donington bus. After numerous enquiries, he succeeded in getting a bus to Kegworth, via Normanton (Notts) Regatta. Thence, finding no other means available, he set off on a four-mile trek on 'Shanks's pony' in the broiling sun. Getting about a mile on the way, he was overtaken by one of his Loughborough committee, Mr. D. Collins, who was cycling, and he very kindly managed to carry him on his back forks (a very precarious perch), via Lockington to Hemington. Setting him off on his way again, he arrived safely at Donington an hour late, wet through with perspiration and weary, but none the less determined to knock off another Leicester tower from his list, and gather further information for his revision of 'North's Church Bells of Leicestershire.'

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A KEEN CONTEST.

The Halifax and District Association held their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at New Mill, near Huddersfield, on July 2nd. The draw took place as follows: 1 Holmfirth, 2 Meltham, 3 Batley, 4 Sandal, 5 Liversedge, 6 Thornhill 7, Shelley. It had previously been decided that each set should ring 600 changes, any method, but all seven sets decided on Oxford Treble Bob. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and during the afternoon the striking of most of the bands was very good indeed. It was a lovely day, and members and friends took full advantage of the occasion. The surroundings of New Mill made it possible to hear the bells for miles around, and as it lies within easy access to Huddersfield a very large number turned up, and over 100 sat down to the excellent tea provided by local ladies.

After ringing ceased, the meeting was held in the school, Mr. J. Tinker (New Mill) occupying the chair in the absence of the president.

The treasurer's report was read, and the Chairman moved the adoption of the balance sheet, which Mr. Biltcliffe seconded, and which was unanimously adopted.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, Rev. E. C. Edwards, and churchwardens, for use of bells, also to the ladies and New Mill ringers for providing such an excellent tea and making the contest such a great success. The Vicar, replying, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the association to New Mill. Although he was not a ringer himself, he said, ringers did a very great service to church work. He gave an instance of the flag having got wrapped around the pole on top of the church, and his friends said it was the parson's job to unfurl it, but he told them his work was to help the people on earth to reach heaven, and leave the things in between to others (laughter). At the same time, he added, it gave him great pleasure to see them all at New Mill.

The officials were then elected for the next twelve months as follows: President, Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham); treasurer, Mr. F. Salmon (Halifax); secretary, Mr. L. Hargreaves (Halifax.)

The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. H. Haigh (New Mill) next announced their decision as follows:—

No. 1.—Penalty 10, faults 161; total 171.

No. 2.—Penalty 10, faults 143; total 143.

No. 3.—Penalty 0, faults 129; total 129.

No. 4.—Rang out.

No. 5.—Penalty 10, faults 171; total 181.

No. 6.—Penalty 20, faults 360; total 380.

No. 7.—Penalty 0, faults 144; total 144.

Batley (No. 3) were therefore declared winners of the cup.

The Vicar, in presenting the cup to Mr. S. Gibson, conductor of Batley company, said it gave him great pleasure to hand the cup to Batley. It was said when he left Batley, about eight years ago, that all the good things came out of Batley, but he was pleased they were taking something good back in the shape of the cup.—Mr. Gibson returned thanks, and said how pleased he was that the younger sets had rung so well that day. It was only by sticking together that good striking could be achieved.

It may be mentioned that Mr. J. Broadley had judged his fiftieth contest that day.

A good deal of discussion took place with regard to raising the price of membership, and it was resolved that in future all new members be asked to pay one and sixpence on joining the association.

The members urged that it was up to the secretary of each tower to see that the members paid their subscriptions, as it was a known fact that some would let their payments lapse for several years and then join again as new members.

The auditors, Mr. J. Tinker (New Mill) and Mr. W. Rayner (Lanai), were thanked for their services, as were also the judges and chairman.

SEVEN BANDS IN COMPETITION.

CONTEST AT HOYLANDSWAINE.

The annual cup contest, promoted by Hoylandswaine among the members of this Society, took place on Saturday, June 25th, at Hoylandswaine under the usual conditions for the best-struck 720 in any method. Mr. J. R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, was the judge, and seven companies rang in the following order: No. 1, Shelley, 122 faults; 2, Darfield, rung out; 3, Darton, 230 faults; 4, Sandal, rung out; 5, Cawthorne, rung out; 6, Felkirk, 288 faults; 7, Wath, 66 faults. Wath were declared the winners, and will hold the cup for one year. The winners were also awarded six alarm clocks. The ringers were: W. Bramham 1, W. Ashworth 2, W. Green 3, A. Gill 4, R. J. Ricketts 5, C. Walsh 6.

Shelley received second prizes, viz., six jelly dishes: C. H. Sturges 1, J. W. Buxton 2, F. Hawthorne 3, S. Ramsden 4, A. Goldthorpe 5, A. Hoyle 6.

Rain fell copiously all the time the ringing was in progress, but nothing dampened the interest of a large company of listeners. Tea was provided in Parish Room. The presentation of prizes was attended by the Vicar (Rev. J. Hewetson) and his sister (Miss Hewetson), and many members of the congregation, who were warmly thanked for providing such a popular event among the ringers in the district.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. PROPOSALS FOR DIVISION.

The annual festival of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Guildford on Saturday, and there was special interest in the event by reason of the fact that it was the last festival which the Guild will hold as at present constituted. From January 1st next the diocese of Guildford will have its separate association, although it is not unlikely that the ringers' organisations in the new diocese of Portsmouth and the remainder of the diocese of Winchester will continue as a joint Guild. Mr. George Williams (Master) presided over the business meeting, and in opening the proceedings referred to the loss which the Guild had sustained by the death of the vice-president (the Rev. C. E. Matthews). The action of the general secretary and the districts in sending letters of condolence to Mrs. Matthews was confirmed by the members standing for a few moments in silence.

The Master added that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies had relinquished the post of hon. secretary of the Basingstoke District on his retirement from the living at Deane, and the committee that morning had elected him an honorary life member in appreciation of his services. In 1929, said Mr. Williams, the Guild would reach its jubilee, and he and others hoped it would be possible in that year to hold a joint meeting of the old and the new Guilds at some border tower to celebrate the event. In the Special Purposes Fund of the Guild, he continued, they had about £30, which was subscribed by members towards Titchfield Bell Fund, which the late vice-president, while he was Vicar there, inaugurated to restore and augment the bells. The scheme at the time was not proceeded with, and Mr. Matthews put the money into the Guild's Special Purposes Fund. There was now a proposal to do something to Milford bells, and the committee thought it would be a good thing if the Guild should devote this money towards the cost of providing one or two more bells as a memorial to Mr. Matthews.

It was stated that the Rev. C. E. Matthews, in his will, had left to the Guild a working model of a bell, and the committee's recommendation that it should be placed in the belfry at Winchester Cathedral was confirmed.

There was some discussion on the balance sheet, and, it having been elicited that there were bank charges on an overdraft, due to the fact that the districts' contributions to the general fund were forwarded late in the year, and that, therefore, there had not been sufficient funds in hand to meet the expenditure, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith suggested that the districts should contribute a definite percentage of their receipts to the general fund (instead of merely remitting their balance as at present), and that the treasurer should be able to draw on the districts at the end of March or June for a payment on account.

The balance sheet was adopted. It showed receipts on the general fund of £246 15s. 11d., and a balance in hand of £27 1s. 10d., against £30 15s. 10d. at the beginning of the year. The district accounts showed receipts of £90 19s. 6d., and expenditure £42 18s. 9d., with £43 16s. 11d. remitted to the treasurer and an increased balance in hands of local secretaries of £4 3s. 10d.

TERMS OF DIVISION.

The committee presented a report on the question of the division of the Guild as a result of the division of the diocese. After certain slight alterations in the wording had been agreed to, the amended report was unanimously adopted as follows: 'The sub-committee appointed at the last annual meeting have carefully gone into the question and make the following recommendations:—

(1) That as meetings of both Guildford and Yorktown Districts have passed resolutions in favour of forming a separate organisation for the diocese of Guildford, as from January 1st, 1928, and subject to the approval of the Bishop of Guildford, a separate Guild be formed for the diocese of Guildford, and that part of Surrey as may be found convenient, and that the remainder of the Guild be formed into one or more diocesan organisations as the resident members may desire.

(2) That a reciprocal arrangement be made whereby any resident member of the present Guild on Jan. 1st, 1928, may become a compounding member of any of the associations into which the present Guild may be divided (other than that in which resident) upon payment of 1s. to each such association, if application be made during the year 1928.

(3) That this Guild approach the other Guilds, which may be formed out of its area, with a view to the present life members (not compounding) being elected life members of all the organisations into which the present Guild may be divided.

(4) That the funds of the Guild on December 31st, 1927, should be divided 25 per cent. to the new Guildford Diocesan Guild and 75 per cent. to the Guild or Guilds that may be formed for the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth, as this was approximately the percentage paid in from the areas concerned during the last five years.

The second and third recommendations are included from a genuine desire that when the old Winchester Diocesan Guild shall cease to function it shall be in the most friendly and fair way possible, and to enable old members to retain their association one with the other, having regard to the fact that two or more Guilds are to be formed out of the present Guild.'

On the motion of Mr. G. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. W. Thorne, the meeting confirmed the committee's recommendation that the officers be re-elected to carry on the work of the present Guild until December 31st, 1927.

The Master reported that Mr. Pulling, Mr. Barton and himself represented the Guild at the meeting of the Central Council at Whitsun, and that the motion, which he proposed at the request of the Guild, to secure the earlier publication of the Council's agenda, was carried.

Mr. Pulling said the meeting produced nothing very exciting, but the two most important matters concerning ringers as a whole related to the names of Minor methods, and the issue of diplomas to young ringers. If six-bell ringers had any suggestions to make with regard to the Minor methods, which are to be republished, they must communicate with the secretary, and with regard to diplomas, the members had to make up their minds if they thought the proposal would be of use in encouraging young ringers, and if they approved of it they must instruct their representatives to support the scheme at the next meeting, as it had been adjourned for a year to give the Guilds and associations the opportunity of considering it.

Mr. Barton, who was unable to be present owing to business, wrote that the Council were taking up more practical subjects than formerly.

Mr. J. P. Fidler (representative of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough) explained how the confusion of names among Minor methods had arisen, and said it was very necessary, when points used to be awarded for peals, that this confusion should be cleared up.

The Master thanked Mr. Fidler for his explanation, and welcomed him to the Guild meeting.

On the motion of Mr. W. Andrews, the representatives were thanked for attending the meeting, and for their report. 'They get more kicks than ha'pence,' said Mr. Andrews, 'but we should like them to know that we do appreciate what they do.'

TO FURTHER THE WORK OF THE GUILD.

At the last annual meeting, the committee were instructed to consider and report how best the aims and work of the Guild can be furthered. They now presented a report in which they put forward suggestions which it was hoped would create more interest in the Guild's work among the clergy, suggested recruiting grounds for the belfry, made proposals with regard to instruction, and advocated the redivision of the diocese into smaller districts. The committee recommended that the report be printed and circulated to every affiliated tower in the Guild, and brought up for discussion at the first available meeting in each district; that special consideration of the whole question, together with any suggestions of members, particularly as to the appointment of instructors and the rearrangement of the districts, be given at the first meeting of the committees of the new Guilds in order that a definite scheme be put before them at their first meetings.

The Master moved the adoption of the report, Mr. Whittington seconded, and the motion was carried.

There were no new members to elect, but Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who pointed out that they were approaching the parting of the ways, proposed that Mr. George Williams should be elected an honorary life member of the Guild in recognition of his long and devoted services. From the early days of the Guild, Mr. Williams had been a member, and had done a great deal of spade work, while since his return from Sussex he had served them first as secretary and since as Master, and he had given his labours freely and enthusiastically.—Mr. Hazelden seconded, Mr. Whittington supported, and the motion was carried with applause.

Mr. Williams thanked the members for the honour they had done him. He had only done his best for the Guild, as all good ringers should do, and he had always gone to his Sunday ringing as regularly as, on weekdays, he had gone to his work. He joined the Guild in 1879 or 1880, but he did not ring his first peal until 1884. Ringers in these days would have rung 200 or 300 peals in that time. He taught a band in his own tower, and on the first anniversary of his first peal he conducted one with his own company. Afterwards, he moved away from the district, and since he returned in 1905 he had done his best for the Guild, and he hoped to do so as long as he was able (applause).

The Master welcomed the Rev. E. Jones, the new secretary of the Basingstoke District. They were particularly glad to see him as he was the only clerical member of the Church present that day. They had discussed in committee that morning the lack of interest which the clergy were showing in the Guild.—The Rev. E. Jones expressed his pleasure at being present.

In connection with the suggested Jubilee celebration, the Master hoped the Guildford Diocesan Guild would unite with the Winchester Guild. Basingstoke was suggested as a convenient place, and Mr. Hazelden said no more suitable spot could be found, for it was at Basingstoke that the first meeting was held from which the Winchester Guild sprang.

A vote of thanks was passed to the incumbents of the churches where the bells had been placed at members' disposal, to Canon Kirwan for the service, and to Mr. E. Raddon (Guildford District secretary) for making the local arrangements.

The members then proceeded to Holy Trinity Church, the pro-Cathedral of the new diocese, where the Guild's special service was conducted by Canon Kirwan, and the singing was led by the choir boys. The hymns were those specially applicable to ringers' meetings, and it is pathetic to recall that some of them were written by the dead vice-president, the late Rev. C. E. Matthews.

The Bishop of Winchester was the preacher, and he took for his text 'O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation' (Psalm xcv. 1).

BISHOP AND THE BELL RINGERS.

The Bishop of Winchester, in the course of his sermon, said he was glad to meet the bell-ringing representatives of the diocese, and glad to acknowledge the very valuable services which they rendered to the Church Sunday after Sunday, and even, in some cases, day by day. He wished them God-speed in the task they had undertaken, and hoped that in the days to come in all three dioceses—Winchester, Guildford and Portsmouth—the bond that united them would be drawn closer together.

Continuing, his Lordship recalled that church-bell ringing was of very ancient origin, peal and change ringing being peculiar to England. Ringers were members of a body with very ancient ancestors, and were artists of a craft which had existed in England for centuries. The church bells, said his Lordship, were often connected with great moments of life. Let them, for instance, think of the contrast between wedding bells and the toll of the funeral bell; whilst among the greatest moments was that when they were called to worship God and hear the bells of the Master. Then there were the great moments of the year—the festivals, when the bells were prominent. Thus they were reminded of the joyful and sad and solemn occasions in life when the bells were intimately associated with them in their hopes, joys, sorrows and worship. The bells summoned them to do their part in the deepening of the life of the church. They had got to ring in the Kingdom of Christ, and each ringer in his own life should be a bell in himself, ringing in the good news of Christ and His kingdom. Today, they needed to ring in the nobler modes of life. They each had an individual and a corporate responsibility. No change ringing could be done by a mere collection of individuals. It was only done by men who had learnt their art together. Change ringing was one of the most signal examples of team work which could be produced, and it was only by such team work on the part of the servants of Christ that the Kingdom would come—the Kingdom which would produce purer and nobler modes of life. Each bell ringer was like his own bell—different from everyone else—and Christ provided the Church in order that the broken tones might be blended together in one fine peal. This was the message of the bells. In conclusion, his Lordship said he could offer no more earnest prayer for that association than that everyone should have in his life a tone that was noble, pure and right.

The representatives returned to the Ward Street Hall for tea, those present including the Bishop of Winchester and Canon Kirwan. The latter expressed thanks to his lordship for having spared time to visit them that day. Although, said the Rev. E. O. Kirwan, it was the wish of the Bishop of Guildford that they should have their own Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers, many of them would like to feel

that the link with Winchester would not be severed, and he hoped that in the future they at Winchester would welcome bell-ringing guests from Guildford, just as Guildford would always be pleased to welcome their friends from the other diocese. It seemed almost possible that the division of the diocese should have been hewn about so quickly, and he for one felt somewhat sorry at saying 'Good-bye'; but, at the same time, they were still one fellowship and one brotherhood.

Seconding, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith referred to the absence of clergy from the festival, and said that while the ringers had a duty to the Church, the clergy also had a duty to the ringers.

The Bishop, in reply, expressed the belief that the clergy did not know their presence was so ardently and keenly desired, and if he got the opportunity of intimating that fact to them he would be pleased to do so. He pointed out the difficulty of clergy attending on Saturday afternoons, when most of the festivals were held, as, normally, on Saturday afternoons clergy should be preparing their sermons for the Sunday (laughter), although he admitted that all sermons were not all they might be. However, he was quite sure that, whether the clergy were present or not, they did appreciate the help they received from bell ringers, and realised they owed a deep debt of thanks to those who, Sunday after Sunday, took the trouble to make their services attractive. The laity also appreciated the ringers, who, primarily, knocked at their door, and, when they rang, the laity responded and appreciated what they did.

Speaking of the division of the diocese, the Bishop said it was a sad thing, and he was grieved to think the Winchester associations would be broken up after so long. He hoped, however, that the three new dioceses would keep in close touch with one another. He hoped that the Guilds of ringers in all three dioceses would grow in energy and usefulness.

There were members present during the day from a great number of towers in this large diocese and visitors from neighbouring associations. A party of 120 sat down to tea, and, during the day, ringing took place at the pro-Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, Godalming and Shalford. The methods ranged from Grandsire to the Surprise class, and one short touch of Spliced Surprise Major was brought round.

ELEVEN SURPRISE METHODS IN A 720.

On Thursday, June 30th, at the Abbey Church, Bournemouth, 720 changes in Spliced Surprise methods, being Munden, Canterbury, Newcastle, Chester, London, Wells, Cuneceastre, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley: J. Neale 1, A. H. Palmer 2, J. W. Lake (conductor) 3, J. Osborn 4, J. S. Allen 5, T. L. Bambridge 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have just overhauled the back four bells of the ring of twelve at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, Devon. Among the improvements carried out have been new clappers, bearings, and steel headstocks. Ringing has now recommenced, and the Abbey authorities are highly satisfied with the work.

Ringling circles recently received at the banquet given by the R.I.B.A. an unexpected but, unfortunately, a transient honour, for as the guests arriving at the Cecil were being presented, Mr. E. Alex. Young was announced in stentorian tones as Sir Alexander Young. He had to disclaim the honour, and to suggest in reply to a humorous remark of the president, that possibly it was at least a bit premature!

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, has the contract to rehang the peal of eight at Braintree Parish Church, Essex, in new steel and iron frame with all new fittings and tune the whole peal. They will be hung with ball bearings and steel headstocks.

It would appear from a statement in a London contemporary that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (well known as an astronomer), was one of the party at Giggleswick with the Astronomer Royal. He was heard directing with youthful enthusiasm the attention of the public around to the most interesting features of 'totality' during the recent eclipse.

The late hon. secretary of the Central Council was more fortunate than his successor, Mr. E. Alex. Young, who, going so far north as Durham, only secured one or two fleeting glimpses of the spectacle.

By the completion of the ring of eight at the new Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton now possesses two rings of ten and two of eight.

A hundred and ten years ago to-day James Barham, so long the dominating figure at Leeds, Kent, rang his last peal. He was then 91 years of age.

William Sottanstill, of Sowerby, Yorks, who wrote a book on ringing, was born on July 9th, 1800.

We regret that, owing to the heavy pressure on our space in recent weeks, several reports of outings have been unavoidably held over. They will appear in due course.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT AT BRIGHTON.

COMPLETION OF THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Standing impressively on the heights of the great north-western ridge overlooking sea and town, an entirely new church has been erected in Dyke Road, Brighton, and on Thursday, June 23rd, the chancel, a Lady Chapel, tower and eight bells were consecrated by the Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Winfrid Burrows). The church has been built and the bells presented by Mrs. Gerald Moor, in memory of her late husband, Prebendary Moor, Vicar of Preston.

The eight bells in the tower were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the tenor weighing 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., and being in the key of F. They are hung in a heavy cast-iron frame, bolted to a double foundation of steel girders. The girders span the tower in both directions, are horizontally cross-braced, and their ends are anchored and built into the walls. The fittings are of the most modern type, and include cast-iron headstocks, self-aligning ball bearings and ball-bearing rollers, the rollers and clappers also being fitted with screw-down lubricators. The wheels are fitted with a special saley block to obviate the wear on the bell rope. The bells have been cast and tuned on the 'Simpson' five-tone principle. The tenor has a finely-executed figure of the Good Shepherd cast in relief, and the following inscription on the reverse:—

'Rev. Gerald H. Moor, Preb. of Colworth in Chichester Cathedral, Vicar of Preston, 1905 to 1916. Alice M. Moor, his wife.'

The seventh records the following: 'A.D. 1927. George V. R. Winfred, Bishop of Chichester. Julius Hannah, Dean of Chichester. William J. R. Allen, first Vicar of this parish.'

The bells having been dedicated, the St. Peter's (Brighton) Society rang a few rounds, and, after the ceremony had concluded, a very good course of Superlative was brought round.

The bells are full-toned, even inside and out of the tower, and not difficult to strike. A noticeable feature of the bells is the absence of the 'howl' inside or outside of the tower, which is often heard with rings tuned on the 'Simpson' five-tone principle. In this new ring the strike note dominates. The bells are at present noisy inside the tower, but it is understood this will be remedied by the addition of a plaster ceiling in the ringing chamber.

DEATH OF A LADY RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Miss Annie Banks on Tuesday, June 28th, at the Lymington Cottage Hospital, following an operation the previous week.

Miss Banks became a ringer at St. Thomas' Church, Lymington, during the war, taking the place of a brother, also a ringer, who was on active service. She was a regular attendant in the belfry on Sundays until the illness of her parents kept her at home to look after them.

The funeral took place on Friday last, and in the evening the local band rang a quarter-peal with the bells half-muffled: E. Kerley 1, E. C. Elliott (conductor) 2, H. Dunsford 3, S. Clark 4, G. Arnold 5, J. Wells 6, J. Figgures 7, C. Morris 8.

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leading article this week, you ask, 'For what purpose do the Methods Committee want discretionary powers' in the matters of the new Collection of Minor Methods? May I, as the mover of the resolution, attempt to answer your question?

What was in my mind was this. The discussions and disputes of the last four years, ending in the rejection of the Nomenclature Committee's report and the discharge of that committee, had left the naming of six-bell methods in an uncertain state. No doubt, most of the question raised had in the course of discussion been settled, practically if not formally. But when we come to the details of the new book it is probable, it is almost certain, we shall have cases where there is doubt and dispute as to what is really the correct name. There is no authority to which these disputed cases can be referred, and I think it was not unreasonable for us to ask for power to settle them ourselves. What we asked and what the Council gave us was to be confirmed in the editorial rights, which, you must remember, we had when we produced the first edition, and which we had, and used, when we recently produced the 'Collection of Major Methods.' What we did not ask for, and what we had no intention of asking for, was 'power to rename at our full discretion the methods in the Minor Collection.' I do not know where you, Sir, got that idea. Perhaps it was a natural one under the circumstances, and, apparently, was shared by others than yourself. But it was an erroneous idea. I had to intervene in the debate several times to try and correct it, but the only result of my interventions seem to be, in your case, that you think I 'toned down my request when objection was raised.'

The question of renaming does not arise. We have already more names than we want. It is a question of selection, and that only in the case of a very small proportion of the methods. No doubt, as Mr. J. W. Parker pointed out, the rejection of the Nomenclature report did leave the Analysis Committee's list of names formally in possession. But you must remember that that list was drawn up and presented to the Council four years ago, and before the matter was so fully discussed by the Council and the Exercise. You, Sir, know as well as I do that that list did not meet with universal approval. I think it is a far better list than, I gather, you do, but I also think it a good thing that we have the power and opportunity of comparing it with its rivals and considering the criticisms that have been levelled against it. I think it will stand the test very well.

But you apparently hold the strange and new doctrine that because the list was once formally adopted by the Council we are forbidden by loyalty to the Council's decisions to alter it by so much as a single word, even after we have had authority from the Council. A strange and new doctrine indeed!

I seem to remember that you strongly supported the criticism which was brought against it four years ago, and that you approved the wholesale alterations proposed by the Nomenclature Committee. All this after the list was adopted by the Council. But the Nomenclature Committee may make wholesale alterations and do well, while the Methods Committee does ill if they but consider whether any alteration is needful.

You point out that there was disagreement between the Analysis Committee and the Methods Committee concerning certain names, and you ask, Did we ask for discretionary powers 'merely to ensure that our own views shall prevail?' I can answer that question. When I moved the resolution, there was no thought of the Analysis Committee at all. You must remember that the question of this resolution did not arise until the Nomenclature Committee was discharged, and the resolution was drafted and moved almost on the spur of the moment. But, obviously, the matters in dispute between the two committees are just the sort of outstanding thing which we wanted power to settle. That does not mean that we are going contemptuously to reject their alterations. Their suggestions will be sympathetically considered, and, I believe (for I do not know anything definitely yet), for the most part adopted. But I do not think we shall leave a mistake like 'College Single Reverse' standing.

May I suggest that we have, after all, a motive other than that of merely getting our own way. And that is, the wish to make the new book as good a one as we can. You, Sir, I know, will sympathise with that wish. It is more important to us that the names of the methods should be such that the Exercise approves of, than that they should be just those which we ourselves would have selected had we the choosing. I have no right to speak for my colleagues, but I think I shall not be doing wrong if I promise that the list of names shall be published and an opportunity given for outside criticism before the book is printed.

And now may I say a word or two about the Nomenclature Committee. You suggest that they were badly and unfairly treated. I cannot agree. Anyone who brings up contentious matters before the Council or any other debating body runs the risk of having his opinions rejected. I took a leading part in the opposition. I drafted and moved the amendment which was their undoing. But there was no 'torpedoing' and no 'side tracking.' It was a straightforward fair fight, all above board. I do regret that it was not possible to receive their report and by amendment remove objectionable features. But they had, at any rate, the courage of their convictions. They presented their views in such a way as admitted of no compromise. Because I felt that their proposals were unworkable and contrary to the

good of the Exercise, I moved my amendment. It was not 'specious.' It was a direct challenge to their views, and was tantamount to moving the rejection of the report with a considered reason for so doing. They are all men for whom I have great regard and respect, but I would not be a member of the Central Council if I had to agree with every opinion expressed at its meetings.—Yours faithfully,

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[Reference to the letter is made in our leading article.—Ed. 'R.W.']

SIX-BELL RINGERS' VIEWS.

Dear Sir,—The Central Council has invited Minor ringers to offer suggestions before the 'Collection' is reprinted, and has asked them not to complain afterwards; but the gentlemen who made and endorsed these remarks should bear in mind that we six-bell ringers do not know what is going to be done; and, further, that we have the greatest difficulty in understanding what has been done, and what is left undone.

Three years ago we asked (in your columns) exactly what the position was, regarding the list of names then published, and as to whether the Council's decision was definite or not. We asked for information from any representatives who cared to enlighten us, without result. Perhaps we should have addressed someone in particular, and will avoid an error this time.

With the object of forcing a ruling we approached various associations, with the result that certain proposals were placed before the Council by the Nomenclature Committee. These appeared to have been very definitely rejected last year, and, presumably, the published names were made absolute. With this decision we were content.

It would now appear to be likely that the names will again be revised, at the discretion of the Methods Committee, and it is a great pity that there were not some practical Minor ringers on the Council, who could have pointed out how very inconvenient these alterations can become to those people who have to use the names. The majority of the members of the Council never have wondered, in the middle of a 720, whether the next method to be introduced will be known to the band as 'Ringers' or 'Primrose.' Canterbury and Alnwick Surprise, when spliced with Morpeth and Newcastle, are excellent examples of a most inconvenient muddle—each has become the other. And so on.

The 'twelve-bell' gentlemen who so laughingly discussed the question do not inspire confidence in the 'six-bell' man, who, after all, is the most affected. Judging from the printed report, Mr. J. S. Pritchett's effort is most remarkable, and (a shot at random) we would bet our bell ropes that he could not even produce a copy of the 'Collection,' much less to turn up Bob Minor or London Surprise therein.

We would ask Mr. J. A. Trollope: Please tell us, can your committee make any 'selection' from the existing list of names, without changing any of those on that list? Does it propose to alter some of these, its own names, in spite of your pledge to Mr. Pritchett? The Rev. H. Law James seconded this resolution, and in view of what he then said, Whitley Surprise (No. 7) should now become 'Leytonstone,' etc. Tell us exactly what is meant by it all. Have we again to revise our work and records for the past years, after having put our house in order? If so, it would seem that loyalty to the decisions made by the Council does not pay, and the Minor man would do better to follow his Superlative Maximus brother, and say, 'We shall do as we please.'

Our only sheet-anchor has been the number of each method, and it is to be hoped that the committee will not disturb the numerical order of the methods, in a misguided effort to classify those which are not strictly 'in place.'

For the rest, may we say that the plan adopted in the Major Collection of dividing the leads, and showing the bobs, is most satisfactory, except that the two rows and the dividing line might be 'crowded' a little, to allow each unit to stand out, 'spacing' the bobs and singles, as it were?

The second's-place methods might be lettered A, B, C or D, according to which lead-head applies, and one part of an extent W-R-W with one of 1-1-4th's given for each. The sixth's-place methods lettered E, F, G or H, with parts of 1-0-1 and 4th's-W-W given. Some instruction regarding the introduction of singles for the plain methods could be included; or, alternatively, parallel parts to the above, lettered AA, BB, etc.

We are careful to avoid suggestions regarding the Doubles or Triples, except that the Triples methods might now be named.

Finally, may be acknowledge the debt that Minor ringers owe to this committee, and to say that we fully appreciate the work that it has done, but that we do think the list of names should stand, the more especially as the committee itself was responsible for its publication?—Yours truly,

For the St. John-the-Baptist Association, Leytonstone,

GEO. DAWSON,

Hon. Sec.

143, Norman Road, Leytonstone, E.11.

GUILDFORD.—On Wednesday, May 25th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples in 49 mins.: W. N. Stone (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, C. N. Burdock 2, N. V. Harding 3, W. J. Robinson 4, H. Harris 5, H. Hutton 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, W. R. Melyville 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

The debate on Superlative Surprise was continued by Mr. J. W. Parker. He said he was not quite sure what was meant by the resolution, whether it was that Mr. James objected to the Maximus which was rung at Ipswich as not being in line with the Major and the Royal. Those of the members who read Mr. James' article in 'The Ringing World' of December 24th last would see that his theory of extension was based in a measure on the places from the back and from the front. If they took the method rung at Ipswich they would find that it was exactly in accordance with that theory. Mr. Parker proceeded to explain the relative places in the method, and went on to say that the measuring of places from the treble was the right theory. He thought they must give ringers the credit of knowing a method when it was properly extended, and, in his opinion, if Shipway's Royal had been a correct extension of the Major, instead of waiting for a hundred years before the second peal was rung, it would be as much practised now as was Cambridge Surprise Royal. They, as a Council, should use their common sense in these matters. If they had any resolution at all, it should be that in the opinion of the Council there is no correct extension of Superlative Surprise Major (laughter).

The Rev. E. S. Powell: If you would move it, I would second that.

Mr. J. S. Wildo said he was somewhat responsible for this controversy ('Shame' and laughter). He sent the extension to Mr. Baker years ago, and published the figures last November in 'The Ringing World.' The method was rung in less than six months. Mr. James published the Maximus of Shipway's extension before the Council meeting of 1915, and it had not yet been rung. When Superlative Major was published in 'The Clavis,' it was described as 'a new and original composition for this work.' At that time there were only two Surprise methods, Cambridge and London. No doubt, the author had been looking at Cambridge and had seen the blemish in it, and in attempting to improve it he discovered Superlative Surprise Major. He made very little alteration. With the treble in 1-2, he put in 6th's instead of 8th's, and let the bells behind continue dodging, and at the first cross-section he let the bells on the front dodge instead of both of them lying still. There was nothing in the Maximus as rung at Ipswich that was not in the Major except the extended dodging, and a study of it showed that it had not got the objectionable features which they found in Shipway's method. Shipway's extension to Maximus was full of five-pull dodging; when the treble was on the front, the bells in 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12 were all engaged in five-pull dodging, and, likewise, there were three simultaneous five-pull dodges when the treble was behind. They could not find that sort of thing in Superlative Major. The Council would be very unwise to pass Mr. James' motion.

'IPSWICH VARIATION.'

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he intended to vote for Mr. James' resolution, but he first of all wanted to say that he agreed entirely with Mr. Parker that there was not, and never could be, any really satisfactory extension of Superlative, either to ten or twelve bells. Shipway's extension to Royal had now been in possession of the Exercise for a century. It was rung about a hundred years ago by a now dead and forgotten band, and, as a matter of fact, it was an extremely clever extension of the principles of Superlative to eight and ten bells. There was nothing he could think of that gave him a higher opinion of Shipway as a clever man than when he took the one important constructional feature of Superlative Major and adapted it to ten bells, but it was adaption and not an extension, simply because the features which existed in ten bells did not allow the Major construction to go exactly to ten bells. If any method at all had the right to be called Superlative, then Shipway's had, and no other. But things had been complicated by the fact that the Ipswich people had rung the peal of Maximus. Nobody would dream of saying or doing anything which would in any way detract from the brilliant performance of the Ipswich band; it was one of the finest things that had ever been done—all the finer because it was not Superlative in the sense that Cambridge Maximus was Cambridge Major on twelve bells. It was more difficult. What the Council had to do was to find a solution for the problem, a solution which would meet the legitimate wishes of the Ipswich band, which would square with the mathematical facts and do justice to the memory of Shipway and the band that rang the peal of Royal a hundred years ago. He thought the best way was to follow precedent, and, as in the case of Court Bob, give each variation a distinctive sub-title. They might call the method rung at Ipswich, 'Ipswich Superlative.' If they did that, they would have a distinct Superlative Royal and a distinct Superlative Maximus, which were more or less adaptations rather than extensions, entitled to the simple name of Superlative.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley, who rang in the peal at Ipswich, said the Maximus rung there was absolutely Superlative. The method had been discovered independently by several method builders, among them Mr. John Carter, who rang it on his ringing machine as far back as 1912, and called it Superlative Maximus. If this was not the correct extension, it was strange that so many men should produce the same method, working independently, and call it the same thing. Any practical ringer who knew Superlative, and was shown a diagram of Shipway's method and was told it was Superlative, would laugh at them. There was nothing like Superlative in the diagram.

EXPERTS DISAGREE.

Mr. C. T. Coles said, after the divergence of opinion expressed by the experts that day, he thought the Council ought also to declare its incompetence to deal with the matter. As a practical ringer, who had rung the method, he had no hesitation in saying that the method rung at Ipswich was a distinct extension from a practical point of view, and that was what ringers really wanted. A man with any experience on 12 bells, who could also ring Superlative Major, could learn this method very quickly. But their experts disagreed, and he did not see how 'laymen' could decide the matter. He therefore proposed that they pass a resolution to the effect that as the expert advisers of the Council disagreed on this matter, the Council was of opinion that no good purpose could be served by coming to a definite decision. He reminded the Council of what happened years ago when a certain peal was rung at Stepney. The Council came to a decision, but to all intents and purposes it was ignored. If they came to a decision that day, one side or the other would say, 'I don't care a rap; you are wrong' (laughter).

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards seconded the amendment.

The Rev. H. L. James said if the Council would accept Mr. Trollope's suggestion as an amendment he would not mind. Whichever way the Council voted he (Mr. James) would stick to his own opinion that when a real peal of Superlative Maximus was rung the band would know it was the method. He did not want to say anything against what had been done, but if they wanted to make sure they had got the real thing, they should ring the other method. He had carefully abstained from any scientific explanation. He gave one at Newcastle, and he learned a lesson he had not forgotten. There he was not understood, and although he had listened to some of the speakers that afternoon and had followed them, he would guarantee the great majority of the Council did not do so.

The president put the amendment of Mr. Coles as follows: 'That as the expert advisers of the Council disagree, this meeting is of opinion that no good purpose can be served by coming to a definite decision on the subject.'

On being put, the amendment was declared carried by 62 votes to 7.

Canon Baker: Who are the expert advisers of the Council?

The President: Neither you nor I; that I do know (laughter).

A 'LEGAL' COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. A. Trollope proposed: 'That a committee be appointed to report to the Council on the legal relationship between (a) bells, (b) ringers, and (c) ringing respectively, on the one hand, and (d) the incumbent, (e) the churchwardens, and (f) the parochial councils respectively on the other hand, and any other legal matters affecting the Exercise. And, further, to consider the advisability of issuing a statement of these matters for the guidance of ringers and other persons affected.' Mr. Trollope said when the Enabling Act, which set up the Church Assembly and the Church Parochial Councils, was passed, they were told that organists and ringers were exempted from the jurisdiction of the Parochial Councils, but a point which he had never seen raised was whether they had any control over the bells. They might not be able to dismiss the ringers, but he did not know whether they could stop ringing. He had an instance at his own church. For a while, they had a slack time, and dropped practice. Then he was fortunate enough to get a number of boys, and they started practising again about twelve months ago. The tower was in the centre of the town, and there was a certain amount of opposition. A certain person was got to bring the matter before the Church Parochial Council, and they passed a resolution that, to meet the wishes of the residents, practice should not last more than half an hour. He was not sure what his position was, but he thought he should not have taken any notice of it. There might be similar things happen in other places, and he thought it would be advisable if the Council got to know definitely how ringers stood in legal matters of this kind. They were fortunate in having among the members two, at least, who were competent to express an opinion on the law, and he suggested, if the Council accepted the motion, that they should ask Alderman Pritchett and Mr. Milne, who were barristers, to serve.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said he thought a very useful little pamphlet might be compiled dealing with these matters. It was requisite that ringers should know where they stood with regard to incumbents and Parochial Councils, and to know, also, where they stood with regard to the public—and there was some law upon that subject. At present there was a good deal of doubt in the minds of the ringers as to who were their masters. There were two categories of ringers: those who were voluntary and those who were paid; and the law of contract came in in regard to what notice paid ringers were entitled to receive. Altogether, there was material for a very interesting little pamphlet. There were, however, two questions to consider before the resolution was carried: one was who was to compile the pamphlet, and the other who was to pay the cost. He was far too advanced in years and too busy to undertake the compilation, but he would undertake to revise it if someone would get the thing into shape. He suggested that Mr. Elwell should be asked to compile the pamphlet. It was certainly a desirable thing for the Council to undertake.

Replying to Mr. Mee, the President said the incumbent had sole control of anyone who went into the tower.

THE LATE MR. JOHN C. JAY.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, Mr. John Clark Jay, one of the earliest pioneers of change ringing in Sussex, passed away at Brighton on Saturday, June 25th, after a long illness.

The funeral took place on June 30th in the Brighton Borough Cemetery, preceded by a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Collinson), in St. Nicholas' Church, where deceased had for many years been an enthusiastic change ringer, and also held the post of secretary in the St. Nicholas' Society.

Mr. Jay was born at Streattham in 1866, and came to Brighton with his parents in 1871, his father being the late Mr. John Jay, a former steeplekeeper of St. Peter's, Brighton.

At that time change ringing in Brighton was practically unknown, and John Jay, sen., was not only the pioneer, but the chief instructor, and conducted the first peal rung by the Sussex County Association, in which his son, the subject of this memoir, also took part. Of the band of eight who rang in the first peal of Grandsire Triples by the association at Cuckfield, Sussex, in January, 1885, only two survive—Mr. C. Tyler, of Henfield, and Mr. George King, now in Canada.

As a young man, Mr. Jay enlisted in the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment, in 1883, and served his country for some years in India. On his return to England in 1895, he took up again the art that he loved, and never relinquished it until his final illness. He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter to mourn their loss.

The St. Nicholas' Society rang the bells half-muffled as the procession was leaving the church, and again in the evening, as a tribute of respect to his memory.

The peals known to have been rung by Mr. Jay since the formation of the Sussex County Association are as follow (of earlier peals in which he took part there is no definite record): Grandsire Triples 6, Grandsire Caters 13, Stedman Triples 11, Stedman Caters 15, Bob Royal 3, Kent Treble Bob Royal 9, Double Norwich Major 4, Superlative Surprise Major 1; total 62.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

AN ENCOURAGING FEATURE.

A successful quarterly meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch, held at Twyford on Saturday, June 25th, was attended by members from Binfield, Finchampstead, Hurst, Waltham St. Lawrence, Wokingham (All Saints' and St. Paul's), and the local band, together with visitors from Reading, Chertsey, Henley-on-Thames, Taunton, London, and 'somewhere' in Hampshire. The bells were raised in peal about three o'clock, and, after ringing in various methods, a short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. L. Cooper, who gave a telling and practical address based on the word of Genesis xliii. 5: 'Ye shall not see my face except your brother be with you.'

After service, tea was partaken of on the Vicarage lawn, about 40 sitting down. Despite the somewhat cold and threatening weather, an enjoyable time was spent; full justice being done to the good things provided. The Secretary, in a few words, apologised for the absence of the chairman, Canon G. F. Coleridge, and the Master and secretary of the Guild, who had other engagements and were not able to be present. He also expressed the thanks of the party to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service in church and his inspiring address, also to the organist and organ-blower for their services, and to those who had been responsible for providing such an excellent tea, viz., the Vicar's mother (Mrs. Cooper) and Mr. F. Dentry, the latter being churchwarden and foreman of the local ringers and late secretary of the branch.—The Vicar briefly replied.

The tower was again visited and the bells kept going until 2.30. The feature of the meeting was the presence of a large number of young ringers, and it was an encouraging sight to see them ringing their first touch of Stedman, first touch of Grandsire, first touch on the treble and first attempt at rounds away from their own tower—a good augury, surely, for the future of the Guild and ringing generally. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The summer meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at East Isley on Saturday, June 25th, when upwards of 50 members attended from Bucklebury, Beedon, Brightwalton, Shaw, Peasmore, Compton, Newbury, Yattendon, Hampstead Norris, Highclere, Woolton Hill, Swindon, Aldbourne, Stratford and the local ringers. Service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. Ogle, who also gave an interesting address. Miss Risien presided at the organ. Tea was served at the old schoolroom by Mrs. W. Hibbert, assisted by other ladies.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary of the Guild) took the chair in the absence of the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch). Two new members were elected, and the next meeting was fixed for Brightwalton on September 3rd.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist, and the ladies for providing the tea, was proposed by Mr. H. W. Curtis (branch secretary) and carried with applause.

Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT EARL SHILTON.

The first quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, June 25th. The fine peal of eight bells at the Parish Church were kept going to various methods from 2.30 onwards, but owing to a school treat, Barwell bells (eight) could not be rung until after tea, when good use was made of them until nine o'clock. A large number of visitors arrived from Beeston, Belgrave, Cotgrave, Leicester, Nuneaton, Wigston, and many towers in the local district. The committee held a meeting in the schools. The business was purely formal, except that it was proposed to grant to Bottesford £5 5s. towards rehanging their bells. Applications from Kegworth and Kirkby Bellars were held over till the next meeting for further details to be obtained.

A short service was held in Earl Shilton Church, which was attended by a good number. Instead of the usual sermon, the Rector (the Rev. E. Pillifant) gave an address of welcome, which was much appreciated by all present. A collection was taken towards the bell repair fund.

Tea was served in the Roe Buck Hotel clubroom, but owing to nearly twice as many turning up as had sent in names, some confusion occurred, and a double sitting was rendered necessary. Some 50 members were present at the subsequent meeting, which was presided over by the Rector (Rev. Pillifant) in the absence of the worthy president (Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P.), who was unable to be present owing to the indisposition of Mrs. Chambers. A letter of apology was also received from the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Vicar of Monk's Kirby. Minutes of the annual meeting were duly passed, and new members elected since that meeting confirmed, viz.: Honorary 6, life 1, ringing 28, and Dore Parochial Church Council affiliated.

Mr. W. Willson, delegate to the Central Council, gave a brief account of their proceedings, and, in respect to the suggested form of diploma or certificate for first peals, or notable performances, by individual ringers, it was decided that the M.C.A. supports this proposal when duly carried out.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. Willson) announced that the funds now in hand in the bank ought to be invested to yield more interest, and, after a lengthy discussion, it was proposed and carried unanimously that £150 be invested in 5 per cent. Government Stock, and also the War Loan now invested be added to this value when it matures next year. Trustees appointed for this purpose were Alderman R. B. Chambers and Mr. W. Willson.

Hearty votes of thanks to the Rector, and the local committee, for arrangements made, concluded a most successful meeting. But, not Uncle Joe 'Peppery or Justacus' (a most welcome figure at any ringers' gathering) will have the last word—one of wisdom, too! 'To-day,' he says, 'is an example of what all secretaries and those catering for teas have to contend with. Thirty send in names, fifty appear. Result: confusion and disappointments. Many of those who send not, get in first; those who send, wait. It is a difficult problem, but must be tackled, but how? Only let those who notify sit down, and the remainder wait or go without. Rather drastic, but sometimes unavoidable.'

Never mind, Uncle Joe. We had a real good meeting, and all were eventually satisfied. Handbell ringing to tunes and other methods brought the day to a conclusion, and, who dares say, the hon. secretary 'broke out' and overstayed his leave of absence from home, because he was thirsty and tried unaccustomed beverages!

A tragic occurrence—since become known—marred the proceedings. One of the esteemed committee, and member of St. Margaret's, Leicester, Mr. John Grant, while waiting for tea received an urgent telegram to return home immediately. Alas! on arrival he found his wife had passed away. She was apparently quite all right on his departure, but had sudden heart failure and died within ten minutes. On behalf of all M.C.A. members, the hon. secretary immediately wrote a message of deepest sympathy and condolence. Mr. Grant and his son both took part recently in the four fathers' and sons' peal at Belgrave.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held in Belfast on Whit Monday. Members of St. Thomas' Society kindly met the visitors at the station, and acted as their guides for the day. The following towers were open for ringing, and were made good use of:—Belfast (St. Thomas'), Bangor, Holywood, Carrickfergus, and Hillsborough, all of them rings of eight.

At 3 p.m., luncheon took place at the Cafe Royal, after which the business meeting was proceeded with, Rev. Canon Manning, M.C., M.A., Rector of Holywood, occupying the chair.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. N. Robinson (Belfast); hon. treasurer, Mr. W. E. Lynch; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff.

The sum of five pounds was voted from the funds towards the rehanging of St. George's (Dublin) bells.

Dublin was selected for next annual meeting.

NORFOLK GUILD.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Holy Trinity Church, Loddon, on Saturday, June 25th. The ring of eight bells were at the disposal of the members, and they were kept merrily going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Tea was followed by the business meeting. The Vicar of Loddon (the Rev. R. Dixon) presided in the absence of the president (the Dean of Norwich), who was unavoidably prevented from being present. The chairman was supported by the following officers of the Guild: Messrs. A. L. Coleman (secretary), G. P. Burton, W. L. Duffield, R. J. Goate (district secretary for Lothingland), B. S. Thompson (district secretary for Norwich), and representatives from Loddon, Norwich, Beccles, Buxton, etc.

Business of a routine character having been disposed of, the Secretary moved the ratification of the belfry election of Miss Violet Beckett as a member of the Guild, and congratulated her on ringing her first peal (the method being Kent Treble Bob Major), and said that Miss Beckett is only 14 years of age and was the youngest member in the Guild. The Secretary also moved the election of Mr. William George Finch as a member. The Chairman, on putting the motion before the meeting declared them duly elected.

Mr. B. S. Thompson moved, and Mr. W. L. Duffield seconded, that the August Bank Holiday meeting be held at Swaffham on August 1st, and this was carried.

Mr. G. P. Burton moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Loddon for presiding, and for the use of the bells. The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to have the meeting there, and hoped the Guild would come again to Loddon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The eighth annual invitation meeting of the Ashford District was held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 25th, through the kindness of the Vicar (Rev. S. K. Lockyear), when about 40 members and friends gathered. Ringing was opened by a touch, Mr. C. Strongsby ringing the treble at the age of 90 years. Service was conducted by the Vicar, accompanied by Dr. Lewis, who also gave a very appropriate address, taking as his text, 'Wee unto me if I preach not the Gospel' (the inscription from the bell, Great St. Paul).

Tea was served at the Vicarage, and much enjoyed by all in the peaceful spot under the hills. The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which Biddenden was selected for the next meeting on August 13th, and three new members were elected.

Returning to the tower till 8.30, all present having enjoyed a real 'peace' meeting, votes of thanks were passed to all the ladies and the Vicar for having everything in readiness to make so successful a gathering.

DEATH OF A LEATHERHEAD RINGER.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William E. Otway, of Leatherhead, Surrey. After a long and painful illness, he passed away on May 31st, at the age of 51 years. He had been a member of the local band since 1891, having learned to ring under the late Mr. Stephen Brooker. He had not been a great peal ringer, but had rung about 40 peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Bob Major. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Surrey Association, the Winchester Guild, and St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.

The funeral took place on Saturday, June 4th. Before the service, the local ringers, with friends from Ashhead, Ewell and Beddington, rang short touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells deeply muffled. As the cortege left the church, a few rounds were rung, and after the committal rounds were rung double-handed on the handbells over the open grave. Afterwards, the whole 'pull and stand' was rung on the tower bells 51 times, followed by 557 Grandsire Caters by: W. Messam 1, A. H. Winch 2, J. Beams 3, C. Marriner 4, G. Cook 5, E. Hull 6, C. Smart 7, J. Hoyle 8, C. H. Kippin 9, and A. Dean 10.

Among the beautiful floral tributes were wreaths from the committee and members of Leatherhead Constitutional Club (of which deceased was a member), Leatherhead Parish Church ringers, chairman, officers and fellow committee men of Ashhead Friendly Society.

RINGERS WEDDED.

The wedding took place at St. Thomas' Church, Southborough, Kent, on Wednesday, June 22nd, of Mr. Alec Richardson and Miss Dorothy Wallis. Both are members of the band of St. Peter's Church, Tunbridge Wells, and well known in many towers in the district. Mr. Donald M. Findlay, also a well-known ringer, acted as best man. Wedding bells did not ring out, as St. Thomas' only boasts of two. Had there been a ring of eight, no doubt there would have been 'something doing.'

On the previous evening, the happy couple were presented by their fellow ringers with an oak striking clock. Mr. W. Latter (secretary, Tonbridge District), in making the presentation, said that it was the first time in the history of the tower that both bride and bridegroom had been ringers.

A peal to celebrate the event will shortly be attempted at St. Peter's.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: E. D. Kemp (first 720) 1, W. Henley 2, F. W. Elliott 3, P. E. Jones 4, F. Corke (conductor) 5, J. H. Lucas 6, C. A. Nicholls 7 (covering). First 720 as conductor. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evensong at St. Mary's, 1,296 Bob Major in 48 mins.: A. T. Greenwood 1, T. R. Taylor 2, J. Paterson 3, J. D. Harris 4, Mus. V. A. Jarrett 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers (composer and conductor) 7, E. J. Harding, sen., 8. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who hails from Chatham.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. R. G. Twinn 1, Miss D. G. Feltham 2, R. Warnett (first quarter-peal inside) 3, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 4, J. J. Pratt 5, R. Carter 6, W. Honor 7, H. H. Chandler 8.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: C. Tribe 1, Mrs. Baker 2, R. Edwards 3, H. Baker 4, F. Bennett 5, B. Baker 6, H. S. Humphrey 7, C. H. Ballard 8.

KENSINGTON.—At the Church of St. Mary Abbots, for evensong, on Sunday, June 26th, 1,299 Stedman Caters in 55 mins.: C. F. Winney (conductor) 1, R. E. Sadler 2, A. Cufmore 3, G. B. Cole 4, J. G. Nash 5, B. E. Welham (first quarter) 6, W. E. Judd 7, H. G. Miles 8, G. C. Rice 9, E. G. Garrard 10. First quarter on ten bells by the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 7-6-8 covering, in 43 mins., to celebrate the christening of Maurice John Feist, son of the conductor: C. Lovell 1, T. Stringer 2, H. Gravett 3, J. Parsons 4, A. Feist (conductor) 5, A. Batchelor 6, G. Gaston 7, T. King 8.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, June 19th, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: J. T. Scott 1, E. H. Lewis 2, W. J. Robinson 3, A. H. Pulling 4, H. Harris 5, R. Philpott 6, G. W. Steere (conductor) 7, W. R. Melville 8. Rung for evensong, at which the Bishop of Winchester gave a farewell address to the parish. The ringer of the 2nd is on a visit from Scotland.

LONDON.—At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, for evensong on Sunday, June 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. O. Bone 1, J. F. Parrot 2, J. H. Parrot 3, J. Martin 4, R. C. H. Steel 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, G. Machin (first quarter-peal) 8.

A BRISTOL EVENT.

On June 30th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, Bristol, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): Miss B. Jorden 1, Miss Annie Brown 2, F. W. Wade 3, F. Tyler 4, T. C. Williams 5, W. Hunter 6, I. Long 7, H. Howell (conductor) 8.

This was rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. 'Jack' Brown. It is interesting to note that the sturdy youngster is rich in ringing relations, for not only is his father the conductor of the local band, but his mother and three aunts (Miss Annie Brown and the Misses B. and D. Jorden) are also ringers at SS. Philip and Jacob's.

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. William John Greedy, of Wiveliscombe, have celebrated their silver wedding, and in honour of the event the bells of the Parish Church were rung both in the early morning and in the evening. Mr. Greedy's connection with the belfry extends over 40 years, during which period he has been a most regular attendant and has never missed ringing the old year out and the new year in during that time. He has also rung at the jubilees of Queen Victoria, coronations, and prominent local events. As a boy he was a regular member of the choir. A hearty wish is extended to Mr. Greedy that he will long continue such devoted service to his church, and congratulations were showered upon him and his wife on the auspicious occasion.

NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Huntspill on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting at 5.—C. Evans, Hon. Local Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bridgend (cannot be held at Aberdare as proposed), on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 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.

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.—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. 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.—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.—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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkburst 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. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Wasingborough, 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.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

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.—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

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.

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.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

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.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Shelley on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH 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.—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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4.15. Short service, which will be taken by the new Rector, the Ven. J. W. Hunkin, at 4.30, and tea, to be followed by general meeting at the Campbell Hotel at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Church House 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 13th.—R. R. Lewis, Austin House, South Bar, Banbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Llanstephan on Saturday, July 16th. 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., tower open for ringing; 3 p.m., church service (preacher: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese); 4 p.m., business meeting; 4.30 p.m., tea (by kind invitation of Rev. Roland Thomas). Please let me know the number for tea by Saturday, July 9th, without fail.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, July 16th. Service 4.30. Tea and business following. Will those who require tea let me know by previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley.

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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. F. Campbell Ward. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Campbell Ward, after service, followed by business meeting. All those intending to be present to tea must notify me by first post Tuesday, July 19th. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 3 to 8 p.m. Members please make own tea arrangements. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting. Place of meeting and further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Isleham on Saturday, July 23rd. Fordham available 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify by 20th?—F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A Central Divisional meeting will be held at Bolney (Haywards Heath Station) on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, at Eight Bells Inn, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Andover, on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. — Rev. Evan Jones, Hon. Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, July 30th. Tower open 2.30. Tea, 1s. per head, for all who notify me not later than Tuesday, July 26th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, E. Grinstead.

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