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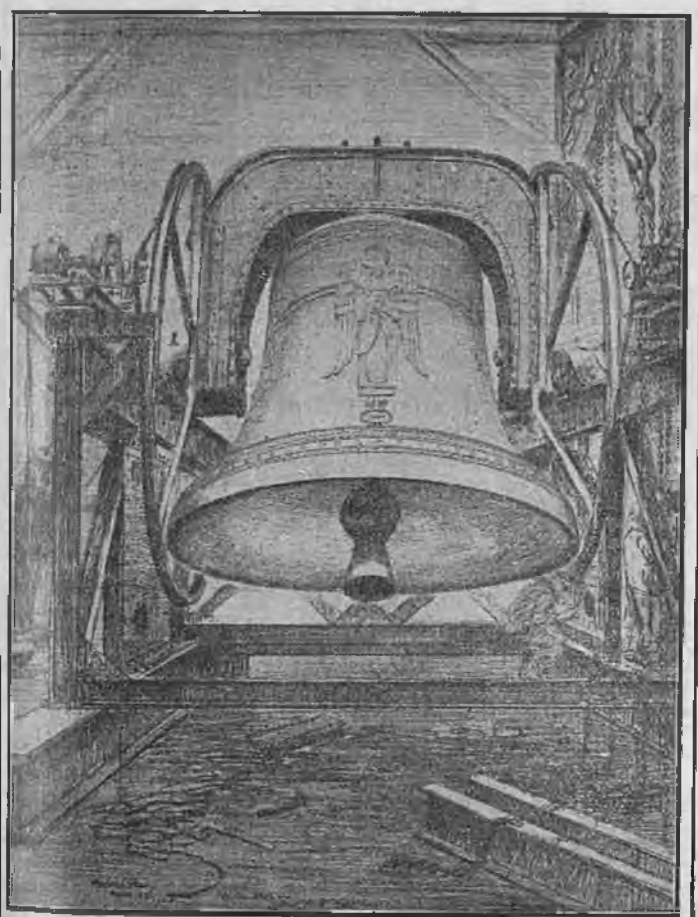

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THE LAW OF CHURCH BELLS.

We printed last week the report presented to the Central Council by its Legal Committee, and it is an extremely valuable contribution to a subject, affecting the interests of ringers, which has never been adequately dealt with before, as far as we are aware. Hitherto the relation between the ringers and the church authorities has been, in the minds of many members of the Exercise, of a very hazy kind. The majority could not have said, with any real knowledge, whether they were under the control of the incumbent, the churchwardens or, in recent years, the Parochial Church Council. Neither were they definitely aware who had the right to order the ringing of the bells. These and a number of other matters are now made plain in the report for everyone to read. The concise digest, which the committee have presented, covers a variety of aspects of the somewhat complicated subject in such a way that all concerned may know exactly what the law requires, except, apparently, that there is one matter which remains somewhat indefinite. This relates to the authority held by churchwardens in connection with the ordering of the ringers and ringing, but it is the kind of thing frequently revealed in law, and it would probably take a legal action, or even a series of legal actions, to enable the lawyers to argue the matter and the Courts to give a ruling.

So far as the appointment of ringers and the ringing of bells are concerned, however, the position is made plain. The appointment, or the confirmation of the appointment, rests with the incumbent, and the bells cannot be rung without his consent. Even the churchwardens cannot authorise the ringing of the bells without his approval, although when it comes to a question of deciding the proper occasions when bells should be rung they appear to have a voice in the matter.

The position of the Parochial Church Councils seems to be one in which their only legal privilege is to find the necessary funds to pay the ringers, where they are remunerated, and to keep the bells in order, while in the event of a claim under the Workmen's Compensation Act, in the event of injury to a paid ringer while in performance of his duties, the Councils, so far as they have funds in hand, and not their individual members, would be liable for damages. The report of the committee is one which should not be indefinitely buried in the archives of the Council or the record of its proceedings. It should be made readily available to all those whom it may concern, and will, in due course, we presume, make its appearance among the Central Council's publications, but in the meantime it should be carefully studied by those in our associations who may at any time be asked for advice.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

ROBERT PICKERING ...	...*Treble*	JOHN C. ADAMS	6
*JOSEPH PIGOTT	2	WILLIAM FISHER	7
THOMAS BURKITT	3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	THOMAS J. ELTON	9
SIDNEY ELTON	5	HARRY BOSWELL	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	...*Treble*	STANLEY W. BAYBUTT ...	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	JOHN W. CORNFORD	7
HENRY T. WILSON	3	HARRY PARKES	8
WILLIAM DUDLEY	4	STAFFORD H. GREEN	9
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...	5	FREDERICK WHITE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Spliced Royal by the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST CURTIS	5
ERNEST F. POPPY	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ..	7
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY	4	CECIL W. PIPE	...*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HARRISON. Conducted by WM. J. GROOM

Arranged for the tenor ringer.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ROBERT SPERRING ..	...*Treble*	GEOFFREY MILTON	5
GEORGE SPERRING	2	GEORGE R. JONES	6
RONALD G. JONES	3	SAM JONES, JUN.	7
EDWARD HARRISON	4	HARRY PYE, SEN. ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

Rung to commemorate the visit of Princess Mary to the city.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSY...	...*Treble*	JAMES G. RUMSEY	5
*MISS KITTY WILLERS ...	2	FREDERICK J. SMITH	6
LEONARD P. BAILEY... ...	3	JAMES M. BAILEY	7
ERNEST S. BAILEY	4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

BRANSTON.—On Wednesday, June 12th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob) in 45 mins.: *Jack Dixon 1, *Cyril Speed 2, H. Pearson 3, J. Canham 4, M. Billings 5, C. Clayton (conductor) 6. * First quarter-peal.

ACTON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, June 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

William H. Hollier	...Treble	*Edward A. Morris	5
Wilfred G. Wilson	2	Horace Belcher	6
Ernest C. S. Turner ...	3	Charles W. Roberts ...	7
Frank Corke	4	Harry A. Folkard ...	...Tenor

Conducted by C. W. Roberts.
* First peal of Stedman.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, June 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' One-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*George E. Clode ...	...Treble	Raymond S. Philpott ...	5
Richard Hayes...	2	C. Ernest Smith	6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3	William T. Beeson	7
William R. Melville ...	4	*Basil H. G. Whiteburn	Tenor

Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
* First peal at first attempt.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.
On Tuesday, June 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Edwin R. Goate... ...	...Treble	George Gower	5
George Howlett	2	Charles F. Sayer	6
Walter Barrett	3	Russell Riches	7
James Eldridge	4	Tony Price	...Tenor

Composed by J. Platt. Conducted by E. R. Goate.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, June 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*Jack Stafford	...Treble	Ronald G. Beck...	5
James Bilby	2	Charles F. Andrews ...	6
William Crocker	3	William J. Prescott ...	7
Samuel J. Hector	4	Charles Warwick ...	...Tenor

Conducted by C. F. Andrews.
* First peal away from the tenor. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. J. Stafford. This is the 50th peal Messrs. S. J. Hector and C. F. Andrews have rung together.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 19, 1929, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Ten-part. No. 11. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Maurice Swinfield ...	...Treble	Charles Draper	5
John H. Swinfield	2	Richard C. Belton	6
Joseph Bailey	3	James George	7
Reginald H. Boulton ...	4	Samuel Pinder	...Tenor

Conducted by M. Swinfield.
First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Ward, of Derby.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

John H. B. Hesse ...	...Treble	Alfred H. Pulling	5
*William L. Stone	2	William T. Beeson	6
†Kenneth Snelling	3	C. Ernest Smith	7
John S. Goldsmith	4	Oliver Sippetts... ...	...Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
* First Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Helen,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*John Gorst	...Treble	G. Ronald Edwards... ...	5
*Thomas Birch	2	John Breese	6
Walter J. Battle	3	John Cooke	7
*John Bagley	4	James C. E. Simpson ...	...Tenor

Composed by G. Lindorf. Conducted by J. C. E. Simpson.
* First peal of Oxford. This peal convinced all the band that these bells are sadly in need of the ministrations of a bell hanger.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Boniface,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

George R. Jones ...	...Treble	Richard T. Holding... ...	5
Robert Sperring	2	Arthur Pritchard	6
Harry F. Holding	3	Harold Edwards	7
James H. Riding	4	Edward V. Rodenhurst ...	Tenor

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by E. V. Rodenhurst.
First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

WOBURN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

Ernest Herbert	...Treble	Charles W. Clarke	5
Henry W. Gayton	2	Anderson Y. Tyler ...	6
Amos Smart...	3	Walter Perkins	7
Edmund J. Hobbs	4	William Stock	...Tenor

Conducted by Walter Perkins.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*Alfred Potter... ...	...Treble	Matthew Berry...	5
Joseph Potter	2	John Denner	6
Benjamin Welsby	3	John Potter	7
James Denner	4	Arthur Burton	...Tenor

Conducted by John Potter.
* 100th peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss J. S. Smith, sister of the Vicar, who had been a member of the choir for 25 years. The ringer of the 2nd is over from U.S.A. on a visit, and it is 23 years since he rang a peal.

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STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¾ cwt. in E flat.

SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	HARRY BAKER	5
THOMAS E. SONE...	2	JOHN WHEADON	6
MRS. H. BAKER	3	WILLIAM WENBAN	7
CHARLES H. SONE	4	ALBERT RELFE	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HERYWOOD. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE
Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' birthday; also for the ninth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wenban.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ...	...*Treble*	*GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ...	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	HARRY KILBY	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
THOMAS LOCK	4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL QUINTIN... ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD REX	5
MISS DOROTHY FUTTER ...	2	MISS RUBY HAZELL	6
GEORGE PULLINGER	3	WILFRED ANDREWS	7
MISS ESTHER MATHEWS ...	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Prince of Wales. Mrs. and the Misses Davis very kindly entertained the company to tea after the peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	5
ROLAND BIGGS	2	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ...	6
F. DONALD BOREHAM	3	HARRY WINGROVE	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS	4	GEORGE GILBERT... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.
First peal of Spliced Major by all, and believed to be the first for the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to the prospective Mrs. F. D. Boreham. This peal contains no bobs, Oxford places being substituted at 1, 3 and 5, which keep the seventh and tenor out of the slow work.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS	...*Treble*	WILFRED WILLIAMS	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	GEORGE POPNELL	6
JOHN W. JONES	3	HARRY BOYCE	7
CHARLES H. PERRY	4	ALBERT J. PITMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the association, also the first peal of Forward rung in Wales. Rung at the first attempt and without previous practice. 50th peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon David Phillips, B.A., R.D., Vicar for 28 years at the above church. This composition is now rung for the first time.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

FREDERICK W. CRIPPS	...*Treble*	SIDNEY W. CORDER	5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	2	LEONARD STILLWELL	6
HENRY J. TUCKER	3	KEITH HART...	7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY THORPE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	5
*CLARENCE BRIGGS	2	SIDNEY PROCTOR	6
ERNEST NIDD	3	THOMAS HALL	7
ARTHUR W. WARD	4	†RICHARD PICK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the 18th anniversary of the coronation of King George V.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TEVERSALL.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 3,600 of Grandsire and 1,440 of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

F. OSBORNE	...*Treble*	W. RILEY	3
A. SMITHSON	2	B. BAILEY	4
F. W. KNOWLES	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells. The ringers were afterwards provided with tea by the Rector.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, June 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

JAMES BILBY	...*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	4
WILLIAM LOUD	2	WILLIAM BAXTER... ...	5
*EDWARD COWARD	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

TITCHBORNE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising seven different compositions. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JESSE PEYMAN	...*Treble*	ARCHIBALD GOULDING... ...	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE NOICE	5
RICHARD PAINE	3	WILFRED ANDREWS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Minor and on tower bells at first attempt. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

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THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
On Thursday, June 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent.

WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER	*Treble*	JAMES KNIGHT, SEN.	4
*JAMES KNIGHT, JUN.	2	LEONARD A. TIDY	5
CHARLES W. CLINCH ...	3	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 4th, also on the anniversary of the wedding of the conductor.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 changes of Plain Bob, 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 15½ cwt.

BERT JOHN	*Treble*	JOHN T. WILLIAMS	4
MISS LUCY THOMAS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
JOHN E. BLOXHAM	3	ARTHUR PYNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

The ringer of the 4th hails from Morriston, 3rd, 5th and tenor from Cadoxton, and treble and 2nd are local.

LINCOLN
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN WILLIAM ROSE	*Treble*	HARRY CARTER	4
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	2	FRED WALKER	5
HAROLD MARCON	3	HAROLD WALKER... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the festival of St. Botolph, and on the 18th anniversary of the coronation of H.M. the King.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Single Court, two of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. H. HARPER ...	*Treble*	*HAROLD HARPER	4
*WILLIAM WILKINSON ...	2	*FRANK P. HARWOOD	5
†FRANK DEWEY	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods away from treble. First peal in four methods as conductor.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS ...	*Treble*	JOHN BASS	4
ROBERT MATTHEWS	2	*HECTOR G. BIRD	5
WILLIAM SHORT	3	JOHN LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells, and rung after meeting short for Major.

HORNINGSHAM, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, June 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT STOKES	*Treble*	EDWARD C. COWARD	4
SAMUEL J. HECTOR	2	WILLIAM SHUTE	5
JAMES BELBY	3	NORMAN ANDREWS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SHUTE.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Also in honour of the Marquis of Bath, on whom the freedom of the City of Bath was bestowed a few days earlier. This is the first peal on the bells.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, June 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

HAROLD G. SMITH ...	*Treble*	ALBERT CRAWLEY	4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ...	2	HARRY PARKER	5
*DAVID SMITH	3	HARRY HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. HOWARD.

* First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Western District of the Herts County Association had a very enjoyable meeting at Tring, on Saturday, June 8th, members and friends attending from Southgate, Walthamstow, Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, Harpenden, Berkhampsted, Totternhoe, Cookham, Linslade, and Tring. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and during the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, and 'Leverstock Green Surprise.'

Through a clerical misunderstanding, no service was held. Tea was partaken at the Chequers Cafe, and at the close the Vicar, Rev. T. V. Garnier, attended and took the chair at the business meeting.

Apsley End was selected for the place of next meeting, to be held on July 6th for the convenience of the secretary. One new member, unattached, was elected.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Reeves for his trouble over this meeting.

The ringers then adjourned for a further pull on the bells until about 8 p.m., when the back six were lowered in peal. Then ended another pleasant meeting, although there were other 'meetings' afterwards.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION.

A successful quarterly meeting was held at Petworth on Saturday, May 18th, when between 40 and 50 members, their wives and friends, attended from Billingshurst, Heene, Pulborough, Warnham, West Tarring, Kirdford, Rudgwick, Rogate, Wisborough Green, Guildford, Portsmouth and Swindon. Standard methods were practised till five o'clock, when the company made their way to the Iron Room, where they were supplied with an excellent meat tea by Mr. Knight.

At the business meeting, with Mr. W. Charman presiding, two new members were elected, A. Ponsford (Rudgwick) and E. Etincap (Kirdford), and the new Wisborough Green band (Messrs. A. Cheesman, W. Ford, C. Farhall, A. Gumbrell, A. Gumbrell, jun., H. Hoar, O. King, E. Luxford, B. McDonald, D. Poat, W. Puttick, G. Randall, J. Richardson, R. Skinner and H. Woods).

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Rogate. After votes of thanks to the chairman and Rector for granting the use of the bells, the belfry was again visited. Wisborough Green bells being available, some of the company paid a visit there on their way home.

SUFFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Beckett, of Shipmeadow, at the age of 42, who passed away on Saturday, June 1st, after a long illness.

Until his illness he was regular ringer at Beccles and Bungay, and he took a very active part in the district in teaching beginners. Among his pupils was his daughter, Violet, who rang her first eight-bell peal at the age of 14.

At the funeral on June 4th, ringers from Beccles, Bungay, and Loddon attended, and, directly after, muffled touches were rung on the five bells at the adjoining Church of Barsham. In the evening half-muffled touches were rung at Bungay by a representative band from the district.

STALEY BELLS OPENED.

CHESTER GUILD AND LANCASHIRE RINGERS' BIG RALLY.

A combined meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild and the Lancashire Association was held at St. Paul's Church, Staley, on Saturday, June 15th, to celebrate the recasting and rehanging of the bells. Ringers turned up in good numbers, and the bells were set going early. Service was conducted jointly by the Vicar, Rev. B. B. Slater, and Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancs Association. The address was given by the Rev. C. A. Clements, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Taking his text from 2 Cor. vi. 1, 'We, then, as workers together with God,' the preacher said that all had their work to do, and all must bear their part if they desired to do their duty. The duty of ringers was to ring the bells, and to see that they fitted themselves to give the best service possible. They were acting in a position of great responsibility, and that brought with it great opportunity. The bells conveyed a great message. They were not calling people to hear a sermon, or to hear lovely music from the organ and choir, but were calling all to the service of God. They must, therefore, put their very best into that call, as only the best was good enough. Why had the people of Staley spent so much money to obtain such beautiful bells as they had heard that day? It was simply because they recognised that the old bells were not worthy of the service of God, and they, as ringers, must keep before them the knowledge that nothing but their best is good enough.

Tea followed in the schools, and over one hundred sat down and enjoyed an excellent meal. The Vicar, in welcoming all to Staley, reminded the ringers that when they were there on the last occasion, a little over a year ago, he said he hoped they would find a great improvement in the bells on their next visit. That hope had now been fulfilled, and he had been assured by all who had heard the new bells that they were a perfect peal.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston, in returning thanks to the Vicar and wardens for their kind welcome, said everything had been done to make the day enjoyable, and it was a real delight to be present.—Canon Elsee said that it was the first time he had attended a joint meeting between the two societies, but he hoped it would not be the last. They had had an enjoyable service, a most inspiring sermon, a good tea, and a very happy time together. He certainly agreed with everyone else that Staley had now a splendid peal of bells.

Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing the bell founders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, returned thanks for all the kind remarks that had been made about the new bells. He could assure them that they as founders had put everything of the best into the job, as they realised that only the best was good enough.

Mr. T. Wilde thanked the local ringers and their lady friends for all they had done to make the day such a success. It was a pleasure to arrange a meeting when the local people gave such ready assistance as they had done that day.

Members then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major until nine o'clock.

The bells, which have been recast and rehung in a new steel frame, with ball bearings and all the latest fittings, are 'a perfect Taylor job.' They are indeed a glorious peal with a tenor 18 cwt. 24 lb. in E. They now only require the louvres in the tower to be treated, to control the sound in the immediate neighbourhood, and this is to be done at once.

Ringers present besides those already mentioned included Mr. E. W. Elwell, hon. secretary Chester Diocesan Guild; Mr. W. H. Shuker, hon. secretary, Lancashire Association; and others from as far afield as Rotherham, Sheffield, Greenfield, Bolton, Frodsham, Warrington, Walkden, Oldham, Middleton, etc., while almost all the towers in the Stockport and Manchester Branches were represented.

Many went to have a ring at Holy Trinity Church, where there is another fine ring of eight by Taylor and Co., which were installed about three years ago. The two churches are about a mile apart, and that Stalybridge is indeed now in possession of two perfect octaves of bells is the opinion of all who were present. Many ringers are already looking forward to an opportunity of renewing the acquaintance.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Monday evening, June 17th, at Holy Trinity Church, Cirencester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 1, F. J. Lewis, jun. (age 15), 2, H. L. Cook 3, A. V. Bond 4, H. C. Bond 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward 7, F. Edwards 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of 2nd and 3rd. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frank Waters, son of Mr. J. E. Waters, a greatly-respected member of the local band, who is also a chorister at Holy Trinity Church. Mr. Waters very kindly entertained the ringers after the quarter-peal.

SPLICED MINOR ON HANDBELLS.

On Thursday, June 13th, at 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, 720 Spliced Fulbeck Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Double Bob and Reverse Bob Minor: J. A. Trollope 1-2, W. G. Wilson 3-4, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 5-6. First 720 in five methods by all.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN RINGERS' OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT NEW ZEALAND CARILLON.

By kind invitation of the proprietors of the 'Newcastle Evening Chronicle' and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and, in fact, all ringers are asked to inspect the Wellington (New Zealand) carillon now installed in the North-East Coast Exhibition, on Saturday, July 13th, at 2.30.

A special demonstration on these magnificent bells will be given by Mr. Clifford E. Ball, Mus.Bac., by courtesy of Messrs. Cadbury, of Bournville.

Tea will be provided in Carrick's Pavilion in the Exhibition Grounds, at 5 p.m., where the ringers will be welcomed by their kindly hosts, as well as by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle (Cclr. A. W. Lambert, M.C.), and the Assistant Bishop of Newcastle, Dr. Cecil J. Wood. Each ringer may be accompanied by one lady.

At 8.30 p.m. all are invited to assemble at the 'Chronicle' Hall, Pudding Chase, Westgate Road, for a musical evening.

Admission to the Pavilion will be by ticket only, which must be applied for before July 6th, to Mr. G. S. Taylor, hon. secretary of the association, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland, giving the names of all those wishing to be present.

A DESERVING CASE.

APPEAL FOR AN ECKINGTON RINGER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Knowing the generosity of ringers in general, and quite unknown to the man concerned, I should like to make an appeal for a little timely help on behalf of Mr. Alfred West, of Eckington, near Sheffield.

Briefly, his case is this: Following a serious accident in the mine some years ago, which almost totally incapacitated him, his health has given way generally, and now consumption has him in its deadly grip. The compensation pay he receives is inadequate to meet the requirements of a growing young family, together with those of older ones who are not in regular employment.

Mr. West has been a Sunday service ringer for nearly forty years, but never cared for peal ringing on his own part. As a steeplekeeper, however, he excels, and our bells are in 'the pink of condition' owing to his efforts. A short time ago he quietly intimated that he felt his end was drawing near, and was endeavouring to get his beloved bells in good order before he left us for ever. Hence my appeal.

Any help given by your readers will be gratefully accepted, and should be sent to our Ringing Master, Mr. T. A. Howes-Smith, Solicitor, The Yews, Eckington, and will be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

P. JERVIS.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S WELCOME TO HOUNSLOW.

A meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held at St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, on Saturday, June 15th. The bells, which are a light and tuneful peal of 8¾ cwt., by Warner, were raised soon after three o'clock, and were set going to changes, under the supervision of the District Master, Mr. H. Mance. During the afternoon and evening some 35 members and friends rang touches in various methods, including London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich, whilst the standard methods and the beginners were not forgotten. A feature of the ringing was the striking, not always too good at meetings. A party of 25 betook themselves to the house of Mr. Gash (verger), where tea had perforce to be taken in two 'shifts' or 'round blocks,' the waiting crew beguiling the time with 'Freddy's' famous handbells.

The business meeting followed, at which one hon. member, Rev. Hugh Eyton Jones (Vicar) and one ordinary member were elected.

There were no abstruse problems before the meeting this time, so the routine was quickly disposed of, and the tower was re-visited. The Vicar ascended to the ringing chamber and offered prayer, and a hearty welcome to the association. Ringing concluded at eight o'clock, and the company then adjourned to 'another place,' where the handbells were brought into use for both change and tune ringing. Messrs. Goddard, Tricker and Ellingham delighted the audience with their tunes, whilst Mr. Geo. Cross and others were able to bring off a course of Double Norwich. Successful attempts were made by novices at Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Caters and Bob Major, not the least overjoyed being the novices themselves.

During the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his attendance and the use of the bells; to Mr. and Mrs. Gash and helpers for providing and serving the tea; to the local men for the welcome extended to the association, the name of Mr. Charles Tricker looming large in this direction. How fortunate for a secretary to have a man on the spot who will so willingly help! It is worthy of mention that the meeting was attended by both young and old in the persons of Mr. Tom Beadle, of Isleworth, and Little 'Dick' Deal, of East Ham, complete with parents.

FUNERAL OF THE REV. M. KELLY.

The beautifully-kept little church in the picturesque grounds of the Kelly estate was crowded with a representative gathering on Wednesday week, when the funeral took place of the Rev. Maitland Kelly. All classes assembled to pay their last tribute of respect, and among the officiating clergy was the Rev. E. S. Powell, who succeeded Mr. Kelly as president of the Devon Guild. The Guild was represented in addition by Mr. T. Laver (general secretary), Rev. Hugh Pigot, chairman of the North Devon Branch, Rev. G. E. F. Molineux, chairman of North-East Branch, and Miss Hanson, secretary, Rev. E. V. Cox (Exmouth), Mrs. Powell, Mr. E. W. Marsh, secretary, South-Western District, and Mr. W. H. Marsh, chairman.

The Guild, the Exeter Cathedral band, the Kelly ringers, and two old ringing friends (F. J. Davey and T. Laver) were among those who sent wreaths.

The bells of Kelly Church were rung muffled before the funeral, and were unmuffled afterwards, and at many Devon churches parting tributes were also paid by the ringers.

At Paignton, Devon, on Wednesday, June 19th, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 58 mins.: F. Allwood 1, J. Huxley 2, C. R. Walker 3, T. S. Collings 4, C. F. Austin 5, F. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole (conductor) 7, C. Boyce 8.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING RINGER.

On Tuesday evening, June 18th, a pleasant evening took place in the Parish Hall, Heighington, near Darlington, the occasion being the presentation of a chiming clock in rosewood case to Mr. T. Ranson, who has been a ringer at St. Michael's Church for 45 years, and has just retired. The Vicar of Heighington presided, and was supported by Major H. S. B. Surtees, of Redworth Hall, the Vicar of Staindrop (Rev. H. S. C. Spurrier) and others. Major Surtees handed over the gift, which had been subscribed to by the villagers and friends.

During the proceedings two courses of Stedman Triples were rung by ringers from Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, on their handbells, viz.: W. H. Porter 1-2, W. N. Park 3-4, G. W. Park 5-6, Roland Park 7-8.

Touches of London Surprise Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were also rung on the church bells before and after the ceremony by Messrs. W. H. Porter, G. W. Park, W. N. Park, Roland Park, R. W. Gay, W. Oliver, and J. T. Titt, of Holy Trinity, and Mr. T. Clark, of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACON HOWSON HONOURED.

The very successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch held at Sefton was arranged to honour the Venerable Archdeacon Howson, and about sixty members and friends attended, including several of the senior members of the association. Sefton is an old-world village, and the church is an ancient and magnificent one. The bells were set going soon after 3 p.m., and kept busy until 5.30 p.m., when the service was taken by the Archdeacon, and Mr. George Lunt presided at the organ. After the service all adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a sumptuous tea had been provided by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Wells). The usual business meeting followed, and was speedily carried through.

At the conclusion the Branch Secretary moved a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his long and valued service to the Branch in particular, and ringing in general. He added that the members desired to show their appreciation in a more permanent form than by formally moving votes of thanks, and he asked Archdeacon Howson to accept the inscribed oak Westminster chiming clock with the good wishes of the members.

Mr. Geo. R. Newton added his testimony to the services of the Archdeacon, and reminded the members of the many ways in which he had helped the Branch.

In reply, the Archdeacon expressed his great surprise, and although he disapproved of such things as testimonials, he very feelingly and sincerely thanked the members for their kind thoughts.

An interesting item of the ringing part of the meeting was referred to—that of a touch of Bob Minor rung by six of the senior members present, their average age being 71§ years.

The meeting will long be remembered as one of the best and happiest gatherings of the Branch.

DISAPPOINTED VISITOR TO HEREFORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I be allowed to reply to Mr. Mears' letter in your columns of June 14th, and to say that we all regret his disappointment on Whit Monday in not being able to get up to the Cathedral tower at Hereford. I am afraid Mr. Mears must have been a late-comer, as there was someone on the door at the west end until 7.15. The authorities are very strict upon having doors locked at 6 p.m. We shall look forward to seeing Mr. Mears at some future time.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. George Middleton, who has been elected Labour M.P. for Carlisle, was formally a ringer at Christ Church, Crewe. Mr. R. T. Holding informs us that in 1902 Mr. Middleton took part in several touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples. He resigned from the tower owing to the irregular hours he had to work in the Post Office.

Mr. Edwin Shepherd, of Exeter, completed on June 6th 50 years as a member of the Devon Guild and of St. Sidwell's Society.

Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn has given up his appointment as a representative of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and has resumed his practice as an architect at 29, Station Road, Rickmansworth.

Mr. Joseph Potter, who has resided for many years in the United States, is now on a visit to England, and on Saturday rang with the Lancashire Association his first peal for 23 years.

The ringers, as well as the Church Council, of Cadeleigh, a Devon village near Tiverton, have resigned as a protest against an appointment to the incumbency made by the Bishop of Exeter, after the patroness of the living had offered it to the former curate of the parish.

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

At the dedication of All Saints' Church, Poplar, on July 3rd, 1823, the Cumberland Youths rang the first peal (Grandsire Caters) on the bells.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

WHAT RINGERS CAN DO.

Sunday, July 7th, has been fixed as the Day of Thanksgiving for the King's recovery.

It is a day when the church bells throughout the country should play a special part in the national rejoicing, and an effort should be made at every church with a ring of bells to mark the occasion in some special way. Not only should the bells be rung before the thanksgiving service, and the other customary services, but, as suggested in our columns recently by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, something should be done to distinguish the proceedings from those observed on an ordinary Sunday, such as ringing in the early morning where it is practicable, or at the conclusion of the Thanksgiving Service. Also, as Mr. Edwards remarked, there may even be an opening in the special form for ringing a few rounds at a central point in the service itself.

Doubtless there will, in addition, be many peals rung in connection with the Thanksgiving, and it is hoped by the Central Council to lay before His Majesty, with an appropriate letter of congratulation, particulars of the part which ringers in this country play in connection with the national expression of joy.

HATFIELD'S NEW BELLS DEDICATED.

The two new bells, the gift of the Bishop of Exeter and Lady Florence Cecil to St. Etheldreda's Church, Hatfield, were dedicated on Thursday, June 20th, before a large congregation. Prior to the service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the local society of ringers. The service was conducted by the Bishop, assisted by the Rector of Hatfield (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus). In his address the Bishop explained that the bells were erected in memory of his son, Capt. Rupert Edward Gascoyne Cecil, who was an enthusiastic member of the Hatfield Guild of College Youths, and whose wish it was the two bells should be given. The ceremony was well attended by ringers from St. Albans, Hertford, Baldock, Harpenden, North Mimms, and Essenden, and after the service touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal and Bob Major were rung.

The quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major previous to the service was rung by the following: A. Shepherd 1, G. Austin 2, R. Richardson 3, J. Shepherd 4, L. Shepherd 5, D. W. Richardson 6, J. G. Dunham 7, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 8.

The new bells were cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

ISLE OF WIGHT FIVE BELL TOWERS.

An interesting and most successful bye-practice meeting was held in the Island on Saturday last, when three somewhat secluded five-bell towers, viz., Chale, Shorwell and Brighstone, situated in the southern part of the Island, were visited by Island members of the Guild, many of whom had their first pull on these bells. The attendance was most gratifying to those who suggested and arranged the meeting. Chale tower was first visited, and good use was made of the bells, the frame of which has a blank space in readiness for an additional bell. At tea, Dr. J. B. Williamson voiced thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, also to the foreman, Mr. H. Chiverton, whom he proposed as a member of the Guild. This was seconded by Mr. B. J. Snow (district secretary), and carried.

A move was then made to Shorwell, where the party was met and welcomed by the Vicar and local ringers, and several touches in various five-bell methods were scored. Brighstone tower was reached rather later than the scheduled time, but, thanks to Mr. Creeth, the bells were in readiness and were soon set going, and many good touches were rung. This will not be the last five-bell practice meeting to be held in the Island, especially if the doctor has his way again in the matter.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 394.)

BROADCASTING.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, reporting for the Broadcasting Committee, said that, as most of the Council knew, the talk on bellringing was given on September 19th, and he had received reports on it from personal friends in different parts of the country, saying that it came through very clearly, and the sound of the handbells was perfect. Undoubtedly, the broadcast had done a certain amount of good. It required a great deal of labour and time in preparation, owing to the fact that everything had to be done in a quarter of an hour. He was gratified to find that he so far succeeded in meeting the conditions that when they had a rehearsal in the belfry of St. Clement Danes—and they had to thank the Rev. Penington Bickford for the use of the handbells—they got through the lecture, with the illustrations, in 14½ mins. Actually at the studio the announcer took up a few moments, and they, therefore, overran the time a little, but the announcer in charge allowed them a little extra time, so that the course of Stedman Triples at the end might be finished. Mr. Edwards quoted from one of the letters he had received from a correspondent at Laughton, near Sheffield, which said that the talk had led to a band being formed, and the belfry invaded, to the delight of the Vicar. The bells were rung at Christmas, a thing which even the sexton, who had been there for 50 years, could not remember having happened before. There were three bells (laughter), and six ringers, and a splendid enthusiasm in the district, and it was now hoped to augment the bells (applause). Mr. Edwards added that the broadcast was almost worth giving for that one result.

The President said the Exercise at large was grateful to Mr. Edwards for all the trouble he took over the broadcast and the rehearsals. They were also grateful to the band of ringers who demonstrated with the handbells. He knew that the talk stirred up a good deal of enthusiasm and delighted many people in many parts of England.

Mr. T. H. Beams asked if they were going to have any repetition of the lecture.

The Hon. Secretary: Nothing has been arranged. Having 'made a hole in the ice,' we may, perhaps, be able to do something in the future, after allowing a suitable interval.

The report was adopted.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

The Council next came to the various resolutions on the agenda, the first of which, 'No. 7,' was, 'That this Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any composition in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders respectively before beginning the next 720 or 120.' It was moved by Mr. R. Whittington, who said that in the year 1911-12 the Council passed this resolution: 'That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, the bells striking round only once at the end of each and immediately going into the next.' The object of the resolution now before the Council was, he said, to ask them to confirm that decision, and to say that peals of Minor and peals of Doubles must conform to those conditions.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, who seconded, said they did not want someone to come along later on and say that the Council did not mean what it said by the motion. What they intended was that in Doubles they should start the 120 changes from rounds and should finish at rounds; and the same with Minor, that they should start from rounds and finish with rounds, 'and have none of this "jiggery-pokery"' (laughter). They wanted to have things clear this time (hear, hear).

Rev. E. S. Powell suggested that Mr. Whittington should alter his resolution to read: 'That each 720 shall be true in itself and shall begin from and end with rounds,' and in similar terms with regard to Doubles. He sympathised with Mr. Pulling, because when he read the first resolution he thought they might try to drag in the Bankes James composition.

Mr. J. Hunt said the resolution carried at Hereford was the starting-point of this discussion, and Mr. Law James added fuel to the fire by saying that the resolution at Hereford implied seven different 720's as being required for a peal of Minor. He (Mr. Hunt) disagreed. It was never intended that a peal should consist of seven different compositions. That would be a great penalty on the six-bell men. There were plenty of men in that room who could call a peal of Stedman Triples or a peal of London from a non-observation bell, but there were a great many in the Exercise in the country districts who could not call 720 or even 120 from a non-observation bell. Last year Mr. Powell wanted to say that ten different 120's should be called in a peal of Doubles. He would like to ask Mr. Powell how many towers there were in his own county of Devon where there were men to call such a peal. To insist on seven different 720's they would be penalising the ringers, and instead of making ringing progress they would be putting a brake on.

Rev. E. S. Powell said the amendment he had got was to the effect 'that this Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any composition in which the 720's or 120's were not true and complete and which did not start from and end with rounds.' He would certainly prefer that to the motion as it stood, but if the amendment were carried he should much hope it would be defeated as a substantive motion. Muddled as the position was at the present time, he felt very strongly that the Council had better have things as they were with the Hereford motion, to see what happened and bring the thing forward in a year or two's time. At present they had not sufficient knowledge to affirm what was false and what was true.

Mr. F. W. Perrins seconded the amendment.

Rev. H. Law James said he took it the amendment brought out exactly what the proposer and seconder meant, but what the proposer and seconder said would have included the Bankes James Cambridge and would have excluded everything else. He took it they wanted to rule out everything except 720's which began and ended with rounds.

Several members: Yes.

Mr. James asked the members to imagine on the clock face in the room six rows of figures, spaced at ten-minute intervals. The first row was 1234, with the others in the following order round the dial: 1324, 1342, 1432, 1423, and 1243. If they read the rows from 1234 in either direction they would come back again to 1234. They thus had the whole six in one natural round block. How many times did rounds appear in these six rows? Once only. The fact was, there was a great deal of confusion arising in this matter simply and solely because when they wrote their peals and touches and courses they wrote 123456 at the top, went to the bottom and wrote it at the end. They wrote it twice, but if they wrote it round the clock face they would see that all this talk about beginning and ending with rounds amounted to nothing. There were six rows and there were six changes. Rounds at the end was the rounds at the beginning. If it was a repetition it was false, and it was either a repetition or it was not a repetition. Strictly speaking, it was not a repetition; it was the same thing. The whole thing was a round block, and they came back exactly to where they started.

Mr. W. Willson: Will you explain how, in your brother's Cambridge, in which the last change of the 720 is a bob change, and the bob is not made until the backstroke lead of the treble, that backstroke lead can be the first row of the next 720? The effect is not between the treble rows but at the backstroke of the treble, which proves that the full treble lead should be included.

Mr. James said according to Mr. Willson's idea rounds at the beginning and rounds at the end were counted as two rows instead of one, and if they counted them as Mr. Willson wanted to count them they would ring rounds not eight times but fifteen times in a peal.

Mr. T. Faulkner: Rounds at the beginning is only to steady the bells.

Mr. W. A. Cave: Would a peal, or 120, or 720 be legal if we had no rounds at all at the beginning? If we started off 214365 and rang to the end, would that be a 720? ('No.') Rounds at the start is only a preliminary. I maintain that 214365 is the first change, and 123456 is the last for all practical ringers.

Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: If you started off straight into a method without any preliminary rounds, there would not be 720 changes, because the first would not be a change. When you have your preliminary rounds and start into changes, then the first row of the method is the first change. If you started without preliminary rounds you would not change from anything, and the first row would not be a change at all.

Mr. Coles asked if the amendment meant that each 720 or 120 was to start from and end with rounds. He had been trying all day to get at this point, whether these 720's were to be treated as separate peals or one whole peal of seven 720's. Until they settled that point they would get no further with this motion.

Mr. Whittington said he was prepared to accept Mr. Powell's amendment, and Mr. Pulling, as seconder, also agreed.

Mr. Trollope said he wanted to make it clear that those who voted for what was now the resolution would quite certainly vote for the exclusion of the Bankes James Cambridge. He knew there were a lot of people there who wanted to preserve the Bankes James Cambridge; if they voted for that resolution it ruled it out. He suggested that the best thing they could do was for both the amendment and the resolution to be withdrawn and let them leave the question for a little while. The discussion that day had proved that there was a great deal of difference of opinion, and, whatever resolution they passed, this division would remain. Would it not be better, therefore, to leave the matter as it now stood with the Hereford resolution. It would have to be amended, but it was enough to go on with. Let them leave it and see whether the six-bell ringers wanted this Cambridge Minor. With all respect to the Council, the final judgment did not rest with them; it rested with the Exercise at large.

Mr. Willson: I move the closure. There is always this red herring drawn across the trail.

Mr. Trollope said the final judgment must be with the six-bell ringers, and if the six-bell ringers continued to ring this arrangement of Cambridge Minor it would be weighty proof that there was something in it. The Council ought not at this time to turn it down.

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SUGGESTED DEFINITION OF A PEAL OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The numerous letters and articles in your paper on the subject of peals of Minor have got me so mixed up that I hardly know how to start.

I have lately looked through a book called 'Rules and Decisions of the Council and an account of its work.' I can only think that the copy I have is either 'hopelessly false' and out of date, or that members of the Council, who occupy so much of your space in pouring out their wandering and complicated thoughts, have not read, marked, learned and inwardly digested it.

Will somebody please tell me if the following resolution, which appears in this book still stands good, or has it been overruled or repealed by the Council or lost by the Methods Committee: 'That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, the bells striking round only once at the end of each and immediately going into the next. A peal may be lengthened, etc.' (1911-12.)

I believe that another resolution on the subject has since been passed, but it is not in the book which I have, and I cannot remember its exact wording, but so far as I know it only amplified the resolution quoted above, and was not intended to be in substitution for it.

Much as it may be regretted, the Bankes James Cambridge is not, and never has been, a peal which could be recognised by the Council. The first so-called 720 does not end with rounds. It may be intended to start with rounds, but no amount of argument will convince anyone with the slightest amount of intelligence that this is the same thing as ending with rounds.

I know nothing about the merits or otherwise of various callings of Doubles. Before the Hereford resolution there appears to have been no decision as to what constituted a peal of Doubles. At any rate, there is nothing about them in the book I have.

I have spoken to quite a number of six-bell ringers about Bankes James' composition. What of their opinions? They all seem generally agreed that this composition is more worthy of being called a peal of Surprise Minor than a peal consisting of seven 720's of Cambridge with the tenor called W.H.W. in each one.

And what of the opinions of the members of the Central Council? By whose authority can they say what or what shall not constitute a peal of Minor? How many of them are Minor ringers? I do not think it would be hard to find among them a few, at any rate, who cannot ring Cambridge Minor, who have never seen the figures of Bankes James' composition, who do not know what is the effect of calling five consecutive bobs in the method, or who could call the composition if they had the figures.

The only fair way of dealing with the matter is to let those who are regularly ringing the method decide, and I should like to know if there are among your readers ringers sufficiently interested in the subject to use their best endeavours to persuade their respective societies to send representatives to the Central Council pledged to support a proposition in favour of a rule in the form of enclosed draft.

Although this may not be 'bullet proof,' it is certainly far more definite than any of the vague resolutions which have previously been proposed or passed.

Any society interested in peals of Doubles can easily arrange to have placed before the Council a resolution as to them framed from the enclosed draft.

By the way, has any band ever rung a 5,040 of Minor with a covering bell or bells? If they have, let them read the Decisions of the Central Council and then say if they are entitled to claim it as a peal.—Yours faithfully,

'G. L. GROVER.

East Clandon, Surrey.

The draft definition of a peal of Minor, which is sent by Mr. Grover, is as follows:—

'A peal of Minor (whether Plain, Treble Bob, Surprise or Mixed) shall consist of not less than seven extents comprising 5,040 changes. A peal may be increased beyond 5,040 changes by the addition of any number of extents and/or a touch. The extents shall be rung consecutively without other ringing or a cessation of ringing between any of them. The touch (if any) shall follow the last extent without other ringing or a cessation of ringing between the extent and the touch.

'For the purpose of this rule—

'(1) An extent shall consist of 720 different changes rung consecutively and without other ringing or a cessation of ringing between any of them, and shall start by changing from backstroke rounds to the handstroke change and finish by changing from the handstroke change to the backstroke rounds.

'(2) A touch shall consist of any number of different changes less than an extent and shall commence and finish in the same manner as an extent, and its changes shall be rung in the same manner as those of an extent.

'One method or any number of methods may be used to produce an extent or a touch.

'The calling of one extent may be the same as the calling of any other extent, and the calling of a concluding touch may be similar to the calling of any extent in a peal.

'**Notwithstanding** anything in this rule contained the composition of Cambridge Surprise Minor known as the Rev. Bankes James peal shall for all purposes be deemed a peal and always to have been a peal of Surprise Minor.'

THE COUNCIL AND THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. C. T. Coles has broken out again. He says: 'This at the behest of members who could not back up such a proposition by a single sound argument' (the assertion that the 120's and 720 are false), and adds: 'When we ring the Bankes James Cambridge Minor . . . we ring 720 changes each seven times, **excluding rounds at the beginning, but including rounds at the end.**'

If he is not wrongly reported, he condemns himself, for in the Cambridge Minor the exact reverse is claimed. It is claimed that the rounds rung before you go off must be included, otherwise the last change of the orthodox 720 repeats in each instance.

Mr. Coles and the Methods Committee can have it which way they like, but they cannot have it both ways. In a nutshell, if rounds are included at the beginning, you cannot come back into rounds again without a repetition. Is that clear?

If rounds are **excluded** at the beginning, and **included** (per Mr. C. T. Coles) at the **end**, then each of the six 720's are false, the last change of each repeating with a plain lead previously. Now, which way will they have it? Is that plain enough?

To say that there are no more false changes in the block of 2,160 than there would have been had the 720's been kept intact, is no excuse. I am quite aware of all the Cambridge virtues, and said so at the Council meeting, but the cold fact remains that there are 719 true changes, and the 720th is used as the **first** of the next 720. This means that the last change of a 5,040 must be at handstroke, **and it must not be rounds.**

Here is an argument—sound or otherwise, according to ability to digest it. If every bob in a touch or peal is necessary to complete the said touch or peal, then the backstroke of the treble lead is necessary, for in Cambridge the Bob is made at the backstroke change of the treble lead, proving, I think, the absolute necessity of including that change in the 720, which is fatal to the six 720's of Bankes James composition. (The seventh is not his.)

If Mr. Coles will write out any of the 'mixed Doubles' he can play tennis with the false changes. Just draw a line at the 120th change, and in the words of the jazz poet, 'anyone can see with only half an eye.'

Mr. Trollope in his letter describes me as 'Mr. Willson and his stick-in-the-muds.' I am not opposed to progress of any kind, but I am conscious that there are many things worth conserving, and which you cannot improve upon. There is very little virgin soil to dig in these days, and I see no true progress in adulterating the erstwhile genuine goods, to make more of them.

W. WILLSON.

P.S.—From 'Rules and Decisions,' Central Council: 'Practical ringing. On all numbers of bells, a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds,' 1898 and following years, repeated 1902.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Sunday evening, June 16th, at the Parish Church, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. M. Heathcote (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Bettison (conductor) 2, J. Ginever 3, E. Wilson 4, C. Beckley 5, C. J. Partridge 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Heathcote, mother of the ringer of treble, who was interred in the churchyard on the previous Friday. The deceased lady was very well known and respected locally. She was also very interested in and fond of listening to the bells.

At St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on June 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 55 mins.: F. Collins 1, Miss I. B. Thompson 2, A. Goodwin 3, A. Coppock 4, L. Clay 5, F. Turner 6, D. Vincent (conductor) 7, F. Blood 8. Rung half-muffled in respect to the late Lady Dainsfort, mother of the Vicar.

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Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed as an amendment that in view of the fact that the practices affected by this resolution were at present in an entirely experimental stage, further consideration be deferred until a future meeting.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded, and said the question of seven 720's constituting one peal was the crux of the whole matter, which people must bear in mind.

Rev. H. Law James: If you vote for this resolution as it stands are you prepared first of all to cross out from every peal book in the country the peals of Cambridge Minor that have been rung with my brother's arrangement? ('No,' and Mr. Pulling: They have been rung before this resolution.) Is the Yorkshire Association prepared to cross out the 9,119 extent of Treble Bob Major with the tenors together, and in which Jasper Snowdon rang? Logically, they ought to, because, after all said and done, what is sauce for six-bell gander is sauce for the eight-bell goose.

The amendment to postpone consideration of the question, on being put, was declared carried by 34 or 35 votes to 24. It was then put as a substantive motion and carried.

(To be continued.)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH AT MILTON ABBEY.

The summer meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held on Saturday week, when Milton Abbey was revisited after several years. To show the popularity of this remarkable place, over 100 ringers and friends met and joined in the service at the Abbey. Those ringers who were making their first visit to the Abbey (after an enjoyable motor drive from Bournemouth and Weymouth, picking up en route in three coaches), entered by the Milbourne Road, which sinks into a wooded glen and comes out on the Abbey Road, and their first impression was one of amazement. The place breaks unexpectedly on the view, and being at a height, the scene, looking down on the lake and the silver scenery all around the Abbey grounds, is indeed a sight worth visiting. The Abbey comes into view between the trees and makes a fine picture. The building stands in the great wooded park in the centre of Dorset. It is a superb Gothic structure, with an elaborate tower, many beautiful windows, and exquisite flying buttresses. It is of Saxon foundation. King Athelstan, the religious and warlike grandson of Alfred the Great, founded the Monastery of Milton in the year 938, as a thanksgiving to God for a remarkable revelation which he received on Milton Hill, and which told him he would conquer his many enemies and become King of England. Much more might be written, but enough has been said to show that the Abbey Church of Milton is not one of the least noteworthy and interesting of the great abbeys of Britain.

The first stop en route to Milton was made to Bere Regis (Kingsbere), where the fine peal of six (in D) was rung to Minor and Doubles. This halt gave the visitors the opportunity of looking round the church, made famous in Hardy's novel, 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles.' The bells at the Abbey are a light peal of eight (but very noisy in the ringing chamber). They were available from 2.30, and were rung up to 4.30, when service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. J. Ellwood), who gave the members a most hearty welcome. At the conclusion of the service he kindly conducted them round the Abbey. Subsequently tea was partaken of at the Hambro Arms, everything being laid out on the lawns for the large party. But alas, the poet's description of 'flaming June' was not realised, for by teatime the sunshine had all gone, and heavy clouds brought the rain, and consequently the meal had to be partaken indoors.

A short business meeting was held, at which 18 towers were represented, including a good number from the neighbouring Branch of Wimborne, and two ringers, Messrs. Chandler (Hereford) and J. A. Waught (Woodford).

In the absence of the chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes), the Master of the Guild (Rev. R. H. Gundry), presided, supported by Revs. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch), C. J. Ellwood and C. D. Job, and Col. and Mrs. H. D. Robson (West Lulworth). Apologies for absence were received from the president (Earl Shaftesbury), Ven. Archdeacon W. S. Moule, Messrs. R. N. Dawes (chairman), J. W. Smith (Dorchester), E. Hutchings (Abbotsbury), and A. Gray (Frampton).

The following members were elected: Mrs. H. D. Robson (honorary), Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association (life), and Mr. W. Dorey (ringing).—Wyke Regis having already been proposed for the next meeting, it was decided to hold this gathering on Saturday, July 27th.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman to the Vicar, the organist and blower (a noted ringer), and Mr. North, of the local band. The Secretary also thanked the Vicar for his kind assistance and for the use of the bells during the afternoon and evening, also the Rev. P. W. Taylor (Bere Regis), Rev. H. A. Caryl (Hilton), and Rev. Canon A. L. Helps (Puddletown). The business ended with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. Although it was still raining, the members motored through the park to Hilton and also to the Abbey, and rang several touches in the standard methods.

PRINCE OF WALES' BIRTHDAY.

For the Prince of Wales' birthday, on Sunday, June 23rd, 500 Spliced Trinles, being ten sections each of Stedman and Grandsire, was rung for morning service at Milverton, Somerset: R. Scott 1, H. Norman 2, W. Cross 3, C. Tarr 4, W. Knight 5, A. J. Andrews 6, A. Tout (conductor) 7, S. Sharland 8.

At Farnham, Surrey, 630 Grandsire Trinles: H. Burningham 1, C. Edwards 2, T. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, E. Clapshaw 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. Also 464 Bob Major by: H. Prior 1, J. Read 2, F. Kemp 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 5, C. Wells 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.

At St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on Sunday, June 23rd, in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. G. Miles (conductor) 1, J. A. Dart 2, P. L. Miles 3, E. E. Welham 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. Waddington 6, W. E. Judd 7, C. Warner 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, June 9th, before evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: R. C. Smith 1, H. J. Balcombe 2, H. Greenough 3, R. G. Rice 4, G. F. James (conductor) 5, B. Corderoy 6, A. T. Busby 7, H. Appleton 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MAYOR OF BEWDLEY'S GIFT OF SOUVENIRS.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch, held in the old-time borough of Bewdley, on Saturday, June 15th, brought together a good muster of ringers from all over the county. Good use was made of the bells in the afternoon, and service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Raymond Hollis), who, after extending a hearty welcome to the Branch, gave a very appropriate address.

Tea was served on the Rectory lawn, the members enjoying themselves in the beautiful surroundings. At the business meeting which followed, the Rector presided, and was supported by the Mayor and Mayoress of Bewdley (Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Frost), Mr. A. H. James (churchwarden), Mrs. James, Mr. C. Skidmore (Ringing Master, Northern Branch), Mr. S. Holt (Ringing Master, Western Branch), Mr. T. J. Salter and Mr. W. Short (Central Committee representatives), etc.

Apologies were received from Mr. A. E. Parsons, Old Hill, who attended the service in the church, but was unable to come to the tea and meeting, having only just recovered from a serious illness, Mr. R. Knowles (Ringing Master of the association), Dr. Miles and Canon M. S. Newland.

Several new members were added to the roll, including the Mayor of Bewdley, who became an hon. member. The Mayor thanked the members for his election. He said it was the first time he had ever been to a meeting of bellringers, but now that he was a member he should try to be a frequent visitor. He announced that if they cared to accept, he would be pleased to give each one present, as a memento of their visit to Bewdley, a souvenir in the shape of a cigarette ash tray with Bewdley Church and tower impressed in the centre.

Mr. T. Hemming moved, and Mr. H. G. Bird seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor for the kind thought which had prompted the gift.—The vote was carried with applause.

On the proposal of Mr. T. J. Salter, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Stone.

It was agreed to refer the question of instructors to the Central Committee.

The Secretary moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding at the meeting, for arranging the service, for the use of the bells, and for allowing the use of his beautiful grounds. He coupled with the vote the names of the Mayor and Mayoress for gracing the meeting by their presence.

The motion was carried with acclamation, and the Rector, in reply, said it had given him the greatest possible pleasure to have the association at Bewdley.

The Mayor also acknowledged the vote of thanks, and said it had been one of the most pleasant afternoons he had spent amid quite a happy family gathering.

Mr. T. Hemming moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Broad and the splendid band of lady helpers at the tea table, also to the lady organist.—This was carried unanimously, and the members then returned to the tower to enjoy further ringing, which closed a very happy gathering.

YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES FRATERNISE.

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern area of the Yorkshire Association was held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, and although the numbers fell short of expectations, about 30 being present, a very enjoyable time was spent. The towers represented were Ecclesfield, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints' and St. Marie's, Handsworth, Rawmarsh, Doncaster, Arksey, Tickhill, Treeton, Conisborough, Wortley, Rotherham, Norton, Staveley, Killamarsh, and Chesterfield. Tea was served in the Church Institute, and was favoured by the presence of the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Alton), who also took the chair at the business meeting, during the course of which he was elected an honorary member of the Yorkshire Association. Four resident ringers were elected, viz., Messrs. Shackleton, Smithson, Thorpe and Darby, all of All Saints', Sheffield. In addition, Messrs. McGuinness, Marcon and Carter, of Lincoln, and Mr. S. R. Roper, of Croydon, were elected out-county life members.

For the next quarterly meeting an invitation was given by the secretary to hold it at Arksey, near Doncaster, and this was accepted, the date to be October 19th, 1929.

Mr. S. F. Palmer gave a short account of the arrangements made to date for the annual Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, which is to be held in Sheffield on September 21st next. Votes of thanks to the Rector, to the ladies for their services at tea, and to the local company were heartily carried, and replied to by the Rector. It is hoped his appeal for help to teach his boys the science of change ringing will not be heard in vain.

A LEEDS BIRTHDAY.

On Sunday, May 12th, for evening service at Leeds Parish Church, six courses of Stedman Caters (648 changes) were rung in honour of one of the ringers, Mr. H. Lockwood, who celebrated his 71st birthday: J. A. Teale 1, J. Hutchinson 2, H. Lockwood 3, Redfearn 4, F. Renton 5, Jessop 6, F. Drake 7, G. Barraclough 8, V. E. Ash (conductor) 9, H. Smith 10.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS BRANCH PRACTICES.

In spite of counter attractions such as fishing, military manœuvres inside as well as outside the Branch, and regattas, an instructive practice took place in various standard methods at Old Windsor. One member succeeded in calling his first touch of Stedman, and still another man to 'turn in' tenors has been found. One of the ladies present also showed such affection for one bell that it was nearly presented to her.

Several weekly practices are now gradually being worked, and it is hoped that before many months are passed a definite and regular list of practices will be available for Branch members.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The summer meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 15th, when the following towers were represented: Brightwalton, Beedon, East Ilsley, Hampstead Norris, Highclere, Newbury, Shaw, Thatcham, Woolton Hill, and the Bucklebury ringers. Visitors were also present from Oxford, Abingdon, Reading, Englefield and Beenham. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. M. Thorp), who gave a very helpful address. Mr. G. Davis presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Victory Hall, when upwards of 50 sat down to an excellent tea.

The business meeting followed with the Rev. E. M. Thorp in the chair, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

A combined meeting with the Winchester Guild was fixed for Saturday, August 10th, at Newbury. The autumn meeting will be held at Peasemore on Saturday, September 7th.

The Rev. V. W. Peake, of Midgham, was elected an honorary member, and two new ringing members were also elected.

A sum of £5 was voted from the Branch funds to Thatcham tower towards recasting and rehanging the bells.

The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. M. Thorp for his address and welcome to the ringers, to Mrs. Davis for presiding at the organ, and also to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Blunden for providing the tea.—The motion was carried with applause, and the tower was then again visited, and some good touches rung, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT TOWERS OUT OF ACTION.

The Leatherhead District held a highly successful meeting at Newdigate on Saturday, when 33 members and friends from Dorking, Newdigate, Leatherhead, Capel, Cobham, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Charlwood, Warnham, Thames Ditton, and Rudgwick, made good use of the 12 bells available (six on either side of the road). Methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung, and also rounds for those not yet able to ring changes.

The Rector (the Rev. J. W. Ward) officiated at the service, and gave the address, before which he welcomed the members of the Guild to Newdigate. The address was straight to the point, and was appreciated by all. The service over, tea was partaken of at the Six Bells Inn, and over this the Rector presided. The tea was a most excellent repast, and went far towards making the meeting such a success.

At the succeeding business meeting, the Rector was in the chair. The election of Mr. W. H. Southeard, of Truro, as a compounding member prior to a peal attempt was confirmed, and one new member, Mr. F. Haseman, of Dorking, was also elected.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. R. Pink, then proposed the usual votes of thanks, which were seconded by Mr. Albert Harman (Ringing Master).—The Chairman made a witty speech in response.

At this point it was made known to the meeting that Capel bells were now declared to be unringable. The Rev. J. W. Ward promptly invited the Capel ringers to use his bells when they wished to. This generous offer was much appreciated by all the members, and they marked their appreciation in no uncertain manner. We could wish for such an incumbent as this in many other parishes, the names of which spring readily to mind. This district has now two of its twelve towers out of action, and others that can do with alteration. It would seem well to consult that friend of all ringers, the Archdeacon of Dorking, about the matter.

Following the meeting, some of the members returned to the tower for further ringing, and the bells were kept going till 9 p.m., when they were lowered in peal.

This concluded one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Leatherhead District. A.R.P.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8th, a very pleasant meeting of the Northern Division was held at Middleham, Wensleydale, when members from Aysgarth, Middleshrough and Thornaby were cordially welcomed by the Rev. T. Young (Rector). Several touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung on the bells. At the business meeting which followed tea, six new members were elected. A vote of thanks to the Rector and the local band was responded to by the Rector himself.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury branches will be held at Alderton (by special invitation of the Rev. A. D. Pennington) on Saturday, June 29th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. All welcome.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham, H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Stanmore bells available during evening.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3. Service in Cathedral 4. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant 5, followed by general meeting. Tea will be 1s. to those only who have paid their subscriptions; to others, 1s. 6d.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch in Rossendale on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Expecting a good muster of members and visiting ringers to be present. Subscriptions due. Reports and diagrams to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will take place at Epsom on Saturday, June 29th. St. Martin's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The first general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at Bakewell. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meet (important business) 4 p.m. in Schoolroom. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 p.m., in Wheatsheaf Hotel. It is hoped everyone possible will attend to support this first general meeting in the new Peak District.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, business meeting to follow (half fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. District Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An invitation meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at Brabourne, by kindness of the Rev. S. K. Lockyear. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. M. M. Vischer. Tea at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is looked for on this annual visit.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bardney (6), Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — District meeting, Saturday, June 29th, at Laverstoke. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. F. C. Sear, St. Mary Bourne Vicarage, Andover.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at March Parish Church on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) ready 3 o'clock, recently rehung by Taylor and Co. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome. A united gathering is hoped for.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for officers. — William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 3. — George Lambert, Drummond Hay, E. Grinstead.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Barkway on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. A postcard from persons requiring tea would be appreciated.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 4th and 18th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th, Southwark Cathedral on the 11th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 2nd.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The second quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (a new peal of 8 by Gillett and Johnston) will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business very important, including nominations for vice-president, treasurer, ringing secretary and Central Council representatives. Every member is expected to make an effort to attend. Other ringers and friends also welcome. — F. Hindle, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 6th at St. John's, Church, Cefn Coed. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Great Barr, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting until 8 p.m. Tea provided for all those letting me know by July 3rd.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Western District.—Next meeting, Apsley, July 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and service as usual. All welcome.—W. Ayre.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, Saturday, July 6th. Bells open early. For tea please advise Mr. F. Mortimer. The Cross, Ecclesfield, not later than July 4th. This is most important.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Summer Festival at Haslemere, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by meat tea (1s. 9d. per head) in the School Room. Chiddingfold bells (8) also available from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8.30 p.m., Godalming from 7 to 8.30 p.m. Those requiring tea notify Mr. R. Hayes, Inverary, Bridge Road, Haslemere, not later than July 2nd.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th, to celebrate the Jubilee of the Guild, when it is hoped that all members will make an effort to be present. Bells at Cathedral (12) and St. Maurice (6) available for ringing from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and again after service. Tea in Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, at 4 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5.15 p.m. Immediately after service the Master (Mr. G. Williams) will arrange for cars to convey ringers to the following towers, where the bells are available for ringing: Bishopstoke (8), Hursley (8), North Stoneham (8) and Twyford (8). Members intending to be present must notify me by Tuesday morning, July 2nd.—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Colne Engaine on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 3rd. Earls Colne bells (8) available during the evening.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, July 6th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice at Finchampstead, near Wokingham, Saturday, July 6th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will all who wish for tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 3rd?—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Netherseal (at the invitation of the Rector) on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to me by July 4th at latest. Special meeting at Lullington on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Good attendances requested at both meetings. Further particulars from John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) ready at 2.30. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, July 6th, by kind permission of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Knight. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify me on or before Thursday, July 4th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be provided at the Junior Schools at 5.30.—C. F. Bailey, 20. Haylings Road, Leiston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's) 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. A supply of 'Shearn' pamphlets is now available, and a further quantity of badges is being ordered. Numbers for tea, please, by July 1st.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Meetings for July: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, July 7th, at 10 a.m., Mondays, 1st (quarterly meeting) at 6.30 p.m., 15th and 29th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 9th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Beckenham on July 6th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) at the Parish Hall. Only business: Votes of thanks. Ringing after tea. May I beg you to send me a post card? It really does help.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting, and a six-bell contest, at Meltham on July 13th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. A tea will be provided, 1s. 6d. each, to all who send word not later than July 8th to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Suckley on Saturday, July 13th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea will be provided for members who notify Mr. Ranford, Suckley, by July 10th.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Business: Nominations for officers, also for Central Council representatives. Will those intending being present please notify the Rev. L. N. Forse, Tarleton Rectory, not later than July 10th?—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lyme Regis (8 bells) on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Reply to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.— A meeting will be held at Orsett on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at Whitmore Arms. Will those intending to be present advise the undersigned by Wednesday, July 10th?—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The next meeting will be held at Sandon on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Usual arrangements. Danbury bells (5) from 2 till 4 and after the meeting. Cheap tea to all who let me know not later than Wednesday, the 10th.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Longmeads Cottages, Writtle, Chelmsford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.— A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Cheap fares on the District Railways. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Battle Axes at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Saturday, July 13th. Service at 5, followed by tea in the Victoria Hall, at 1s. 6d. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. H. Crowe, Town End, near Doncaster, not later than Wednesday, July 10th. All ringers welcome. — A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

NAVENBY, LINCS.—The opening of the peal of six bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughbough, will take place on Monday, July 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher: Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, Vicar of St. Laurence, Reading. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets, 2s. each, to members who apply for same, with remittance, by

Tuesday, July 16th; 2s. 6d. on day of festival; 3s. to non-members. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund. I earnestly beg that all members who intend coming will send for tickets, as it will help easy working for organising officers and caterers. —Richard T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 16th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Sudbury on July 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m.: All Saints' (8), St. Gregory (8) and St. Peter (8). Tea at W. Suffolk Tea Rooms 4.30 p.m., 1s. each. Meeting follows. — Stedman Symonds, 78, Church Street, Lavenham; Walter Arnold, Earls Colne, Essex, Dis. Secs.

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