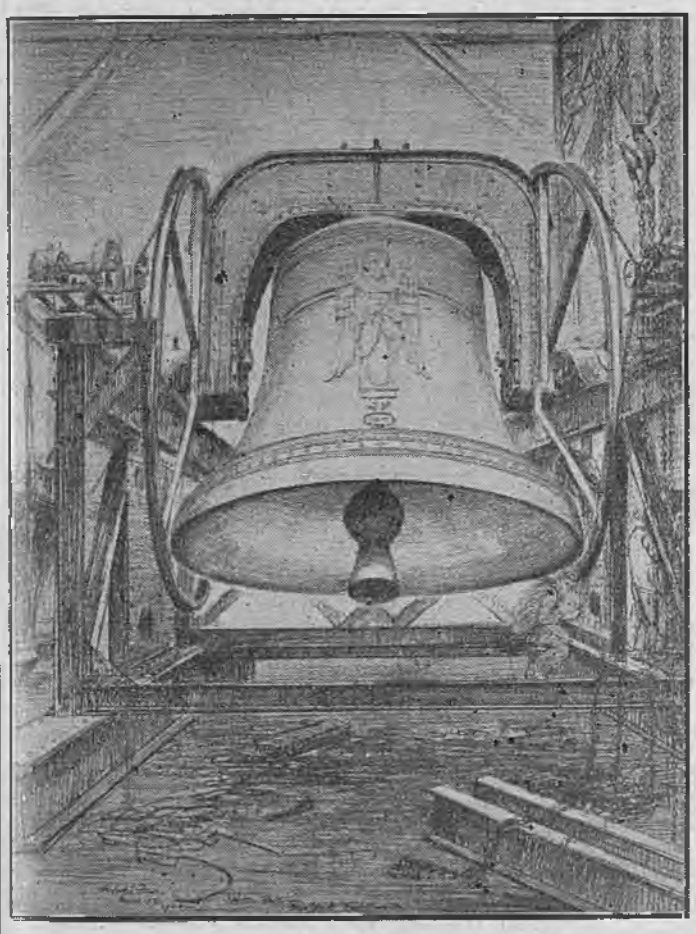
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S RULES.

A fortnight ago we said we hoped to be able shortly to put before our readers draft proposals for amending the rules of the Central Council, in order that those members of the Exercise, who are interested in the endeavour to place the Council on a firmer footing among ringers, may have something definite to consider. In this issue our contributor, who a few weeks since put forward some reasoned suggestions, submits his ideas in concrete form, side by side with the existing rules, so that complete comparison can be made.

It has to be remembered that at present the associations throughout the country are very loosely knit to the central body. There is the Council, to which any ringing society of over a certain membership may elect a limited number of members, and, in so doing, shall pay certain contributions. There the connection ends. The societies owe nothing in the shape of support or loyalty to the Council, the Council owes nothing whatever to the societies. That state of affairs may have been adequate when the Council was formed in 1891 and when, as the first President (Sir Arthur Heywood) put it, 'they had yet to make a position for themselves; and it depended upon the judgment with which their decisions were drawn up, whether the Council would come to be regarded as the final authority upon all Ringing matters.'

In the course of nearly forty years the position has changed. The Council, in the opinion of the majority of ringers, has justified itself as the central organisation of the Exercise, but it is generally recognised that its position, under its present constitution, is not as secure or as well defined as it ought to be. The Council, as the mouthpiece of the Exercise, should have all the weight of the associations and guilds behind it and it should be answerable to them for any actions it may take. At present, in theory, at any rate, associations, as such, have no voice in the deliberations of the Council; and, as such, they cannot bring recommendations to the Council. In this sense the Council is undemocratic, for the societies who 'pay the piper' cannot 'call the tune.'

Briefly, the suggestions made elsewhere by our contributor are that the basis of the Council shall consist of affiliated societies (instead of merely of the elected and honorary members), that these societies shall undertake to recognise the decisions of the Council, that the representative members shall be elected annually, instead of triennially, and that the Council shall officially report its decisions to the affiliated bodies. These proposals are put forward in definite terms, not that they shall necessarily be submitted in this or any other form to the Council for adoption, but

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to give ringers at their many meetings during the next six months the opportunity of talking over the subject with something before them which can be approved, amended, or rejected. In a genuine desire to get a full expression of opinion of the Exercise we invite all district and general secretaries to bring our contributor's proposals to the notice of their meetings and to send us for publication any decision taken in regard to them. In that way the views of ringers throughout the country may be made known, and at the right time suitable action taken, if there is any desire for it.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELTENHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES	*Treble*	FREDERICK JORDAN	7
*MISS AMY JOHNSON	2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON	8
JOHN HALL	3	*HAROLD F. MARTIN	9
JAMES HEMMING	4	*JOHN C. PERKINS	10
*ARTHUR J. TAYLOR	5	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	11
HERBERT JORDAN	6	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Maximus on the bells and of Bob Maximus by all the band and by the association. The conductor's 100th and Mr. J. Hall's 50th peal, respectively, for the association. The band wish to tender their warmest thanks to Mr. W. T. Pates, who so kindly obtained permission and had everything in readiness for the attempt.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5600 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN SPARROW	*Treble*	FRANK E. DARBY	6
FRANK JENNINGS	2	AMOS W. CLARK	7
RONALD H. BULLEN	3	CECIL W. PIPE	8
HERBERT J. SKELT	4	DANIEL D. COOPER	9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JOHN C. ADAMS	*Treble*	*HERBERT KNIGHT	6
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	JOHN PERRY	7
†RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	EDWARD F. MITCHELL	8
†ARTHUR PRITCHARD	4	†JOHN J. TAYLOR	9
ROBERT PICKERING	5	†JOHN WARRILOW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by R. PICKERING.

* 100th peal rung together. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Edna Jones, daughter of Mr. W. H. Jones, of the local band, who, together with Mrs. Jones, kindly entertained the ringers after the peal.

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BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

JAMES CROFT ... ...*Treble*	RICHARD D. DIVALL 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	JOSEPH WRENN 6
ERNEST J. LADD 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
GEORGE E. DANN 4	GEORGE PONT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS

Rung for evening service on the occasion of the harvest festival.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 7, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

*WILFRED G. FOLLEY ...*Treble*	WILLIAM W. THORNE... ... 5
CHARLES STRAWBRIDGE ... 2	JOHN PUGSLEY 6
*LEONARD S. MASON 3	GEORGE ATKINS 7
*FREDERICK J. BULLEY ... 4	WILLIAM MALE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE ATKINS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Taylor and Co., in 1927. W. W. Thorne hails from Ockham, Surrey.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*JOHN A. D. WEBB ...*Treble*	JAMES H. HUNNISETT ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
HARRY FOLKARD 3	WILFRED G. WILSON ... 7
CYRIL D. NICHOLS 4	*EDWARD A. J. COOMBS ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Preb. W. Templeton King, Vicar of the above church since 1895.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*ERNEST W. SAVAGE ...*Treble*	EDWARD W. BRAY 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 6
GEORGE W. STOKES 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS... 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First attempt for a peal in any method.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

TOM SAUNDERS ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 6
HARRY BAKER 3	JOHN WHEADON 7
GEORGE FULLER 4	ALBERT RELFE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (317). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. Wheadon, who is leaving the district for Dartford; also in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Relfe. Mr. T. Saunders has now rung each bell in this tower in a peal.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On September 26th, at St. Mark's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Hatton 1, E. Bishop 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, R. W. Hyner 4, J. H. Penny 5, S. H. Hopper 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT RAINBIRD ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ALFRED PRIOR 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
FRANK G. RINGE 3	ERNEST FURBANK 7
*ROBERT HEAZEL 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal of Major.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, NO. 11 (VARIATION NO. 2).

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... ...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD 2	ALFRED J. BARRATT 6
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 3	*JAMES S. HOTCHBY 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	SAMUEL PINDER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

* 150th peal.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*WILLIAM C. WEST ...*Treble*	REGINALD BROWN 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL... ... 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Cambridge. This was rung as a triple jubilee peal, being the jubilee year of St. Mary's Church, the jubilee year of the Guild, and the jubilee birthday of Mr. R. Brown, ringer of the 5th.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

*JOHN CLIFTON ... ...*Treble*	HENRY B. TAYLOR 5
*KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... 2	ROBERT ANDERSON 6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON... 4	ADAM DEAS ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Clifford Ball, carillonneur at Bournville.

LECKHAMPTON, CHELTENHAM.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*MRS. F. CLEMENTS ...*Treble*	WALTER ROSE 5
HAROLD HALFORD 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
GEORGE WALTERS 3	JOHN F. BALLINGER 7
THOMAS BALDWYN 4	WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN F. BALLINGER.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Townsend, Ringing Master at the above tower, and T. Baldwyn. T. Baldwyn and J. Austin hail from Gloucester, and Mrs. Clements from Bourton-on-the-Water.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—At All Saints' Church for harvest festival evensong, on September 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47½ mins.: *F. Plummer 1, *F. Jeffs 2, F. Vickers 3, *W. Botsford, W. Jeffs 5, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 6, J. Nicholls 7, W. Insley 8. * First quarter in the method. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th and tenor belong to Linslade belfry.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Samuel Warne	...Treble	William J. Nevard	5
George Wiffen	2	*Albert Wiffen	6
*Miss Elsie E. Pettit	3	Lewis W. Wiffen	7
William Keeble	4	*Herbert Reason	...Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by William Keeble
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county in which a lady ringer has taken part. Rung on the 15th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Reason.

CHEW MAGNA, NEAR BRISTOL.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Five-part (No. 12). Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Major J. H. B. Hesse	...Treble	Samuel J. Hector	5
Albert E. Stowell	2	Charles F. Andrews	6
Alfred E. Reeves	3	William A. Cave	7
Ronald G. Beck	4	Joseph T. Dyke	...Tenor

Conducted by William A. Cave.
The first peal on the bells. This composition was published in 'The Ringing World' on September 20th, 1929.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, October 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Edwin Barnett, sen.	...Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Thomas Groombridge, jun.	2	George H. Cross	6
Charles W. Roberts	3	Edwin Barnett, jun.	7
John H. Cheesman	4	Thomas Groombridge, sen.	Tenor

Non-Conducted.
Umpires: Edward J. Beer and Harry Hoverd.
First non-conducted Surprise peal by all the band and by the association. A birthday peal for T. Groombridge, sen.

FARINGDON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

Harry Bennett	...Treble	*Joshua Pearce	5
*George A. Webley	2	*Edward Hughes	6
*Frank Wheeler	3	George Holifield, jun.	7
George Holifield, sen.	4	*Thomas Clarke	...Tenor

Conducted by G. Holifield, jun.
* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung in a new frame and bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and his wife for their kind hospitality after the peal.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

William Ireland	...Treble	William Steggall	5
Alphæus J. Berry	2	Ernest F. Poppy	6
John Souter	3	Clement J. More	7
Nolan Golden	4	George Archer	...Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Clement J. More.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Albert G. Harrison and Miss Daisy Pigg. This composition, reduced from 6,016, containing the 4-5-6 only in sixth's, is now rung for the first time

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Miss S. Davis	...Treble	J. Hazel	5
Miss R. Hazel	2	J. Honey	6
*Miss D. Futter	3	A. E. Lock	7
Mrs. A. E. Lock	4	G. Caudwell	...Tenor

Composed by J. Fleming. Conducted by G. Caudwell.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

Ernest Brett	...Treble	William R. Madgwick	5
Miss Freda Orr	2	John T. Kentish	6
George B. Cole	3	Charles W. Roberts	7
Wilfred Williams	4	James E. Davis	...Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by James E. Davis.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Parker's Reverse. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

John Bagley	...Treble	G. Ronald Edwards	5
Robert Sperring	2	George R. Jones	6
Lester L. Gray	3	Thomas Rogers	7
Henry W. Wilde	4	James C. E. Simpson	...Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. Simpson.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

William Keeble	...Treble	*Dr. Spencer Phillips	5
George Green	2	William Lincoln	6
*Percy Green	3	John Wood	7
*Leslie J. Clark	4	Arthur Head	...Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by William Keeble
* First peal in the method. The conductor has now completed the 'circle' in the tower. First peal in the method on the bells.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

George Wilson	...Treble	William J. Robinson	5
*Jack M. Cripps	2	C. Ernest Smith	6
Keith Hart	3	Alfred H. Pulling	7
Alfred W. Groves	4	Oliver Sippetts	...Tenor

Composed by J. Bennett. Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
* First peal in the method.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.
On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Edward Robbins	...Treble	Harold Kent	5
Charles Mason	2	John H. Brothwell	6
Jesse J. Moss	3	*Alfred E. Parsons	7
*Herbert Rooke	4	John Flint	...Tenor

Composed by George Williams. Conducted by John Flint.
* First peal in the method.

EDMONTON.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL	*Treble*	EDWARD H. KING	5
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER	2	JOHN THOMAS	6
JOHN G. NASH	3	JAMES PARKER	7
WALTER J. BOWDEN	4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER.

First peal in the method by all the band. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Saxby, daughter of Mr. J. Saxby, a member of the local band.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN & WIGAN BRANCHES.)
On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S ODD-BOB. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS WILSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. WILSON	5
FRED HINDLE	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	6
JOHN BROWN	3	JAMES MARSH	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	JAMES HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MARSH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Marsh.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER	*Treble*	†HECTOR G. BIRD	5
JOHN BASS	2	*THOMAS HEMMING	6
WILLIAM SHORT	3	JOHN SMITH	7
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... ...	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Parsons, of Old Hill, also to J. Smith and the conductor.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, October 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. ANDREW AND PATRICK,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

JAMES G. C. BROWN...	*Treble*	ERIC G. BENNETT	5
RAYMOND GRANT	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
BERT W. ROPER	3	CHARLES F. GOODMAN ...	7
*WILLIAM PAUL	4	JAMES W. PAUL	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major. Ringers of 2nd, 5th, 6th and 7th from North Lopham, Garboldisham, Diss and Banham respectively. This composition contains the 6th the extent 'wrong' and 'home' without 2nd in 6th's and is now rung for the first time.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Gestingthorpe on Saturday, when 20 members were present, representing the parishes of Earls Colne, Colne Engaine, Halstead, Greenstead Green, Great Bentley, Melford, Braintree, Hedingham, Wickham St. Paul, Little Waldingfield, Sudbury, Fulbourn and Gestingthorpe. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. M. Greenway), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) reading the lesson. Tea was provided in the schoolroom, a collection being made by the Vicar, who very generously handed the money to the association.

At the business meeting which followed the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) presided, and one member was re-elected, viz., Mr. E. Turner, of Gestingthorpe.

It was resolved to hold the annual district meeting at Braintree on November 9th, and it was unanimously agreed, on the proposition of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. L. Wiffen, to give the 10s. collected at the tea to the Bell Restoration Fund.

After the meeting courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples and a course of Bob Major were rung on the handbells, and during the afternoon and evening methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise Minor were rung on the tower bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TIRLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, October 3, 1929, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG	*Treble*	FRANK LAWRENCE	4
ALBERT HARTLAND	2	FREDERICK HAWKES	5
JOHN ROWLATT	3	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Frederick Smith, for many years a ringer at Forthampton. it being impossible to attempt the peal there owing to the bad 'go' of the bells.

HOLT, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, twelve callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE DERHAM... ...	*Treble*	*HORACE J. BLAKE	4
WILLIAM WILKINS	2	WILLIAM C. WEST	5
GEORGE GUNSTONE	3	*ERNEST WILKINS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the Vicar on his return to the parish from a health trip; also to enable the remaining members of the local band to score a peal. The ringer of the tenor was proposed a member previous to starting the peal.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents (93 Bobs). Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK WARRINGTON ...	*Treble*	*GEORGE RANSOME	4
GEORGE L. PERKINS	2	*HARRY LAVENDER	5
CHARLES ROBINSON	3	JOHN PERKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First attempt for a peal.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	4
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	CYRIL TANSELL	5
WILLIAM RANFORD	3	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*HAROLD L. FLAVELL	*Treble*	HARRY BOSWELL	4
ALBERT D. COLLINS... ...	2	SIDNEY ELTON	5
HERBERT R. PICKERING ...	3	THOMAS W. BATE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY ELTON.

* First peal.

'ODDS & ENDS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES'

Being mainly an explanation of the nature and working of the Q sets in ordinary ringing phraseology, with one or two other matters.

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FIRE DESTROYS FAMOUS YORKSHIRE TOWER.

HOWDEN BELLS CRASH DURING BLAZE.

Disaster has overtaken the fine old Parish Church at Howden, East Yorkshire, fire having practically destroyed the magnificent tower, with its ring of eight bells, and the chancel beneath. The church is one of great beauty of architecture—an excellent example of Early English. According to historians, it was made collegiate in 1266, and it ranks among the five or six most important churches in Yorkshire. Its noble tower, rising to a height of 135ft., dominated the town and countryside.

The fire occurred in the early hours of Wednesday last week, being discovered shortly before two o'clock, as the result, it is said, of the cries of a sea lion in a menagerie in the market place, which is close to the church. Soon the streets were filled with people, who saw the whole of the tower enveloped in flames. Howden Fire Brigade was quickly on the scene, and help was summoned from Goole and Selby, whose brigades arrived soon afterwards. Volumes of smoke and clouds of sparks were emitted from the top of the tower and through the windows, and as the fire increased its hold lurid flames shot up and the whole district around was lighted as by a huge torch. It was an awe-inspiring spectacle.

The tower is situated immediately over the chancel, and onlookers could hear the beams crashing to the ground and bringing destruction into the church itself.

BELLS CRASH INTO THE CHANCEL.

It was early realised by the fire brigades that to save the tower from the flames was hopeless. All that could be done was to allow the fire to burn itself out in the tower, and to save the remainder of



HOWDEN CHURCH.

the church. The Howden brigade began operations on the north side by breaking in one of the nave windows, through which water was poured on the burning timbers as they fell from the tower to the ground. The Selby and Goole brigades worked from the south side, two stained glass windows being broken to enable the firemen to bring their hose into play. The parish registers, dating from 1541, the communion plate, lectern and Book of Remembrance (containing the names of the local men who fell in the war) in the south transept were saved, but the altar, with its candlesticks, and other ornaments, together with the communion rails and other furnishings in the chancel, were demolished by the falling beams.

After an hour's work the Selby and Goole brigades got into the church by the south entrance. The building was filled with smoke and the floor was flooded with water to a depth of several inches. The roof of the tower had become molten lead, which poured into the chancel. Just after 4 a.m. there was a deafening crash as the first of the bells fell into the chancel from the steeple. One after another four more bells, including the tenor, of over 26 cwt., came crashing down, with the noise of exploding bombs, and part of the east window fell out.

The effect of the fire is that the tower is burned out to a shell and much damage has been done to the masonry. There are huge cracks in the battlements down to the broken and burned-out windows on the sides of the tower. Three bells have been saved, but one is wedged precariously between the steel girders forming the

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POLICE RINGERS VISIT BIRMINGHAM.

A DAY OFF DUTY.

On Saturday a meeting of police ringers was held at Birmingham. Arriving shortly after 11 a.m., the visitors were met by Sgt. Dowding, Birmingham City Police, who piloted them to the Police Social Club, where lunch was served. The party afterwards proceeded to King's Norton, where they were welcomed by the local ringers.

The splendid bells were soon set going in an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters, which, unfortunately, came to grief after 2 hours 50 minutes, owing to a change course. The ringers taking part were Sgt. Lawrence (Hatfield) 1, Sgt. Dowding (Birmingham) 2, Detective Poole (Leicester) 3, P.C. Clayden (Reigate) 4, P.C. Beeson (Surrey) 5, P.C. Tuffery (Birmingham) 6, P.C. Digby (London) 7, Sgt. Jenny (Leicester) 8, Inspector Bottrill (London) 9, Sgt. Schleuter (London) 10. After 'stand' had been called the culprits were immediately 'reprimanded and cautioned.'

Northfield bells were open for ringing during the afternoon, visitors and locals making use of them during the peal attempt. Afterwards all adjourned to the Bull Hotel for tea. Sgt. Jenny proposed a vote of thanks to the local ringers for their hearty welcome and for the arrangements made for the visitors' comfort. Mr. Webber replied, saying how sorry he was the peal had failed, but hoped the band would come again. 'Idling and gossiping' was then carried on without interruption from 'superior officers,' till a general rush was made for train and bus, all getting safely aboard, at the last minute.

A CORNISH GATHERING.

A FEW FRIENDS MEET AT ZENNOR.

The Church of St. Senara, Zennor, Cornwall—part of which was built during the 12th century and which was enlarged and the tower added in the 15th century—until about three years ago contained three bells, one of which was lying broken in the first stage of the tower. However, in December, 1926, a restoration took place, and a new ring of six, tenor 12 cwt. in G, was dedicated. This was entirely owing to the great efforts of the then incumbent, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, who raised the whole of the money for the restoration. Mr. Trewhella is now Vicar of St. Paul's, Truro, where there is one bell weighing 12 cwt. (five more are wanted).

On Saturday last Mr. Trewhella was again able to enjoy several hours' ringing on the bells which he augmented, as were also four of the Truro Cathedral band, one from St. Agnes' and six from Gulval (including Dr. J. Symons and Miss E. Symons). From 3.15 until 5 o'clock the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. Those present then crossed the road to the Tinner's Arms, where they were the guests of Mr. Trewhella for tea. A sumptuous repast was partaken of, the Cornish clotted cream from a well-known local herd of Guernsey cows soon receiving the attention of the ringers. Afterwards the Gulval contingent had just time for one more touch of Grandsire Doubles before departing. Those who were lucky enough to have come from Truro by car were able to stay to bring round a quarter-peal (1,260 changes), the first on the bells, of Grandsire Doubles in 40 minutes, viz.: R. Woods 1, R. Dibbs 2, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella 3, W. H. Southcard 4, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 5, H. Stephens 6.

Everyone heartily thanked Mr. Trewhella for providing such a splendid tea, and the Truro ringers were especially grateful to him for the forty mile car ride.

CARDINAL'S VISIT TO SHEFFIELD.

On the occasion of the visit to Sheffield of His Eminence Cardinal Bourne on October 1st, the bells of St. Marie's R.C. Church were rung. A quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) was brought round in 52 minutes: J. Tuke 1, G. Lewis (conductor) 2, W. Burgar 3, J. A. Dixon 4, W. Biggin 5, R. Harrison, sen., 6, T. E. Lee 7, R. Harrison, jun., 8. The bells were also rung at intervals on Wednesday, October 2nd, on the occasion of the opening of a new R.C. School on the Manor Estate.

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bell frame. The chancel floor was covered with charred woodwork, in which were parts of the broken bells and pieces of fallen masonry.

The fire is believed to have broken out in the belfry, but the cause is unknown. The amount of the damage has not yet been ascertained, but it will run into many thousands of pounds.

VICAR'S APPEAL FOR RESTORATION.

The bells were originally cast by Pack and Chapman at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1775. At various times some of these have been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tenor was one of them. About 20 years ago the 5th was recast by Messrs. Warner and Son, of London, so that very few of the original bells remained.

Writing to 'The Ringing World,' the Vicar of Howden (the Rev. Arthur Waring) says: 'You will have heard of the sad disaster to our matchless tower, which was burnt out during the night of Tuesday last, October 8th, and the bells partly destroyed, only three remaining. I wonder if your readers would kindly consider an appeal for help from them (if only a small sum) to assist us in restoring the damage? We should feel deeply grateful for any small donation to help us in making good the loss we have suffered, through the destruction of the tower and the bells.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

AN INSTRUCTIVE MID-WEEK MEETING.

In fine autumnal weather a meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Frampton on Thursday, October 3rd, a day arranged to give an opportunity to attend a meeting to those members who cannot attend on Saturdays. It proved a happy gathering. A charabanc left Dorchester at 2.15 and made for Sydling, a beautiful country village right off the beaten track and miles from the main road. Here the party were met by the Vicar. A band of willing helpers were putting the final touches to the decorations for the harvest festival, which was to take place the same evening, and the ringing of the fine old peal of five was greatly appreciated. This church dates from the 14th century, and has a Norman font and some fine gargoyles. The tower and north porch are noteworthy. The bells are a beautiful mellow peal, with tenor 19¼ cwt. (approximately). The 3rd and 4th bear the dates 1611 and 1613 respectively, and the opinion was expressed that they would make a fine octave. Bidding the Vicar and his helpers adieu, a move was made for Frampton. At Frampton the Vicar (the Rev. G. Wynne), the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) and the local band gave the visitors a hearty welcome. The bells were soon set going to Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor until the service, which was of a bright and cheery character, and was led by a full mixed choir. It was conducted by the Vicar, and the Rev. R. H. Gundry read the lesson Subsequently tea was partaken of in the Vicarage gardens.

A short business meeting followed. In the absence of the chairman (on holiday), the Master presided, and was attended by members from Bradford Peverell, Charminster, Dorchester, Frampton, Shroton and Wyke Regis. A welcome visitor from outside the branch was Miss N. G. Williams (Bath), who has been spending a holiday in the district, and who has given valuable help to some of the towers. Regret was expressed that she was not staying longer. Another old friend present was Mr. W. Shute, who had motored from North Dorset. Several apologies for absence were received.

It was arranged to hold the annual meeting at Dorchester either in December or January.

Regret was expressed that the chairman wished to resign, and the secretary was asked to invite him to reconsider his decision. The Master also promised to write.

Mr. Gray, on behalf of the Frampton band, asked for the services of an instructor. The Chairman congratulated them on this step, and the secretary promised to do his best to make arrangements for such.

A short discussion took place on the best means to be adopted,

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AN OLD UNIVERSITY RINGER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the note in your issue of October 4th on 'An Old University Ringer.' Christopher Burne, my brother-in-law, was quite keen on change ringing when at Oxford and could ring any bell through a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. But he was oftener on the river than in the belfry, being captain of his college boat club and spare man for the University Eight in 1876, and again in 1877, the year of the 'dead heat.' Some three or four years ago he presented a treble to the church at St. Mary Bourne, Hants, to complete the ring of six. The gentleman who was unwilling to be identified with such an insignificant performance as a 720 of Bob Minor is to-day a prominent member of the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

F. A. MILNE.

Summerhill, Barnet.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very representative gathering of ringers met at Hatfield on Saturday for the first district meeting held there since the addition of the two new bells. The general opinion of those present was that a very good 'splice' had been made by the bell founders. The bells were set going to Stedman Caters, and during the afternoon and evening Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, Treble Ten and a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung. The party adjourned at 5 p.m. for tea, which was followed by a brief business meeting and handbell ringing.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Albans, the date to be arranged so as not to clash with other meetings.

The tower was then again visited, and the bells kept going until 8 p.m., bringing a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

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where towers had left the Guild, with a view to getting them to rejoin. The Master and secretary promised to assist in this matter.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Chairman to the Vicar, not only for taking the service, but for providing such an excellent tea; also to the organist and choir, and the ladies for waiting at the tables, and to the organ blower.—The Vicar replied and hoped the Guild would come again.

Another visit was paid to the tower, and help was given to some of the members to ring their first 120. A move was next made to Bradford Peverell, and here the fine going peal of five were rung to Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob, and assistance was given to the local band. A very useful and instructive time was spent.

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ancient custom of ringing the curfew bell at 8 p.m. was revived at the old Parish Church of St. James, Poole, Dorset, last week, and will be continued henceforward. The revival took place at a special service, when the bell was rung by Alderman H. S. Carter, president of the Society of Poole Men. The lesson was read by the Mayor and a sermon was preached by the Rector.

St. Martin's bells, Birmingham, will be heard on the wireless on Sunday evening, 7.50 to 8 p.m., and the Cathedral bells (St. Philip's) on the following Sunday, also at 7.50.

The bells of St. Mary's, Birkenhead, will be rung for the first time on Mayor's Sunday, November 10th, after a silence of 12 years.

The 'headquarters' of the Manchester handbell band have been moved from Lime Grove to Greek Street, Stockport, but it is hoped that the peal ringing will be maintained.

John Holt rang his only peal of Grandsire Cinques with the Union Scholars on October 20th, 1751, at St. Bride's, London. This was three months after he had conducted, from manuscript, his famous one-part of Grandsire Triples, when it was rung for the first time. In the following year Holt left the Union Scholars and joined the College Youths, with whom he rang two peals. With the record of the last of these in the College Youths' peal book, Holt's name as a ringer disappears from the scene.

A peal of Bob Major, 15,120 changes, was rung at Oldham on October 24th, 1807. The ringers could hardly have known that in 1793 a peal of 15,360 had been rung at Aston, otherwise they would surely have beaten this record, which stands to this day as the longest length in the method.

The first peal by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Grandsire Triples) was rung 50 years ago next Wednesday. It was conducted by George Wanklyn.

The first peal on the bells of St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, now silent and unused, was rung on October 24th, 1825. It was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung by the College Youths.

The 'dead heat' between the three teams who recently tied in the Barnsley Society's Shield contest was 'rung off' on Saturday, when Shelley won. Sandal were second and Wath-on-Dearne third.

The Herts Association meeting at Flamstead has been postponed owing to illness.

SALISBURY GUILD'S LOSS.

A great loss has been sustained by the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in the death of Mr. Edwin Ridout, of Okeford Fitzpaine, a keen ringer and one who for very many years hardly missed attendance in the belfry and at church.

The funeral was conducted by the Rector of Okeford Fitzpaine (the Rev. F. Etheridge), assisted by the Rev. C. A. Phillips (secretary of the Wimborne Branch) and the Rev. F. H. Phillips, sons of a former Rector. A large number of brother ringers were among the many mourners, including the Master of the Salisbury Guild (the Rev. E. H. Gundry) and the secretary of the branch. Muffled touches were rung before and after service.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.
SUGGESTED ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

Having been responsible in some measure for raising anew the question of revising the rules governing the constitution and procedure of the Central Council, the writer accedes to the request of the editor of this journal to put forward, in concrete form, some suggested alterations of the rules which would, it is thought, incorporate the proposals made in 'The Ringing World' of Aug. 30th. Doubtless there will be many who will not agree with them even in principle, and many more who will disagree with them in detail, but they will, it is hoped, form a basis for discussion and thus lead eventually to a definite expression of opinion in many of the associations, first as to whether some change in the constitution of the Council is desirable; secondly, as to whether, if it is changed, it should be in the direction of strengthening the ties between the Council and the constituent bodies; and thirdly, as to the actual terms upon which future relations between them should be maintained.

Very few ringers outside the Council, in all probability, have any knowledge of the rules as they at present exist, and it is perhaps advisable, where changes are suggested, to give the rule as it now stands, side by side with the proposed alterations. By this means readers will be enabled to compare the two with a full knowledge of changes involved.

It is quite possible that those who agree in principle with the suggestions may desire to put them into different terms; if they do the opportunity now occurs to offer alternatives, so that before the next Council meeting some definite amendments to the existing rules may be put forward, if—and this is the point which should be emphasised — the associations themselves deem alterations advisable. It rests with them. The one desire on the part of the writer is to bring the associations and the Council closer together; if possible, to remove what has recently been a source of friction, and to make the Council leader as well as adviser of the Exercise.

Here, then, are the suggested alterations to the rules, for discussion. The existing rule is given first and the proposed change alongside.

Various minor alterations to other rules might have to be made if all or some of the proposed revisions were made, but that is a matter of detail.

1. That the Council be known as the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.	
2. That the Council consist: (1) Of Representative Members from all recognised Societies, Associations and Guilds of Church Bell Ringers (hereinafter referred to under the general term 'Societies'), numbering not less than seventy-five members. The representation to be in the following proportion:— For a Society the number of whose members exceeds 75, but does not exceed 150, one Representative; 150, but does not exceed 300, two Representatives; 300, but does not exceed 450, three Representatives; 450, four Representatives. Four Representatives to be the limit of representation allowed to any one Society.	That any recognised Society, Association or Guild of Church Bell Ringers (hereinafter referred to under the general term 'Society'), numbering not less than seventy-five members, shall be eligible to apply for affiliation to the Council, and, upon admission, shall subscribe to an undertaking to recognise and observe the rulings of the Council. That the Council shall consist: (1) Of Representative Members, elected annually by affiliated societies; (2) of Honorary Members, not exceeding fifteen in number, elected by the Council. No representative Member to be eligible as an Honorary Member. The voting powers of Honorary Members to be equal with those of Representative Members. (2) Of Honorary Members, not exceeding fifteen in number, elected by the Council. No Representative Member to be eligible as an Honorary Member. The voting powers of Honorary Members to be equal with those of Representative Members. Note.—Here and elsewhere in these Rules the word 'Member' shall be taken as meaning 'Member of Council.' A 'Representative Member' is not necessarily a Member of the Society which he represents.	(Note.—Here and elsewhere in these Rules the word 'Member' shall be taken as meaning 'Member of the Council.') That affiliated Societies shall be entitled to elect representatives in the following proportion:— For a Society the number of whose members exceeds 75, but does not exceed 150, one Representative; 150, but does not exceed 300, two Representatives; 300, but does not exceed 450, three Representatives; 450, four Representatives. Four Representatives to be the limit of representation allowed to any one Society. For the purposes of this Rule the basis of the calculation of membership for territorial societies shall be the number of annual subscribing honorary and ringing members and resident life members, the figures to be those presented to the Society at its last annual meeting.
3. That, except in the event of a vacancy, in which case the new Member shall be elected only for the unexpired period of the three years, the election of Representative Members shall take place triennially, before the end of the year.	(This rule would be unnecessary.)
4. That the Honorary Members shall, as far as convenient, be chosen by the Council at their first Annual Meeting after the Triennial Election; but that, in the event of vacancies, others may be chosen at either of the following Annual Meetings. Also that each Honorary Member shall retire after the third Annual Meeting from, and exclusive of, the Meeting at which he was elected, but be eligible for re-election; but that any Honorary Member who, during his term of office, may be elected a Representative Member, shall, ipso facto, vacate his Honorary Membership.	That each Honorary Member shall be elected for three years, and, on retiring, shall be eligible for re-election, provided that any Honorary Member who, during his term of office, may be elected a Representative Member, shall, ipso facto, vacate his Honorary Membership.
5. That all Societies returning Representative Members to the Council be required to contribute annually, in January, 5s., on behalf of each Representative Member returned, to meet the expenses of conducting the business of the Council, and that no Representative Member shall be entitled to vote at an Annual Meeting of the Council until the subscription of the Society he represents be paid.	That all affiliated Societies shall be required to contribute annually in January an affiliation fee of 5s. for each representative to which they are entitled, to meet the expenses, etc. (as in old rule).
6. That the Council meet once annually, about Whitsuntide, in some convenient centre, as agreed upon at the previous meeting, but that the meeting following the Triennial Election be always in London. . . .	That the Council meet once annually, about Whitsuntide, in some convenient centre, as agreed upon at the previous meeting, but that the meeting in every third year shall be held always in London. . . .
7. That at the Annual Meeting next after each Triennial Election a President and Hon. Secretary be chosen to serve for three years. . . .	That at the annual meeting held in London a President and Hon. Secretary be chosen to serve for three years. . . .
8. That the Council have power to appoint Committees for any purpose for which it may appear desirable; and also, if the state of the funds permit, to allow the necessary expenses of holding	That the Council have power to appoint Committees for any purpose for which it may appear desirable; and also, if the state of the funds permit, to allow the necessary expenses of holding

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DEVON GUILD.

BRANCH MEETING AT KINGSTEIGNTON.

A successful quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Kingsteignton on Saturday last, ringers being present from Paignton, Torquay, Cockington, Brixham, Buckfastleigh, Christow, Exeter, Sowton, Clyst St. George, Littleham, Thorverton, etc. The bells, which had been rehung and augmented to eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, earlier in the year, were well utilised during the afternoon. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Kingsteignton, the Rev. E. S. Powell (President of the Guild) officiated at the service, and based his address on the words, 'What mean ye by this service?'

After tea in the Schoolroom, Mr. F. J. Laxton (chairman) presided over the business meeting which followed. He referred to the fact that since the last meeting they had lost by death two old members, Mr. C. Drew, of Paignton, who had been connected with ringing for about 70 years, and that grand old man, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, ex-president of the Guild. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect.

For the annual branch meeting, to take place on Saturday, January 30th, 1930, St. Michael's, Teignmouth, was chosen.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Kingsteignton for the use of the bells, to the Rev. E. S. Powell for taking the service, to the organist and steeplekeeper were passed. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the chairman, who suitably replied.

Arising out of a discussion, it was resolved to try and arrange a combined meeting of branches in Torquay at the latter end of November.

This concluded the business, and the visitors returned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. Several members visited Bickington earlier in the afternoon and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

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OBJECTIONS TO ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—My initial point about annual elections to the Central Council is that there would be no *certainty* of continuity from year to year, and for a body doing such a large proportion of its work through committees, that fact alone would render the proposition impracticable. It is true, as you, sir, very properly point out, that a similar risk is taken every third year, but it certainly seems to me that the deliberate introduction of this element of chance *every* year would be rather going out of our way to create difficulties, and that such a change would inevitably tend to reduce the proportion of *elective* members on the committees. While there might not necessarily be any objection to that in itself, it would have just the opposite effect to that of increasing the direct interest of members of associations in the work of the Council.—Yours faithfully, F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual festival of this association was held in the city of Durham on Saturday, September 28th, and, although the attendance was not up to expectations, there was a very happy spirit about the gathering, which promises well for the future.

The Dean of Durham read the lesson at the festival service in the Cathedral, and a very interesting and inspiring address was given by the Vicar of Stockton, the Rev. G. W. Froggatt.

An excellent lunch followed, at the old Three Tuns Hotel, Mr. E. E. Ferry, the president, in the chair, supported by the Assistant Bishop of Newcastle (Dr. Wood), Mr. William Story, Mr. C. L. Routledge, Mr. Arthur Paine, Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. J. F. Bird, Mr. G. S. Taylor (hon. secretary) and others.

After the loyal toast, Mr. William Story, in a happy speech, proposed the health of the Bishops and clergy of the two dioceses, Bishop Wood replying.

The secretary read letters of apology from the Rev. Preb. Wynne Willson, Canon Holmes, the Rev. A. Dunn and Mr. William Newton (Stockton).

In his annual report, the secretary referred to the bell restoration at St. Cuthbert's, Blaydon, and said that Mr. James Cliff was training a band of young ringers there, and they were making good progress. The pre-Lent meeting had been held at Blaydon, to encourage Mr. Cliff in his work, and the pre-Whitsun meeting at Whitley Bay had been very successful, but the summer meeting at Darlington, where there were three towers available, only brought together about 15 members. During the year they had sustained some severe losses amongst their members and friends, viz., the Rev. H. H. Barff, Vicar of Wylam, who died with tragic suddenness while on the way to a preaching engagement at Stocksfield; Mr. R. B. Wilson, one of the original members of Holy Trinity, Darlington; and their old friend Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, whose tragic death at Copenhagen was still fresh in their minds. 'Joe' Sykes was always a welcome visitor in that district, and when he was last there, from January to March, 1928, he scored ten peals, three of which he conducted. The association had also lost good supporters in the Rev. Canon Bothamley, of St. Nicholas', Durham, who had resigned owing to ill-health, and the Rev. T. H. A. Morris, of St. Oswald's, Durham, now Vicar of Hintlesham, near Ipswich. The chief event of the year had been the great gathering of ringers at the North-East Coast Exhibition on July 13th, when the proprietors of the 'Newcastle Evening Chronicle' and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the bell founders, invited the members to a demonstration on the Wellington (New Zealand) War Memorial Carillon. About 500 members and lady friends attended, and were delighted with selections on the bells by Miss Nora Johnston and change ringing by Mr. T. Groombridge, jun. An excellent tea was provided by the hosts and the day closed with a social gathering and concert, arranged by Mr. C. L. Routledge, in the 'Chronicle' Hall, Newcastle.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

Eighteen record sheets for Sunday service ringing had been sent in this year, and St. Ignatius', Sunderland, headed the list for eight-twelve bell towers with 1,279 points, St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, being second with 997 points. Of the six-bell towers, All Saints', Hurworth, gained the first certificate with 734 points, St. Oswald's, Durham, being second with 65 points. Holy Trinity, Darlington, had scored 1,440 points, but did not wish to compete this year. Mr. Adam Deas headed the list of peal ringers for the year, having scored 14, Mr. W. H. Barber and Mr. John Anderson being second with 12 each, and 11 members have rung their first peal. The total number of peals rung during the year was 21, which was a considerable decrease on last year.

The framed certificates gained by the four towers under the Sunday ringing scheme were presented to the belfry representatives by Bishop Wood.

The officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mr. E. E. Ferry, Newcastle; secretary, Mr. G. S. Taylor, Sunderland; treasurer, Mr J. W. Parker, Sunderland; editorial secretary, Mr. C. L. Routledge, Newcastle; auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird, Newcastle; vice-presidents—Northern District, Mr. E. A. Hern, North Shields; Southern District, Mr. Alfred Coates, Darlington; Eastern District, Mr. E. Burnett, West Hartlepool; Western District, Mr. W. F. Pattison, Chester-le-Street; West Tyne District (secretary), Mr. H. B. Taylor, Walbottle; Wednesday Guild (secretary), Mr. G. Siddle, Chester-le-Street.

The association meetings for the year were arranged as follows: Pre-Lent, Wylam-on-Tyne; pre-Whitsun, Bishop Auckland; summer meeting, Hexham; annual festival, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

After the meeting short touches were rung on the bells of St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's Churches, and at 6 o'clock about 20 members negotiated the almost endless steps of the Cathedral tower and kept the bells going in Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Oxford until about 8 p.m.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—At the Parish Church on Sunday morning, October 13th, with bells half-muffled for a memorial service to the 5th Leicestershire Regiment, 1,259 Stedman Caters in 52 mins.: H. F. Stubbs 1, C. Bollard 2, D. S. Collins 3, J. Towell 4, J. Saddington 5, J. Holman (Sheffield) 6, J. Hutchby 7, Colin Harrison (conductor) 8, E. Reader 9, A. Harrod 10.

ANCIENT BELLS AT WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.

A COMPROMISE ON PRESERVATION.

A member of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council (Major J. H. B. Hesse) has done a further useful piece of work in advising the Washington, Sussex, Church authorities with regard to the restoration of the bells, and by appearing at the Consistory Court to support the application for the faculty. The Court was held in the church by the Chancellor of the Diocese (Mr. Kenneth MacMorran), the application being for permission to recast one bell (the tenor, by Richard Eldridge, 1808), and to add a new one to make six, or three to make a ring of eight.

The Chancellor had intimated to the Vicar that he was prepared to allow the petition, and, except so far as the recasting of the bell, he did not want to raise difficulties over other matters. He asked if they had considered repairing the wood frame, instead of using iron.

Major J. H. B. Hesse, giving evidence, said he recommended the use of an iron frame for the hanging of the bells. The timber was in a very bad state, and, if repaired, would only last for a few years before it would have to come out. The iron frame would be a support for the tower and would bind all the walls together and be much better for the going of the bells.

The Chancellor said he thought it would be better if oak or teak were used, but Major Hesse pointed out that wood was liable to shrink. The Chancellor said he never insisted on wood if the parishioners desired metal, but wood was, in his view, more seemly.

Replying to Mr. Philip Johnson (architect), upon whose advice and experience the Chancellor said he was able to count, Major Hesse explained the technical details of the iron frame, and said the present wood one was pretty rotten. The existing frame might go for a few years with five bells.

The Chancellor then asked about the bell it was proposed to recast and inquired why they should not have a new bell.

Major Hesse said it was a question of funds, and the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. S. Pattrick) remarked that the difference would be between £40 and £50. Major Hesse said the bell was extremely poor, and he thought it was cracked.

The Chancellor said the problem was whether they thought he ought to allow this 1808 bell to disappear in order that the parish might save £50. That was a difficult question to answer.

After consulting with Mr. Johnson, the Chancellor suggested that the founders might cut out the inscription on the bell and that could be preserved in the church and the rest of the metal could then be recast.

This compromise was agreed to by Major Hesse, the Vicar and Sir Eustace Beecher (churchwarden).

The Chancellor remarked that there were certain bells he should not allow to be touched, but there would be an order for the faculty to be granted in terms proposed, except that the inscription on the bell specified must be cut out and returned to the church for preservation. He hoped the Parochial Council would accept that.

The bells which the Chancellor said he would not allow to be touched are presumably two pre-Reformation bells, probably by a Sussex founder, of the early fourteenth century, and, as such, are priceless antiquarian possessions.

DISS RINGER MARRIED.

An interesting wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Diss, on Saturday last, when Mr. Albert G. Harrison was married to Miss Daisy Pigg. The Rector of Diss officiated at the ceremony, which was fully choral. The bride was given away by her father, and Mr. William Harrison acted as best man.

After the service the bells were 'fired' and three leads of Oxford Treble Bob Major rung. During the afternoon, while the happy couple were leaving for London, the grand-toned ring, referred to by certain of the fraternity as 'the peal with four tenors,' was set going to Double Norwich, the local company being assisted by Messrs. Poppy (Stoke Ash) and Berry (Thornham Magna). Mr. Arthur Leeder, who participated in the ringing immediately following the wedding, was unable to take part in the peal.

The bridegroom is a much respected member of the local company and is well known for his ringing activities in Norfolk and Suffolk, being a 'go anywhere' enthusiast, whose genial manner and reliability has won him the esteem of all. As a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild, he has rung during the last three years upwards of 50 peals on from five to ten bells in a variety of methods, including Superlative Surprise.

Members of both Guilds join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Harrison a long and happy life together.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Bury St. Edmunds District was held on Saturday, September 28th, when the following towers were represented: Ipswich, Cambridge, Lavenham, Sudbury, Stowmarket, Newmarket, Mildenhall, Elvedon, Long Melford, Sible Hedingham, Chevington and Hessett. Ringing commenced at the Norman Tower with Kent Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, followed by Cambridge, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's Church.

LADIES' GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WOKINGHAM.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday. There were about 30 present, including the president of the Central Council (Canon G. F. Coleridge) and the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). All Saints' bells were kept going in various methods till 5 o'clock, when all adjourned to the Church Hall and enjoyed a good tea, provided by Miss Robinson and Miss Walker. The ladies were successful, after much persuasion, in getting Canon Coleridge to address the meeting. After a few words of welcome to the visitors, he expressed pleasure at seeing so many youthful members of both sexes, who, he said, 'could teach the older hands a good deal.' He also referred to the women filling the gaps during the war and was thankful to notice that they were sufficiently interested to continue this duty to the Mother Church (applause).

After passing a vote of thanks to the ladies who so kindly provided tea, members were reminded of the stall in the corner where one could make purchases, the proceeds to go to the St. Laurence's Bell Fund.

Mr. Charles Denyer rendered valuable help to the Wokingham ladies in 'acting' as auctioneer (without a license!), and there is reason to believe the result was very satisfactory.

The men were then given permission to return to the tower whilst the ladies' business meeting was in progress. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Old Woking in February, 1930. Just before the service the Rev. B. Long entered the belfry to extend a welcome to the Ladies' Guild.

St. Paul's bells were available from 7.30 and were put to very good use. Ringers were present from Aldershot, Binfield, Caversham, Crowthorne, Farnham, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Hawley, Hillingdon, Maidenhead, Worplesdon and local towers.

The secretary would like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank all who assisted to make this meeting such a success.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

AN ADMIRAL RINGS BOB ROYAL.

A very pleasant meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday at Leatherhead. Originally the meeting had been planned for Epsom, but the bells there were not available on the date selected, and, by the kindness of the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge and the band, Leatherhead was offered as an alternative. A company of just over 20 assembled and got in some excellent practice. Some six-bell men got touches on eight and eight-bell ringers got practice on ten, so that the afternoon and evening were productive of good work. The usual service was dispensed with on account of the Vicar's other engagements, but Mr. Coleridge was able to join the ringers at their meeting, which followed tea in the Institute, and over which the District Ringing Master (Mr. A. Harman) presided.

Admiral T. P. Walker proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and expressed appreciation of the help given in connection with the meeting by the Leatherhead band, and particularly by Mr. Arthur Dean.—Mr. Alan Pink (district secretary) seconded, and the Vicar, in replying, said the Guild were always welcome at Leatherhead.

The little business that there was to be done was quickly transacted, and the ringers returned to the tower, where there was uninterrupted practice for nearly three hours. Among the methods rung were Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal, Double Norwich Major, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major, not the least interesting performance being that Admiral Walker rang his first courses of Bob Royal on an inside bell.

The visitors present during the day included the Surrey veteran, Mr. David Wright, of St. Peter's, Croydon, Messrs. J. Bennett and A. W. Coles (London), and ringers from Cobham, Epsom, Ewell, Leatherhead, Dorking, Newdigate, Chertsey, Guildford (S. Nicolas') and Woking. Only five had notified their intention of being present, but 22 sat down to the substantial meat tea. Either the caterer has been let into the secret of producing the proverbial 'rabbit' from the apparently empty hat, or else he has had previous experience of the ringers' customary failing. Anyhow, there was no lack of fare at the tea table.

RINGERS' HELP FOR READING BELLS.

On Saturday, October 5th, the Bradfield Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild annual meeting was held at Pangbourne.

After the routine business had been settled, the Chairman (the Rev. H. C. Wilder, R.D.) called the attention of those present to the big scheme at St. Laurence's, Reading, and suggested that as the branch was a Berks County branch, a generous grant should be made from the branch funds. The sum of £5 5s. was thereupon voted, the towers in the branch also promising to contribute.

Good use was made of the fine little peal of six (by Rudhall), Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise being successfully brought round.

HARVEST FESTIVAL RINGING.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's on Sunday, October 13th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, T. Booth 2, W. Hoad (conductor) 3, F. Morgan 4, G. King 5, G. Mills 6, T. Hoad 7, A. Hoad 8. After evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: F. Morgan 1, T. Hoad 2, G. King 3, W. Hoad 4, E. Mills 5, G. Mills (conductor) 6, T. Booth 7, A. Hoad 8.

BULKINGTON.—At St. James' Church, on October 13th, in 25 mins., 720 Bob Minor, on the occasion of the harvest festival: J. Warden 1, H. F. Ashley 2, A. J. Hinde (conductor) 3, A. Meek 4, H. F. Perkins 5, C. Neale 6.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary's Church for harvest festival on Sunday, October 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Springate 1, J. Kidd 2, H. Hogarth 3, F. Belsey 4, S. Shellock (conductor) 5, W. Beaumont 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—At the Church of All Saints on Sunday, October 13th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Carter 1, A. Haswell 2, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 3, J. Draycott 4, Miss D. E. Lewis 5, H. Harris 6, J. E. Moreton 7, J. Gibbons 8. Longest length for 1st and 2nd. First quarter in method 'inside' for 6th.

STOCKPORT.—On Sunday, October 13th, at the Church of St. George (Heaviley), for the harvest festival evening service, 1,239 Stedman Caters: C. E. Tompkinson 1, E. Goddard 2, W. Jackson 3, H. Meakin 4, F. Twigg 5, H. Ashton 6, H. Jackson 7, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 8, P. Laffin 9, T. Beavor 10.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church on October 13th (harvest festival), for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: W. Scott 1, W. Chambers 2, C. Taylor (Carisbrooke) 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, A. D. Callaway 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. H. G. Scott 8. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 51 mins: H. Barton (conductor) 1, W. Scott 2, W. Scott, jun., 3, H. A. Phillips 4, A. D. Callaway 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.

WEST DERBY, LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday morning, October 13th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: B. Holmes 1, W. Hargreaves 2, J. Brown 3, R. Harvey 4, A. Hancock 5, H. Hancock (conductor) 6. Rung for harvest festival. First quarter-peal by all except ringers of 2nd and 3rd, and first quarter-peal by a local band at this church. An attempt for a second quarter-peal of three methods in the evening unfortunately came to grief at the end of 720 Kent Treble Bob after 25 minutes.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.—At All Saints' Church, on October 6th, for evening service on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Doubles in 45 mins. (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Canon W. C. Baker 1, A. Pratt (conductor) 2, W. Mayes 3, H. Sherman 4, H. Slater 5, A. Hunt (first quarter-peal) 6.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church on Sunday, October 6th, for the harvest festival after the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: H. T. E. Curtis (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Quintin 2, C. Pearce 3, L. Batting 4, E. W. Smith 5, E. Crocker 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, C. Osgood 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to E. W. Smith and C. Poole.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On October 6th, for harvest thanksgiving, before the evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Clark 1, E. Holloway 2, W. Ballard 3, W. Ford 4, R. Frankum 5, H. Punter 6, G. Parsons (conductor) 7, J. Frankum 8. Also after the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: J. Frankum 1, H. Punter 2, W. Ballard 3, W. Ford 4, R. Frankum 5, E. Holloway 6, G. Parsons (conductor) 7, J. Illman 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, on Thursday, October 3rd, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): A. Cutmore 1, H. G. Miles (conductor) 2, F. V. Sinkins 3, H. Dyas 4, C. F. Winney 5, E. E. Welham 6, E. R. Mackrill 7, E. G. Garrard 8, W. E. Judd 9, Capt. C. Warner 10.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Oct. 29th and St Magnus' on the 24th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting, St. Leonard's, Streatham, Saturday, October 19th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and meeting, 5 o'clock to 6.30. A postcard ? thanks.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Rd., S.W.6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly advise us.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock, important business. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Doncaster and District Society will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available early. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 in Church Hall at 1/6 each. Will members please try and pay outstanding subscriptions previous to or at this meeting, so that books can be made up?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., Southern Div., Yorkshire Association; P. Gledtone, Hon. Sec., Doncaster and District Society.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION—Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Cadbury on October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Catash Inn 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde and Preston Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., F. Rigby, Preston Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—There will be a quarterly meeting at Coleshill, near Birmingham, on Saturday, October 19th. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice at Sandhurst, Saturday, October 19th, from 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Timsbury on October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting, 5, in Church Room.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, Bath.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead on Saturday, October 19th, postponed.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bicker on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, Oct. 19th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7—Business: Yearly list of meetings. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.— The next meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, October 19th. Church of St. Helen (8 bells) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting will be arranged.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., King's Somborne, Winchester, Hants.

SALISBURY. — St. Martin's Church. — The peal of 8 bells which are being overhauled and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston will be reopened on Saturday, October 19th. Service at 6 p.m. The bells will be available for ringing during the rest of the evening. All ringers welcome. — F. W. Romaine, 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District. —The autumn meeting of the above branch will take place at Weston-under-Penyard on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea kindly given by the Rector. Buses, frequent, pass the church. —John Clark, Fern Lea, Chase Road, Ross.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.—The peal of five, rehung with new fittings in new frame by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, October 20th, at 3 p.m. Bells available during the evening. Tea (1s. per head), after the service.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Wednesday, October 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30, in Parish Room, by kind invitation. Service 6. Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Friday, October 18th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 26th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. followed by service at Cathedral at 4 p.m. After service a tea, supplied by the Association, will be served in the Temperance Cafe, Rochester Bridge. The business meeting will take place after tea, at which the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Members intending to be present must please notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, October 22nd.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, 162, Barnsole Rd., Gillingham.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 23rd. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln Branch. —A meeting will be held at Stow on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, October 23rd. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glam.) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Rd., Newport, Mon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m, Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, will be reserved only for those who notify me by Monday, October 21st, not later.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Darlington on Saturday, October 26th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's (8) and St. John's (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. Hunter's Cafe. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by 24th inst. The proposed joint meeting at West Hartlepool with Eastern District cannot be arranged.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will held at Maiseyhampton on Saturday, October 26th (dedication of the bells). Service 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, 22nd? All ringers welcome.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Sunderland, Saturday, October 26th. Meet at Bishopwearmouth Church, 2.30. Bells of the three churches available. Tea at St. Ignatius' Institute 5 p.m. Please inform Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland, by October 24th.—F. Robson, H. Tyson, Joint Dis. Secs.

MAISEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—Dedication of the peal of 6 (treble recast and all rehung in new frame with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston) will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Tone, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting after. Anyone requiring tea must please notify me by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Local Sec., Bishop's Hull.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Uphill, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) open at 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, and business meeting at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. R.S.V.P. to L. G. Tanner, Branch Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare,

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gosport, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15, followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Wed., 23rd? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Rd., Porstmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Brigstock, on Saturday, October 26th. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage, 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea should advise me by Tuesday, Oct. 22nd.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford St., Thrapsion.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham district.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26th, embracing the three "Stonhams," viz: Earl Stonham (5), Stonham Parva (5), Stonham Aspal (10). Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at Brewers' Arms, Stonham Parva, 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting. It is proposed to ring at Stonham Parva first; reason for this will become apparent when business comes on. Please help by attending. Names for tea (1/- each) by Thursday, Oct. 24th, to W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Est. 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Nuthall, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Tower open 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Husbands Bosworth, on Oct. 26th. Usual arrangements.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northampton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Kindly notify me by 22nd those intending to be present. — Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road. Brislington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Warfield, on Saturday, October 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. for those who notify me not later than Oct. 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stamford, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) of All Saints' and St. Martin's Churches will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. at All Saints', followed by tea and business meeting at Barton's Cafe, St. Mary's Street. It is hoped we may have a good attendance. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 23rd.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milton, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The quarterley meeting of the above will be held at Frampton, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me by Tuesday, October 22nd?—John Phillips, The School House, Butterwick, Nr. Boston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Owslebury, by invitation of the Vicar, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) from 2.30, service at 4. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea by October 24th. All welcome.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastley.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Idle, Bradford, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Collingbourne Kingston, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Any ringers who require tea provided, kindly notify the Secretary before October 23rd.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon. Marlborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon P. H. Collins. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

A JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (South District) will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, November 2nd, Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, please notify, by October 29th, Mr. J. H. Hunnisett, 56, Altenburg Avenue, West Ealing.—W. H. Hollier and J. Herbert, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturdny, November 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3.30.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting in Jubilee Room. Nominations for district officers for ensuing year must be handed in at this meeting. Those requiring tea please notify by Tuesday, October 29th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 (Preacher, Rev. T. Wellard, B.D.). Tea at Lyons', 5.30 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The 292nd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, where there is ample accommodation, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until Nov. 5th from Messrs. C. J. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, C. J. Chooet, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, W. Roughton, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Rushton, E. F. Sampson, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open: Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 2.50, followed by a musical service; St. Magnus', 1.30 to 2.50, followed by a lecture on the history of the church, by the Rector; St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock. Sermon by the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn.

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