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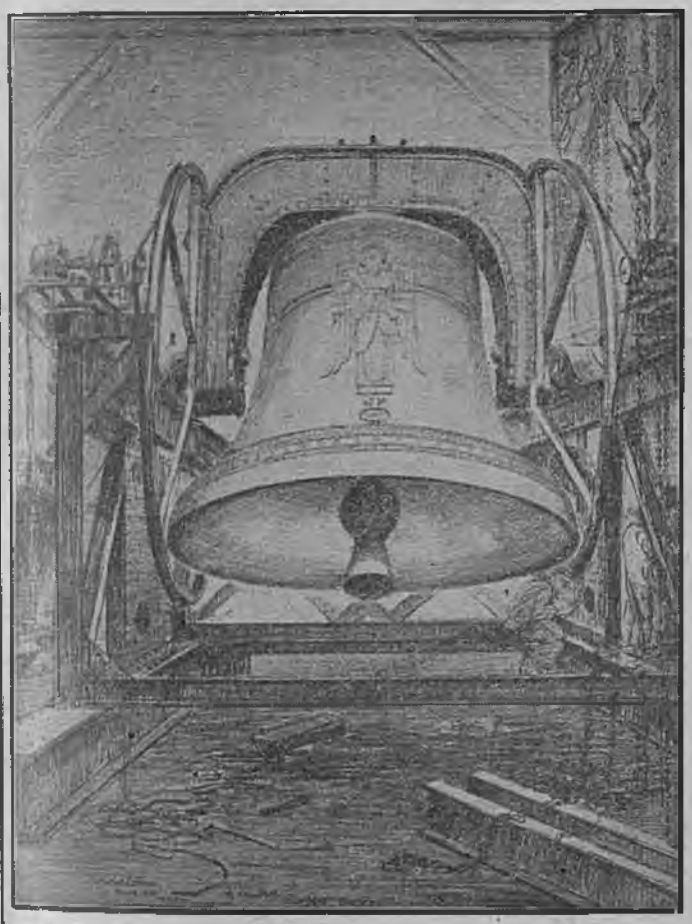

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## ENCOURAGING BELL RESTORATION

Few associations devote so much money to the restoration of bells as the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which on Saturday, at the annual festival, voted three donations of five guineas each to supplement gifts of over ten pounds already given by the branches in which these towers are situated. Last year twenty-five guineas was voted for similar purposes, in addition to amounts given by branches. It is small wonder that restoration work in the diocese of Oxford is constantly and steadily maintained. The Master, who is diocesan adviser in these matters, is kept well employed in making inspections and giving advice, and he reported last year that he had dealt in this way with exactly a dozen towers; and that in ten other cases work had been satisfactorily completed. This, in one year, is a record of which the Guild may be proud, but it is unlikely that it would have been anything like so good, had it not been for the inspiration which the Guild itself gives by backing up its advocacy for efficient restoration with practical help where it is needed.

The Oxford Guild is, of course, not alone among the associations in contributing to restoration schemes. Many of them devote funds to this excellent purpose, but none, we believe, has a record quite equal to the Oxford Guild, who dip their hands into both pockets, as it were, by accepting as the best recommendation for a grant from the general fund, a prior grant from the branch coffers. Financial restrictions prevent many of the associations from following the example of the Oxford Diocesan Guild —they would have the opportunity if they had the funds —but it is interesting as well as gratifying to see the gradual spread of the restoration fund idea. A proposal is now on foot to establish a fund in the Bath and Wells Association and other societies have it under contemplation, so that eventually, we anticipate, it will be a recognised feature of the work of all associations. And, even at the cost of some small sacrifice on the part of ringers, the project is one to be commended, if for no other reason than that it helps to prove to church authorities that ringers are ready to put something into their work as well as take something out of it—that their desire for the preservation of bells is something to which they themselves are prepared to contribute. It is one of the ways by which ringers can show that their interest in bells is not one-sided or their activities outside service ringing purely selfish. By their contributions to restoration schemes, therefore, associations are doing useful work in more ways than one, but there is another direction in which we wish they could use greater influence, and that is in ensuring the maintenance of bells in good condition.

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We believe that much expense could, in the long run, be saved to church authorities by a proper system of supervision. At present expert advice is seldom called in until the bells are entirely, or almost completely, out of order—a condition which systematic and competent inspection would often have avoided. But that is another story.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

*On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE R. PYE ... ... ... | *Treble* | FRANK E. PERVIN ... ... | 7 |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... ... ... | 2 | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... ... | 8 |
| HERBERT KNIGHT ... ... | 3 | JAMES BENNETT ... ... ... | 9 |
| ALBERT WALKER ... ... ... | 4 | ALBERT W. COLES ... ... | 10 |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... ... | 5 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... | 11 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS ... ... | 6 | WILLIAM PYE ... ... ... | *Tenor* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

First peal of Maximus on the bells. The band tender their best thanks to Mr. T. J. Elton, also to the Vicar of Walsall for his kindly welcome in the ringing room previous to the peal.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, July 9, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ROBERT J. DAWE ... ... ... | *Treble* | ALFRED J. TURNER ... ... | 6 |
| KEITH HART... ... ... ... | 2 | ERNEST GOWER ... ... ... | 7 |
| ROBERT SWIFT ... ... ... | 3 | NELSON ELLIOTT... ... ... | 8 |
| GEORGE W. STOKES ... ... | 4 | JOHN DEARLOVE ... ... ... | 9 |
| JOHN W. STEUDY... ... ... | 5 | OLIVER SIPPETTS... ... ... | *Tenor* |

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... | *Treble* | JOHN WHEADON ... ... ... | 5 |
| *FREDERICK A. COLEY ... | 2 | CECIL W. PIPE ... ... ... | 6 |
| HARRY HOVERD ... ... ... | 3 | WILFRED WILLIAMS ... ... | 7 |
| JOHN J. LAMB ... ... ... | 4 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First touch of Double Norwich 'inside,' and first attempt.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, July 7, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| F. PRICE ... ... ... ... | *Treble* | *J. H. JOYNER ... ... ... | 5 |
| R. A. HECKTON ... ... ... | 2 | †F. C. MORTON ... ... ... | 6 |
| F. W. TURNER ... ... ... | 3 | W. R. DRAGE ... ... ... | 7 |
| C. GEARY ... ... ... ... | 4 | J. BAILEY ... ... ... ... | *Tenor* |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung as a farewell to J. H. Joyner, who is leaving for Gloucester.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)
*On Tuesday, July 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH | *Treble* | TITUS BARLOW | 5 |
| FRED F. RIGBY | 2 | PETER CROOK | 6 |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY | 3 | JOHN POTTER | 7 |
| GEORGE PINCOTT | 4 | *ROBERT WALMSLEY | *Tenor* |

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER
* First peal. First peal on the bells since recasting.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
*On Wednesday, July 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
A. J. PITMAN'S ODD-AND-EVEN BOB ONE-PART.
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MAURICE SWINFIELD | *Treble* | JAMES GEORGE | 5 |
| JOHN H. SWINFIELD | 2 | W. RICHARDSON DRAGE | 6 |
| CHARLES DRAPER | 3 | EDWARD C. GOBEY | 7 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY | 4 | CECIL J. BAKER | *Tenor* |

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.
This composition is now rung for the first time. It was published in 'The Ringing World,' April 14th, 1922.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WALTER CHARMAN | *Treble* | ARTHUR H. SMITH | 5 |
| JOHN HOYLE | 2 | JOHN H. WHITE | 6 |
| MISS IRENE L. HASTIE | 3 | *WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY | 7 |
| GEORGE MARRINER | 4 | ALAN R. PINK | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the neighbourhood for Petersfield, Hants.

CHILHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.
*On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLES W. BRETT | *Treble* | EDWIN G. BUESDEN | 5 |
| FREDERICK WELLER | 2 | FREDERICK FAIRBEARD | 6 |
| PERCY PAGE | 3 | HARRY PARKES | 7 |
| FREDERICK G. BRETT | 4 | CHARLES FRANKLIN | *Tenor* |

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The band wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. Hilton Spratt, for his kind permission to use the bells, and having everything ready.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Three Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
**A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5392 CHANGES;**
IN THE GRANTA VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON | *Treble* | T. HENRY WRIGHT | 5 |
| PERCY A. ALDHAM | 2 | T. KELHAM DEACON | 6 |
| C. HENRY WEBB | 3 | ALFRED BALLARD | 7 |
| GEORGE A. NEWTON | 4 | ERNEST MORRIS | *Tenor* |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS
Arranged for the 9th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, but rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Joseph Ball, an eminent churchman, who died suddenly, and was interred in the churchyard prior to the peal. First peal in this variation by all and by the association.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *G. JAMES R. PRICE | *Treble* | JOHN J. PRICE | 5 |
| WILLIAM J. BENIAMS | 2 | WILLIAM R. NASH | 6 |
| JAMES P. HYETT | 3 | FRANCIS EVANS | 7 |
| FREDERICK SMITH | 4 | HUBERT JONES | *Tenor* |

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.
* First peal of Triples away from tenor. Mr. J. P. Hyett's 150th peal.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.
Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE GREEN | *Treble* | WILLIAM LINCOLN | 5 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE | 2 | *DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS | 6 |
| *DR. E. L. TAYLOR | 3 | JOHN WOOD | 7 |
| *PERCY GREEN | 4 | ARTHUR HEAD | *Tenor* |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Dr. E. L. Taylor, and believed to be the first Surprise peal in which two doctors have taken part.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *PERCY L. DEBLING | *Treble* | WILLIAM R. BOND | 5 |
| BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE | 2 | WILLIAM J. BEER | 6 |
| ALFRED G. HILL | 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. | 7 |
| †THOMAS H. CULVER | 4 | FREDERICK A. COLEY | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| STEPHEN H. WOOD | *Treble* | RONALD H. BULLEN | 5 |
| JACK A. WAUGH | 2 | ERNEST C. S. TURNER | 6 |
| JOHN H. CRAMPION | 3 | CECIL W. PIPE | 7 |
| GEORGE B. COLE | 4 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER | *Tenor* |

Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)
*On Sunday, July 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

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|---|---|---|---|
| FRANK REYNOLDS | *Treble* | JOHN J. YATES | 5 |
| WILLIAM GOULD | 2 | THOMAS GRIMSHAW | 6 |
| JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW | 3 | ERNEST LEATHERBARROW | 7 |
| WILLIAM HAMPSON | 4 | WILLIAM LEATHERBARROW | *Tenor* |

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW
Rung to commemorate the 50th year of the Liverpool Diocese.

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# SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sunday, June 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ANSFIELD GINN ... ... ...*Treble* | | FRANK WARRINGTON ... ... | 4 |
| DENNIS ADAMS ... ... ... | 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN ... ... ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM BAVIN ... ... ... | 3 | CHARLES ROBINSON ... ...*Tenor* | |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to treble ringer, it being his first peal on tower bells. Mr. A. J. Ginn entertained the band after the peal. The 4th 700 in this was the conductor's 100th Minor extent in 1930.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, July 5, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob and 21 six-scores of Grandsire.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *CECIL SERGEANT ... ...*Treble* | | GEORGE BROWN ... ... ... | 3 |
| *SYDNEY ROWNEY ... ... | 2 | FREDERICK RANDALL ... ... | 4 |
| P.C. ALBERT STAPLETON ...*Tenor* | | | |

Conducted by P.C. ALBERT STAPLETON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Sunday, July 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *JOSEPH T. PEARCE ... ...*Treble* | | JAMES P. HYETT ... ... | 4 |
| DENNIS J. SHARPLES... ... | 2 | G. JAMES R. PRICE ... ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM DUFFY ... ... | 3 | *ARTHUR J. B. EMBREY ...*Tenor* | |

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

* First peal. Rung for evening service.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sunday, July 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS-ON-THE-HILL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES F. HATCHLEY... ...*Treble* | | †P.C. RICHARD STUCKEY ... | 4 |
| *HAROLD S. BANWELL ... | 2 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... ... | 5 |
| †FREDERICK G. STUCKEY ... | 3 | EDWARD G. L. COWARD ...*Tenor* | |

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor.

PRESTWICH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| VERNON SYKES ... ... ...*Treble* | | HERBERT DAVENPORT ... | 4 |
| WILLIAM HORAN ... ... | 2 | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... | 5 |
| RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... | 3 | †JAMES GROUNDS ... ... ...*Tenor* | |

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.
*On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 extents.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. POWLES ... ... ... ...*Treble* | | W. DEMPSTER ... ... ... | 4 |
| *A. BOWLER, JUN. ... ... | 2 | W. J. COPE... ... ... ... | 5 |
| A. BOWLER, SEN. ... ... | 3 | †A. SMITH ... ... ... ...*Tenor* | |

Conducted by A. BOWLER, SEN.

* First peal on inside bell. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal away from tenor by J. Powles, who is sixty years of age.

SHILTON, COVENTRY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being six 120's Canterbury, six 120's Bob Doubles, thirty 120's Grandsire, ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN H. BAILESS... ... ...*Treble* | | M. EDWARD WATSON ... ... | 4 |
| RONALD RUSSELL ... ... | 2 | WILLIAM A. WOOD ... ... | 5 |
| ARTHUR E. BARLOW ... ... | 3 | FRANK BAILESS ... ... ...*Tenor* | |

Conducted by M. E. WATSON.

First peal in three methods by ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

CORFE MULLEN, WIMBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, July 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JIM RALPH ... ... ... ...*Treble* | | †CYRIL F. TURNER ... ... | 4 |
| *MISS MARCIA WHITE ... | 2 | ARTHUR G. ROSE ... ... | 5 |
| †CHARLES H. JENNINGS .. | 3 | EDWARD G. L. COWARD ...*Tenor* | |

Conducted by E. G. L. COWARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung at the request of the treble ringer to enable him to ring a peal with the ringer of the 3rd. The band were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector (Rev. E. C. Eddrupp) after the peal.

# HANDBELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
*On Friday, July 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALBERT D. COLLINS ... ... | 1-2 | *JOSEPH FLAVELL ... ... | 4 |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL ... ... | 3 | HARRY BOSWELL ... ... | 5-6 |

Conducted by HAROLD L. FLAVELL.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal 'in hand' by all the band.

SOUTHBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sunday, July 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,*
AT THE RIDGE, SOUTHBOROUGH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A flat.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *DR. E. LEONARD TAYLOR... | 1-2 | STEPHEN H. WOOD ... ... | 5-6 |
| EDWIN H. LEWIS ... ... | 3-4 | *STAFFORD H. GREEN... ... | 7-8 |

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

* First peal 'in hand' and first attempt.

## STOURBRIDGE RINGERS' TOUR.

On Saturday, July 5th, the ringers of St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, with their wives and friends, had their annual outing, the party numbering twenty-three. Proceeding by motor charabanc at 1.45 p.m., via Bromsgrove, Headless Cross and Alcester, Stratford-on-Avon was reached by three o'clock, after a most delightful run in glorious sunshine. Here the party broke up into groups to visit the various places of interest in Shakespeare's town. The next move was a run to Leamington, where a capital tea was served at Ballinger's Restaurant, and was thoroughly enjoyed. After a walk round the town and through the Jepson Gardens, the party went on to Warwick, where, at St. Mary's Church, they were met by Messrs. Adams and Bond and several of the local ringers, and adjourned to the tower to ring on this fine peal of ten, touches of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples being accomplished. The party left at nine o'clock for home, which was reached after a most enjoyable run. The band wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Vicar of St. Mary's, Warwick, for allowing them permission to use the bells, and to Mr. E. H. Adams and the local ringers for having everything in readiness and for their kind assistance. Best thanks are also due to the churchwardens of St. Thomas' for making the outing possible, and to Mr. J. W. Smith, secretary of the band, for so capably carrying out the arrangements to the complete satisfaction of all.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION CRITICISED.

### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD'S RESOLUTION.

The annual meeting of the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 5th. Although the attendance was not as great as might have been expected, yet the number mounted up to nearly seventy. As this was not the year for the use of the Cathedral bells, St. Mary's (eight) and St. Michael's (six) came in for extra attention. Tea was laid in the Wade Street Schools, which had been prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Cresswell, who, together with many willing helpers, waited at table. After the 'crocks' had been cleared, the general meeting followed, when the Rev. H. S. Cresswell (Vicar of St. Mary's) was invited to take the chair. An apology for absence was received from the Ven. Hugh Bright, Archdeacon of Stafford.

The report and statement of accounts were passed and ordered to be printed. Next came the election of officers. For the position of Ringing Master, Mr. Wm. A. Cooper, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, was elected to succeed Mr. John Perry, retired.

The hon. secretaries were re-elected. Messrs. Joseph Timms, of Tamworth, and Frank Hallsworth, of Walsall, each with 44 years' membership to their credit, were elected as hon. ringing members.

At this juncture a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. Perry for his services during the year as Ringing Master; also to the auditors. Mr. Perry, in acknowledging the appreciation of his services, said he hoped his successor would get as much pleasure from the work in the coming year as he himself had done in the past.

The following places were selected for meetings during the coming year: Enville in September; Coseley and All Saints', West Bromwich, were put forward for the January meeting, and, upon being put to the vote, the latter was declared carried; Burton in April; and Lichfield for the annual meeting in June.

Mr. J. Perry moved the following resolution: 'That the members of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, assembled to-day at Lichfield for their annual meeting, express great surprise at the action of the Midland Counties Association who, at their meeting held on Easter Monday last at Burton-on-Trent, passed a resolution stating that in future the association area shall comprise, among other dioceses, the Diocese of Lichfield. Seeing that this diocese has already a flourishing society in each of the three archdeaconries that form the diocese, of which our own society is one, it is considered that an alteration like this is not fair to our own society, and will not be beneficial to the Diocese of Lichfield, and will also have a tendency in future of creating a spirit of competition and antagonism between the various societies, instead of a spirit of brotherhood. We respectfully ask the Midland Counties Association to reconsider its decision.'

Mr. R. P. Brindley seconded the motion, and it was supported by Messrs. F. Colclough and H. Knight.

Mr. Brindley appealed for assistance to the bell restoration fund at St. Editha's Church, Tamworth, and it was agreed that one guinea should be forwarded.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Cresswell and her helpers, also to the chairman, was carried with applause. The chairman replied in happy mood, and said he would pass on the expression to his wife.

### INCREASE IN PEAL RINGING.

The committee in their report recorded that successful meetings had been held during the year: at Lichfield, with a fair attendance; at Wombourn, with about 80 present; at Wolverhampton (St. Peter's), with upward of 100; at Cannock, also with a very fair muster. At the latter three places tea was generously provided. Bell restorations had been made both at Penn and Lapley; at the latter place it was hoped to have an additional bell placed in the near future, thereby completing a ring of six. The number of peals rung during the year was considerably larger than had been the case of late years, those in the Grandsire method being of greater proportion than usual, the cause of which was not far to seek, as several 'first pealers' had made their debut. One of the young members, H. Boswell, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, had rung no less than 28 peals during the year, which was a record for any individual member for twelve months. The peals were as follows: Doubles (three methods) 1, Grandsire Doubles 7, Triples 28, Caters 3, Cinques 1, Erin Triples 1, Stedman Triples 4, Caters 4, Cinques 2, Kent Treble Bob Minor 1, Plain Bob Minor 1, Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 1; total 58.

The committee regretted to record the loss the society had sustained through the death of the Rev. Thomas W. Wilkes, who, it would be remembered, most ably filled the office of clerical secretary and treasurer of the society for several years, until failing health caused him to give it up; of Mr. Joseph Key, Lichfield, who was the sole survivor of the original members; of Mr. Thomas J. Bratton, Birmingham; and Mr. William Kent, Aston.

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WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.—On Tuesday, June 24th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Thomas 1, A. E. Richards 2, J. W. Clarke 3, G. Jones 4, J. Swindley (first touch in the method) 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6.

## DECAYING STONE WALLS.

### HOW TO PROTECT THEM.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Although I am secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, I have noticed in 'The Ringing World' a letter from Mr. Lord with regard to the decay of 'modern' stone walls. Mr. Lord asks a difficult question. The decay of stonework is due to impurities in the air, and it is the prevention of these impurities that is the only real way to preserve stone.

The question is really parallel to the hypothetical one which follows: 'I have a piece of copper in an acid bath. I want to be able to see the copper, but I do not want the acid to eat into it. Can you advise me how this may be prevented?' The answer is: 'Remove the acid.'

Of course, it would be possible to preserve the structure of the tower by covering it with properly made plaster; on the other hand, most people to-day would hold that to do so would make it a disagreeable sight, and there would be other objections. As long as the stone is exposed to the polluted air it will suffer.

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and those who have the care of Government ancient buildings, under the 1913 Act, and, I believe, also the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, are all of opinion that little can be done with colourless stone preservatives when they are applied to stone which already shows signs of decay. I can call to mind a number of cases where stone has been treated in this way some years ago, and where, after a short period of apparent hardening, the decay is rapidly accelerated. The only preservative which does no harm at all to the stone, and which, if it is reapplied at intervals of five and ten years, does definitely act as a preservative, is limewash.

It was always used by mediæval builders as a covering coat for all their stone buildings—cathedrals, parish churches, cottages and barns. The chemists affirm that the lime has an affinity for the sulphur in the air; but in cases where the practice has been continued the protection accorded by the wash is satisfactory.

There are, however, a good number of people who dislike limewash because it changes the colour of a building. It is true that there is this change, but it is a change from one beauty to another. Everybody is agreed that mediæval mason work is beautiful; that the men who worked the stone then knew what they were about; it may therefore be presumed that the gleaming whiteness of a tower was a quality our great predecessors liked; and it may be held that the treatment is technically sound because these much-admired builders employed that method.

In addition to a limewash treatment, and, indeed, as a necessity before it, the joints between the stones must either be known to be sound or be made so. Everything should be done to secure that the acid laden rain shall run off the building and not soak into it.

I might add that Henry VII.'s Chapel at Westminster Abbey, and the cloisters there, have lately been completely limewashed; and, further, when Professor Lethaby was asked to give an address to the society this year, he devoted himself almost entirely to its use as a protection to stone work.—Yours truly,

A. R. POWYS.

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## THE CANCELLED MEETING AT SOHAM.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—With reference to the account in your last issue of an Ely Association meeting held at Soham, with regard to cancelling, I met some of the committee at Cambridge, and with them and the general secretary discussed the situation, as I could not attend myself. In my letter of permission to hold the meeting it was a condition that we must make good any repair needed after ringing, should it be caused by us, also that an official of the association must be present. It was left to me to do the best I could, and I had to cancel the meeting. I cancelled the notice in your columns by wire, but unfortunately no further reference was made to it in Belfry Gossip or elsewhere. In reply to my appeal, 'Please try and let me know,' etc., I received one postcard, to which I replied. I wired to three and sent about a dozen postcards. Before the next meeting I hope those who intend to be present will buy a penny stamp and postcard and send to me. Should the meeting be cancelled I shall then know to whom I must reply. Some come if the weather is suitable and everything is easy. Were there more at this meeting than at the 'annual'? I think not. I am in no hurry to say there were enough to ring Caters, let alone Royal. I do not know who sent you the report, and I care less. In closing, may I apologise to all those who did really travel such a long distance and had unnecessary expense (I had some) and disappointment. I was disappointed. I have yet to have a pull at Soham. There will be a meeting again shortly. I will appeal now to others to help. Make the postman busy; it only costs a penny to write to my new address.—Yours truly,

F. WARRINGTON,
District Secretary and Ringing Master.

Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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HONORARY MEMBERS INVITED TO SUBSCRIBE.

The Council then dealt with the motions on the agenda paper, the first being one which stood in the name of the hon. secretary: 'That the Council do further revise the incidence of the annual subscription.' Mr. Young said that when the matter was brought up last year it came up towards the end of a meeting in which they had spent several hours over another subject, and consequently it was rather rushed through, without the consideration which the Council usually afforded; therefore, in order to allow the matter to be better ventilated, he put it on the agenda again this year. They would remember that last year he proposed that the subscription, which was then 2s. 6d. per member for each representative of an association, should be raised to 5s., and that honorary members should pay 5s. The former was agreed to, but the latter proposal was rejected. The result had been that their funds had been increased by the double fee to the extent of some £7 or £8, and if they left it as it was they would be that much better off every year. But in view of the difficulty which some of the associations had in finding money, he had heard it suggested that 5s. was too much, and his suggestion now was that, for the first two members of any association, 5s. each should be paid, and for the third or fourth member 2s. 6d. only. With regard to the honorary members, he was quite aware that they came there without remuneration, a fact which indicated that their hearts were in the work, and that they enjoyed coming. He thought, however, that not only did they consider it a privilege, but that they would also be prepared to pay 5s. if that fee were imposed upon them. He, therefore, moved that in future, where there were three or four representatives of an association, the fee for the third and fourth should be 2s. 6d., and that honorary members should pay 5s. a year. As far as the finances of the Council were concerned, they would be about where they were now—what they lost on the swings they would make up on the roundabouts. He was asking the honorary members to do something which would in a way make up what they lost in the case of societies who returned three or four members. There were 17 societies who returned four members, and on them they would lose about £4. There were five who returned three members. They had fifteen honorary members, and 5s. from each would nearly recoup the Council.—The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards seconded.

Alderman Pritchett said, as an honorary member, he would like to go one better than Mr. Young, and therefore he made the following proposition: 'That honorary members be invited to subscribe not less than 5s. in each year.' He said 'invited,' because that would necessitate no alteration in their rules. A copy of the resolution could be sent to every honorary member at some time during the year, and he was quite sure that everyone would respond. In many cases they would be prepared to give more than 5s. towards the funds of the Council. He for one would be willing to subscribe a guinea, because he felt it was a great honour to be an honorary member. He had been one now for a great many years, and he had never subscribed anything, which was rather on his conscience, and he would be glad to make up for lost time (laughter). He had put the Council to some expense. The other day he had a letter from the secretary, which cost 1½d. to send and which enabled him to save 10s. on his railway fare. A subscription to the Council would be a good way of repaying the kindness. His proposition did not mean any alteration of the rules, and gave an honorary member the opportunity of subscribing a sum of not less than 5s., or nothing at all, according as he thought fit.

Mr. W. Willson seconded the amendment, and the Rev. R. P. Farrow remarked that he would support it on the ground that it was a pleasure to hear of a lawyer putting his hand into his own pocket (laughter).

The Hon. Secretary said he was prepared to accept the amendment proposed by Alderman Pritchett.

Rev. E. S. Powell moved that there should be no alteration in the present scale of fees for the association representatives. Had the proposal been put forward in its present form at Chelmsford it would have had something to commend it, but now the change had been made it would lead to confusion and uncertainty if they made a fresh scale.—Mr. Sedgley seconded.

Canon Elsee said that one thing had not been mentioned, and that was that the honorary members came to the Council always at their own expense, whereas by custom the expenses of the ordinary members were paid by their associations. He was rather anxious that no one should be shut out from the honour of being an honorary member of the Council by considerations of expense, and if he had to pay a subscription in addition to his own expenses, it was possible that it might shut out one or two.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Major Hesse spoke in favour of the subscription of honorary members being compulsory, but Mr. Pulling opposed the principle of asking honorary members to pay anything.

Canon Coleridge said the associations relied upon honorary members' subscriptions to assist their funds and to save some of them from becoming bankrupt. He thought the members of the Council were in the same position. It was a great privilege to be an honorary member, and he thought everybody ought to pay. Whether they used the word 'shall' or 'may' was another thing.

Mr. James George favoured the use of the word 'shall.' There were few, he said, who would not be willing to pay a small sum for the pleasure of attending their enjoyable meetings.

Mr. Cave suggested that the question of honorary members' subscriptions should be dropped, because he thought, after what had been said that day, subscriptions from the honorary members would be forthcoming next year without any request.

The President divided the motion for the convenience of voting, and the portion relating to the reduction of the ordinary representatives' fees in the case of the third and fourth members was defeated, while that with regard to honorary members, as put forward by Alderman Pritchett, was carried.

THE COUNCIL'S RULES.

The Hon. Secretary, in accordance with a motion which stood on the agenda, initiated a discussion on the subject of alteration in the rules of the Central Council, as suggested in 'The Ringing World' of October 18th, 1929. He said that last year there was a considerable ventilation of ideas as to what might be done to improve the Council and make it more useful. As a result of this, he expected to be inundated with all sorts of proposals and motions, but when the time came to issue the agenda for this year they could imagine his surprise when he found that there seemed to be a conspiracy of silence, for some reason or other. He felt it was a pity that something should not be done to ventilate the grievances, and he had some correspondence with his predecessor, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who knew the Council so well and how to get over the difficulties. He (Mr. Young) had been very much indebted to him whenever there had been any point he desired to have cleared up, and Mr. Davies had said that he thought it would be a good thing to put down a motion which would enable them to see where they were with regard to these grievances. On October 18th last year an article appeared in 'The Ringing World' from an anonymous contributor putting forward certain suggested alterations to the rules. At first glance it looked formidable, but he found on examination that there was not very much in it. The main point seemed to turn largely on the question whether the Council should have a purely advisory position, as it had now, or whether it should put the Exercise more into bonds. As some of them might remember it was deemed by Sir Arthur Heywood and those who founded the Council that they would be wise in maintaining themselves as an advisory body, and he had noticed that when Mr. Davies was secretary he tabled his motions in words which made it clear that the Council should advise this or that. Did the Council now wish to say that the associations **must** do so and so? If the associations and guilds did not fall in with the Council's rules or suggestions, what were they going to do about it? It was quite worth their while to think these things over and ventilate them. Another point raised was under Rule 2, by which the Council was to consist of representative members under a certain schedule of numbers. Under the suggested new rule, it was proposed that any recognised society could apply for affiliation, but that it should subscribe to an undertaking to recognise and observe the rulings of the Council. If they did not do so, he supposed there was no object in their subscribing, but if they refused to subscribe he supposed they would be outside the pale. That seemed to be the primary thing. Another point was that instead of the Council being constituted for three years, as they were at present, they should be on a yearly basis with a meeting every third year in London. He did not know that that would make very much difference, but he thought that if a man was only elected for one year they might not get to know his work, for it was only after a period of years on the Council that they were really able to recognise a man's value. He should prefer to stick to the triennial arrangement. But there did seem something, if they could strike a line of agreement, in endeavouring to draw the bonds between the Council and the associations a little closer. He did not think it would be of harm to the Council if they tried to get their rules observed, and he believed Mr. Cave had a motion to bring forward on this subject. If he did so it would go a long way towards ventilating the position and perhaps enabling them to reach a decision next year.

UNFAIR CRITICISM.

Mr. Cave said some of the criticisms which had been levelled at the Council were not fair, and some were actually untrue. For instance, one speaker at a meeting, reported on page 150 of No. 937 of 'The Ringing World,' said: 'The rules of the Council stated that no member should vote until the association he represented had paid the fee of 2s. 6d., and upon this rule being carried out, a further rule stated that the representative would be a member of the Council and not necessarily a representative of his association.' The latter part of this was not true, but it had not been contradicted, and they might imagine the effect of this upon a reader who, of course, took it as being true. If they would refer to the rules they would see that this latter part was a note to Rule 2 defining the word 'Member,' and meant that associations might, if they thought fit, appoint any person to represent them, whether a member or not. This note came about in this way: While he was acting as assistant secretary of the

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Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, he discovered that one of the representatives had not paid his subscription for two or three years, and by the rules had ceased to be a member of the association. This was brought to the representative's notice. He refused to pay, but he attended the Central Council meeting at Exeter, where the question was brought up and decided, as they saw in the note to Rule 2. The association accepted the ruling and did not elect anyone to take this representative's place until his period of service was up, an example that the Gloucester and Bristol Association might well have followed last year. Then they had heard a lot about the member who was instructed to do one thing, although his own feelings prompted him to do the opposite. Most of the people he (Mr. Cave) had spoken to about it had blamed the member for saying what he did, and upheld the chairman in his ruling; and he was with them. This member was not the first, and probably he would not be the last, to do for an association what he would not do for himself. He (the speaker) did the same thing three years ago when proposing Bristol for the 1928 meeting of the Council entirely against his own feelings in the matter. Another instance was that of a resolution passed at the annual meeting of his association held at Painswick in 1925, and which was to have been put to the meeting at Ipswich in 1926. There was no authority from the Painswick meeting to put it on the Council's agenda, but the association having passed it he was quite willing to support it in their name. The fact that the chairman of the Council would not allow it to be put was the fault of the secretary of the association; the necessary alteration in the wording was pointed out to him before he sent it to the Council

AN INVITATION TO ASSOCIATIONS.

Mr. Cave, continuing, drew attention to what he described as another instance of unfair criticism, in which it was stated: 'That the five and six-bell ringers had had their enthusiasm damped by the continued bartering of what they could ring and what they must not, and the effect of that upon the Gloucester and Bristol Association was a drop of from 14 to 8 peals upon 5 and 6 bells during the last year.' Mr. Cave said it was nothing of the kind. In 1927 there were 17 peals (not 14) on five and six bells, thirteen of which were Doubles, seven conducted by one and the same ringer. In 1928, of the eight peals, six were Doubles, only one of which was conducted by him—a drop of six, due to one man alone. Of course, the 'bartering' referred to was the Council's discussions on Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge Minor and the various 240's and 360's of Doubles. The secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was in favour of admitting them, and he (Mr. Cave) was against it. If the association had rung any of these, one could have understood it, but the fact was they had rung none of them, either before or since. Mr. Cave added that the associations had always sent their representatives to that Council to thrash out ringing matters so that they might benefit from the deliberations, and also to abide by their decisions. Although many associations had no reference to the Council in their rules, these decisions had been accepted as law. For example, he would refer them to page 20 of 'Rules and Decisions,' where it was stated: 'That Bob Triples and Grandsire Major are not worthy of being practised.' To-day peals in these methods were practically unheard of. Mr. Cave then moved: 'That in order to bring ringing societies into closer communion and co-operation with the Central Council of Church Bellringers, every affiliated society be requested to include in its rules words to the following effect: "That this society be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers and loyally carry out the rules and decisions thereof."' He thought that if this resolution was passed it would strengthen the bonds between the Council and the associations.

Mr. Young seconded the motion, remarking that the Council could not amend its rules without proper notice printed in the agenda, but they could pass a resolution which was advisory. This resolution recommended their affiliated societies to take a certain action, and he thought it would help to meet some of the criticisms.

Rev. H. Law James thought that the two words at the end of the motion 'and decisions' should be taken out. He had not the slightest objection with regard to the rules, but when they came to the 'decisions' it was another question (laughter). The Council were not like the M.C.C. in regard to the laws of cricket. The laws of cricket could be altered, but the laws governing change ringing could not—for instance, they could not get more than six changes on three bells. They were not dealing with a thing like cricket; they were dealing with a science. From time to time they found out that there were points and old decisions which had got to go. On the scientific side of change ringing they had to do with facts and not with theories. A scientific theory was like a clothes line—if they put too much weight on it, it would break. They could not ask associations to abide by decisions which in a few years' time might be out of date.

Alderman Pritchett said it was no use a society being affiliated to the Council unless the society was prepared to accept its rules. He suggested a slight alteration to the form of the motion by substituting the words 'abide by' instead of 'carry out,' and this was accepted by the mover.

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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 Bishop of Liverpool has promised to speak at the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association on September 27th.

Mr. W. Griffin, of Walsall, writing on Saturday night, said: 'Re the peal of Maximus just finished, I can only say it acted as a real tonic. A really splendid peal; fine striking from start to finish.'

It was, in a way, an 'All-England' team that rang the peal, and one would have been surprised at anything else but fine striking from such a band. It is not always the case, however, that praise is given where praise is due.

The old peal of six bells at Hope Parish Church, Derbyshire, all of which were cast by Daniel Hedderley in 1733 (tenor approximately 15 cwt.) is to be rehung with modern fittings in a new framework designed for eight bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. It is not yet definitely decided whether the two trebles, required to complete the octave, will be put in hand at the same time.

At Surrey Assizes, at Kingston, £500 was awarded to the widow and £100 to the daughter of the late Mr. Alwyn Charman, a ringer of Cranleigh, Surrey, who, while wheeling his cycle, was killed as the result of a collision between a motor-cycle and a car.

The bells of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, were opened by the College Youths with a peal of Grandsire Cinques on July 18th, 1798.

Next Monday is the seventh anniversary of the record peal of Treble Bob, 17,280, in the Kent Variation, rung in ten hours, at Over, Cheshire.

The death of Mr. I. G. Shade, in a motor-car accident, took place on July 19th, 1926.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Wilby, Suffolk, on July 6th, was John W. Ward.

## AMERICAN VISITORS.

### MR. WARREN STURGIS, JUN., QUALIFIES FOR A.S.C.Y.

Mr. Warren Sturgis, of Groton, U.S.A., with his son, E. Warren Sturgis, who are on a visit to Europe with Mrs. and Miss Sturgis, paid a 'flying' visit to London recently from Paris. Mr. Sturgis, sen., is a master at Groton College. He was initiated into the art of ringing by the late Dr. Nichols, of Boston, Massachusetts, and is keenly interested in maintaining ringing at Groton, where he teaches students the art. When at home, Bob Major is practised on handbells in the family circle.

The recent visit to London was largely made to enable Mr. Warren Sturgis, jun., to qualify for membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which his father joined some years ago. The qualification for membership is ability to ring a quarter-peal in a standard method, and this Mr. Sturgis, jun., did on July 4th by ringing 7-8 to a 1,330 Grandsire Triples on handbells in admirable style. The band was: W. Roughton 1-2, C. F. Winney 3-4, H. Langdon 5-6, Warren Sturgis, jun., 7-8. He was elected a member of the society on July 8th. The other ringing done during the visit included 672 Stedman Triples at St. John's Church, Wilton Road, in which father and son took part. It was regretted that the visit was so short that a peal could not be arranged. Mr. Warren Sturgis, who is 17 years of age, is a born ringing enthusiast, and the College Youths look forward to the opportunity of ringing a peal with him at some future date.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### FESTIVAL AT OXFORD.

The annual festival, the 49th, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was held at Oxford on Saturday, and, as usual, attracted a large and representative gathering of members, who assembled for service in Christ Church Cathedral, where the Rev. H. E. H. Probyn, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Oxford, gave a striking address.

The business meeting was presided over by the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who was supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright), the secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) and Canon G. F. Coleridge, about 120 members being present from all the branches. A number of apologies for absence had been received, and the Secretary read an extract from that received from Canon Norris, who desired to remind the Guild how much they ought to appreciate the Master for the work he did in advising and helping in bell-restoration work throughout the diocese (applause).

### OFFICIALS' REPORTS.

The Master, in his report, referred to the numerous towers in the diocese in which bell restoration was either contemplated or completed, and drew attention to the fact that in four of the latter might be found excellent examples of what could be done by careful modern turning. Newbury and St. Laurence's, Reading, were as good as many of them believed they might be; St. Mary's, Reading, were a great deal better than most of them thought possible; Thatcham, with two trebles added, were a surprise even to the founders themselves. As a fitting crown to a year remarkable for restoration work, came the ring of twelve for Berkshire by the addition of two trebles to the ten at St. Laurence's, Reading. The raising of a fund for these two bells was undertaken by Mr. Hibbert and himself, and right well were they backed up by members of the Guild and their many ringing friends throughout the country. In the matter of peals, the Guild showed a slight improvement both as to quantity and quality. For the latter, they were chiefly indebted to Mr. George Martin and his friends. The young Central Bucks Branch was doing well, owing to the untiring efforts of the hon. secretary, the Rev. J. F. Amies. Towers were beginning to press into it. On the whole, the branches were in a decidedly healthy state.

The secretary's report recorded that the Guild was steadily increasing in numbers and in useful activity. The number of towers affiliated was now 205, an increase of four from last year. This was due to the growth of the Central Bucks Branch, owing to the indefatigable work put in by Rev. J. F. Amies, the branch secretary. The hon. members had increased by 12, and now stood at 221, while ringing members had increased from 2,015 to 2,222.

### A SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Treasurer reported that the statement of accounts showed a balance of £158 4s. 11d., as compared with £145 9s. 5d. the previous year. The income was £123 5s. 3d., and the expenditure £111. The amount received from the branches was £89 7s., being £5 3s. 6d. in excess of any previous year. The balances held by the branches was £172, a decrease of £21 on the previous year. The balance sheets showed that a considerable sum had been given in grants for the restoration of bells—a worthy object and one which should be encouraged. The amount received from hon. members showed a decrease, and the subscriptions received by the general Guild were only £2 15s. as compared with £15 7s. 6d. in 1924. Considering that the Restoration Fund depended somewhat upon hon. members' subscriptions for a portion of the income, it was hoped that every effort would be made to increase the number. During the year grants have been made from the Restoration Fund amounting to £26 5s. A balance of £36 19s. 6d. was brought forward, and thanks were due to the North Bucks Branch who gave a donation of £5, and to the Master for one of £1. The fund had now a balance of £28 10s. 11d., which it was hoped would meet all demands for this year. This fund, started in 1924 with £10, has, since that time, made grants amounting to £52, without in any way reducing the general funds. The income from the sale of annual reports was only £3 7s. The reports were sold at sixpence per copy, and only 134 members appeared to want one. The net cost was eightpence-halfpenny; 325 are printed for those who desire to buy one. The demand appeared to be very small and getting less. It would be a question for the committee to consider whether it was worth while printing any copies beyond those actually required for the officials and hon. members. During the past four years the general funds of the Guild had increased 20 per cent. This meant a gradual increase of 5 per cent. per annum. Taking into consideration the position of many societies who were making no progress, it was a matter of congratulation that the Guild was in such a sound financial position.

The reports of the Master, hon. treasurer and secretary, having already been issued, were taken as read and adopted. The Hon. Treasurer pointed out that the £89 7s. received by the general fund from the branches was the largest ever received in the history of the Guild. The branch balances amounted to £172. With regard to the restoration fund, which had a balance of £28 10s. 11d. at the end of the year, a special donation of £10 10s. had been received from the Master and secretary. The fund had voted £10 10s. to the augmentation of St. Laurence's bells, but as sufficient was received without this amount, it was returned to the fund. After paying the grants recommended for this year, they would have a balance of £24 to carry forward, and in addition there would be the interest on investments, the collection that day of £3 0s. 2½d., and they might expect to get about £6 from honorary members.

### THE SECRETARY'S SALARY.

A resolution was next brought forward: 'That the general secretary's salary shall be £10 per annum.' This was moved by Mr. A. D. Barker, who, replying to the Master, said it was a private motion, and did not come from his branch (East Berks and South Bucks). He moved it because he thought it might be of interest to the Guild to discuss it.

There was no seconder, and the motion, therefore, fell to the ground. The present salary of the secretary is £20.

The Master was re-elected with acclamation, on the motion of Canon Coleridge, seconded by Mr. W. P. Routh. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in acknowledgment, thanked Canon Norris for his letter, and said that he would go on doing his best for the Guild, for the preservation and restoration of bells in the diocese, and for the furtherance of the art and science of change ringing.

The hon. treasurer and secretary were also re-elected, the latter remarking that if there was any dissatisfaction or loss of confidence in him, that was the time to nominate a new secretary. If he did the work again, he would continue to do it in his own way. The question of salary did not worry him one bit.—The election was carried amid applause.

Mr. Hibbert caused a good deal of laughter in acknowledging his re-election by remarking in his characteristic way, 'I shall make a lot of mistakes if I live, and I hope I shall live long enough to make hundreds.'

The Master said he must express the great gratitude he felt in having two such able officers as the treasurer and secretary. He need not tell them, for they had already shown they realised it, that the Guild was most fortunate in having two such men, who were always out to do their best for the Guild and for every branch. They were willing to sacrifice time and anything else required to give help to a branch. They could not do impossibilities, and he personally valued the Guild's expression of gratitude for their services (applause).

The twelve elected members of the committee were re-elected en bloc, as follows: Messrs. J. F. Barlow, J. Evans, G. Cauldwell, G. Holifield, W. Hibbert, senr., G. Martin, Miss V. Robinson, Messrs. R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear, J. W. Wilkins and Miss S. Davis.

The confirmation of 172 members elected since the last meeting was also agreed to.

The committee recommended that the festival in 1931 be held at Oxford, and the Master pointed out that it would be the jubilee of the Guild.

On the motion of Mr. Barker, seconded by Mr. R. T. Hibbert, the recommendation was agreed to without discussion, and with it a proposal that the Master be invited to preach at the service.

### RESTORATION GRANTS.

The committee recommended that a grant of £5 5s. be made towards the restoration of the bells at Somerton, and £5 5s. to Harwell. At Somerton, it was stated, the bells badly need rehanging, and Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s estimate has been accepted. The bells were to be hung in two tiers because it was desired to add two trebles to make a ring of eight. At Harwell the bells were in a bad state of repair and had to be rehung. Their condition had been condemned, and the bells could not now be used at all.—The grants were agreed to.

An application was also received for a grant for Standlake. At this church the shape of the tower added to the difficulties. It is a round tower, with a peal of six hung in two tiers in a timber frame, and the tower had been cut away to accommodate it. The Master said it was a deserving case.

The Vicar (Rev. Lovett) spoke in support of the application. The cost of the work, he said, would be about £260. They had raised about £160 in the parish (hear, hear), but he had made up his mind that they ought not to begin the work until they had all the money in hand. The present frame was acting as a battering ram on the tower, but the bells, when rehung, would be in two tiers in an iron frame. He appealed for the help of the Guild, because he was afraid the parish by its own efforts could not raise all that was required.

The Witney and Woodstock Branch had voted two guineas, and the Guild now voted a further five guineas.

A motion, 'That the travelling expenses incurred by members of the committee in attending committee meetings shall be paid by the general Guild, applications for same to be made to the general secretary after such meeting,' was moved by Mr. A. D. Barker. He said the motion was intended to apply to the twelve elected members. He said that certain of these had previously been branch representatives, and as such had been paid their travelling expenses by the branch. When they became 'elected' members they were, in a sense, promoted, but lost their privilege.

At the suggestion of Mr. A. J. Wright, the motion was amended to read 'that the treasurer be authorised to pay the railway fares of the twelve elected members,' and in this form it was agreed to.

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LOSS ON REPORTS.

Mr. Barker then moved that 'The branch secretary shall inform the general secretary in January each year the number of annual reports his branch will require; these to be supplied free.' Mr. Barker referred to the fact that only £3 7s. was received last year from the sale of reports, which appeared to show that only 134 members wanted one. In 1924 it was decided that branch secretaries should inform the general secretary in January of each year of the number of copies the branch required, and these should be supplied to the branch at 6d. a copy, the copies for hon. members being supplied free. For two or three years several branches paid for their reports, but last year he believed only two branches paid.

The Hon. Treasurer: All paid for them that had them.

Mr. Barker, continuing, said the treasurer complained that only a small sum was received from the sale of reports. His point was that he did not get all the money he was entitled to from this source. If reports were to be free for some branches, let them be free to all. He mentioned that during the last five years £126 5s. 8d. had been spent on printing reports, and only £25 2s. had been received for their sale. He compared the cost of the 325 copies printed with the cost of 750 copies printed at a less price for another society of which he was a member, and said that on the score of economy they should take into consideration the cost as well as what they received.

The Hon. Treasurer suggested that the motion was out of order in view of the motion passed, adopting the treasurer's report, together with the statement of accounts and the recommendations contained therein.

The Master said it was before the committee at their last meeting and would not come before them again until next April.

Mr. Barker said if the motion was out of order, it should have been pointed out before, so that he might have saved his breath and the members' time.

The Master said when it came to the question of altering rules it was much better if the matter was brought before the committee first of all, but if it came before the annual meeting he had no right to stop it. According to the report of the hon. treasurer, which had been carried, the whole question would be gone into at the committee meeting next April.

Mr. H. Miles said the treasurer's report was not read, and conceivably the point was lost sight of by members. He thought it should have been pointed out if it was out of order.

The Master said members had had ample time to know what was in the reports. If they wanted them read, that could be done, but it would take up much more time.

Mr. Barker said, arising from the discussion at the committee meeting, he wrote to the treasurer for certain information, which was not, however, forthcoming. He had, therefore, no alternative but to bring the matter up. If they had this 'hole and corner' business with their finances they would not know where they were.

The Treasurer said Mr. Barker asked for information relating to five years without giving any reason for asking for it. If Mr. Barker expected him to dive into documents for five years simply to satisfy his curiosity—well, he was not going to do it. If he had given him a reasonable cause he would have done it. As far as he knew, all the reports that had gone to the branches had been paid for. Some branches had only taken two or three copies, but they had always paid for them.

Mr. Taylor said that as they lost £22 last year on reports, was it necessary to print so many? Was there no means of cutting it down?

The Master said the whole question of the reports would be gone into by the committee next April; and the meeting accepted this course of action.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Canon Coleridge gave a report of the meeting of the Central Council, but before he did so the Master expressed the delight of the Guild at having the Canon amongst them again after his serious illness. He also said a circular had been received from the Council asking the Guild to add to their rules a clause to the effect that the Guild should be affiliated to the Council and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof. That, said the Master, was a matter which would have to be considered by the committee.

Canon Coleridge thanked the members for the letter of sympathy he received from their secretary at the time of his illness. Of the several hundred letters he received, there was none he prized more than that from the members of that Guild. Canon Coleridge's review of the business transacted at Lambeth Palace was followed with interest. He referred to his own resignation of the office of president, and said he did not think it possible to get a better president than his successor, Mr. E. H. Lewis, who was a good ringer, a most capable engineer and one who spoke with great authority at joint meetings of ringers and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. It was sometimes difficult to talk to people with fads of their own (laughter). This society had the idea that bells should always be hung in a wood frame that springs well and gives to the bells (laughter). Mr. Lewis had been able to put them right on points like that. Referring to the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' that it was decided to print, Canon Coleridge said it was the result of years of labour, and would be

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## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

### RINGING COMPETITION WON BY WATH.

The annual ringing contest of the Sheffield and District Society was held at Beighton, on Saturday, July 5th, and was attended by about 60 members. The contest was for six bells, and as many teams competed and rang in the following order: Ecclesfield, St. Marie's, Killamarsh, Wath, South Anston and Bradfield. Messrs. J. Brearley and G. Lewis were the adjudicators, with Mr. A. Staveley, of Beighton, as marker. The contest commenced about 3.15 p.m., and concluded about 6 p.m., when the company retired to the Church Institute for tea.

The presentation of the award and the business meeting followed tea, presided over by the Rev. R. Clarke, who is officiating at Beighton in the absence, on holiday, of the Vicar.

The meeting was opened with a short address from the chairman, who then called upon the adjudicators for their report. Mr. J. Brearley, in declaring Wath company to be the winners, said the ringing on the whole had been very fair. He then submitted the results, which were as follows: Ecclesfield, 163 faults; St. Marie's, 168; Killamarsh, 111; Wath, 88; South Anston, 131; and Bradfield 138.

The chairman then presented Mr. A. Panther, of Wath, with the society's silver cup. Mr. Panther, in acknowledging the applause, said he was very pleased his team had been successful, but hoped that next year would see more entries for the contest.

Mr. J. W. Champion, of Wath, then proposed, and Mr. C. Severn seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the judges for the excellent manner in which they had carried out their duties.—This was carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the ladies for providing a splendid tea, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, were then carried, thus bringing to a close a happy and most enjoyable meeting.

The ringers then returned to the tower for further ringing.

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of the utmost value to all ringers, and especially to six-bell ringers. The book was so voluminous that some members were afraid it would be beyond the reach of many ringers, and it was therefore suggested it should be published either in two parts, or in sixpenny numbers, which would be a most expensive way of doing it, and would take a long time to complete. Eventually it was decided to publish it in one book at a cost of about 3s. If any six-bell ringer could not afford that sum, he suggested he should apply to the Parochial Church Council. They had to provide copies of the diocesan services book for the use of the choir, so they ought to find a copy of the new Minor Methods Collection for the use of the ringers in the belfry (hear, hear). Better still, let the ringers ask for six copies, and if they did it in a nice way they would probably get them. The question of the alteration of the rules of the Council was discussed, continued Canon Coleridge, and the outcome was the suggestion contained in the letter from the secretary, already read. The meeting was an excellent one in every way, and one in which a tremendous lot was done for the good of the Exercise.

The Master, in thanking Canon Coleridge for his report, spoke of the work of the committees of the Council. He referred the members to the article on the subject which recently appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and said he had never fully realised all that the committees did until he had himself been engaged on the revision of one of the publications. Some of the committees were at work throughout the year, and people who grumbled that the Council did nothing overlooked the work which the committees did.

The Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church and to the preacher and organist.—Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who seconded, said it was a great privilege to meet in that venerable building. They met under auspices second to none in ringers' gatherings throughout the land, and they were greatly indebted to the Dean for making such arrangements for their comfort. Continuing, Alderman Pritchett expressed the deep regret which the members of the Central Council felt at the retirement of Canon Coleridge from the office of president. They felt it as a great loss, but they had an excellent successor in Mr. Lewis, who, he felt sure, would in due time earn for himself a large measure of the affection which they all had for Canon Coleridge (applause).

This concluded the business, and the members then proceeded to the magnificent dining hall of Christ Church, where they partook of luncheon, under the presidency of the Master, who proposed the toast of 'Church and King,' which was cordially drunk, the National Anthem being sung. Usually there is no other toast at this gathering, but Mr. R. T. Hibbert said he took it upon himself to propose 'The health of the Master.'—This was drunk with enthusiasm, the company giving it musical honours. The Master, in reply, congratulated the Guild upon such a good muster at a time when, in an agricultural area such as theirs chiefly was, so many of the members were busily engaged on the land. He reminded them of next year's jubilee celebration, which, he said, he hoped they would make worthy of that great Guild.

Afterwards the members proceeded to the various church and college towers, where they engaged in ringing for some hours before the close of an interesting and enjoyable day.

## REPRESENTATIVES CRITICISE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### GUILDFORD GUILD MEMBERS' REPORT.

A feature of the meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, at Woking on Saturday, was the presentation of a joint report by the three representatives of the Guild on the Central Council, which reviewed the principal matters that came before the meeting at Lambeth, and on one or two items contained some outspoken criticism. 'The Council,' said the report, 'after a long discussion and consideration of various amendments, decided to print the "Collection of Minor Methods" at a cost of about £70. This book is a complete collection of Doubles and Minor methods, including Alliance and Little Minor methods. Your representatives voted against this heavy outlay of the Council's funds for the following reasons: The cost of printing the book represents two years of the Council's net income; the printed copies will have to be sold at about 3s. each to repay the expenditure; if the state of six-bell ringing throughout the country can be judged by the standard in our own Guild, there are very few companies in the country to whom the book can be of any practical use, and we are afraid there will be little demand for the book, and the result will be a dead loss to the Council of between £60 and £70; we think the price of the book too high for many individual ringers to buy it, and the peal reports do not show that there are many companies who have exhausted the methods given in "Standard Methods." The Council is, however, now committed to the printing of the book, and we think that a scheme should be drawn up to minimise the danger of the work being left on the Council's hands. We suggest that the various ringing organisations should themselves purchase outright not only this book but all the Council's publications and resell them to their members. The various ringing bodies get the benefit of the Council's publications, and in our opinion should bear some of the risk of the loss on sales.'

Referring to the proposal that hon. members should pay an annual subscription to the Council, the report said: 'After considerable discussion it was decided to invite hon. members to subscribe an annual sum. We voted against the suggestion that hon. members should pay or be invited to pay anything. Hon. members are elected on the Council either because of their expert knowledge of some particular subject, or because of the services they render to the Exercise. They give what is often valuable time, and are put to no little expense in attending meetings of the Council, and your representatives consider it "cheek" that any subscription should be demanded or invited from them.'

'We are all of opinion,' continued the report, 'that the fees payable by associations to the Central Council should be calculated on the number of the annual members of each association and not, as at present, on the number of representatives elected on the Council. For example, one of two associations with over 450 members might elect four representatives, as allowed by the rules, and pay £1 annually to the Council, and the other might elect only one representative and escape with an annual payment of only 5s.'

A discussion ensued on the various points raised in the report, and the members expressed general approval of the line taken by their representatives, who were cordially thanked for their report.

The meeting was presided over by the Ven. G. M. Davies, who had conducted the service in the absence of the Vicar (Canon G. Askwith), and tea was served in the Church Hall, a bountiful meal, in which bowls of cherries were a feature, having been provided by a party of ladies. Archdeacon Davies was supported by Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guild) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. G. L. Grover (district secretary), and Mr. R. Hayes (District Ringing Master).

A vote of sympathy and condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Ven. Ronald Irwin (Archdeacon of Dorking), who was a life member of the Guild.

Mr. Rance, of Worplesdon, was elected a member, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Askwith, Ven. G. M. Davies, the organist and the ladies who had arranged the tea.

During the afternoon and evening, ringing took place on the Parish Church bells, the methods ranging from Minor to Surprise Major.

## HIGHAM FERRERS RINGERS' TRIP.

The ringers of Higham Ferrers, with a few friends, including Mr. Harry Chapman, late of Manchester, had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, July 12th. The first call was at Newport Pagnell, where, after two short touches, ringing had to stop through illness close to the church. At Stony Stratford, several touches were rung, in some of which part of the local band joined. After tea at Leighton Buzzard, an hour's ringing was enjoyed on the peal of ten. The ringing concluded at Woburn. It is over forty years since Mr. Harry Chapman used to go there to ring, and he found great alterations made since that time. During the trip, Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung. The ringers wish to express, through 'The Ringing World,' their heartiest thanks to the Vicars and all the ringers at the places visited for allowing the use of the bells and making arrangements for such an enjoyable outing.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### DEVIZES BRANCH AT TROWBRIDGE.

The half-yearly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the Guild service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. Nesbit Wallace, M.A., Mr. Wicks accompanying the hymns on the harmonium.

After the service, the Rector expressed his regret that he was unable to accept the invitation to tea, but he invited the ringers to visit the Rectory gardens later. A party of twenty-two sat down to tea, and a short business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbothom, who referred to the death of the Earl of Radnor, a vice-president of the Guild, and the Rev. Wm. Noakes Dawson, Vicar of Chirton and Marden. Those present stood in silence as a token of respect. The Chairman also stated that his son, Mr. D. E. Heginbothom (a very promising young member of the Guild) was leaving for America on the following Tuesday.

Bratton, Upavon and Westbury were selected for the next three meetings.

Mr. Hillier gave a report of the meeting of the Central Council which he attended, and a vote of thanks was passed to him. The best wishes of those present were extended to Mr. D. E. Heginbotham for his future welfare.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for conducting the service and the use of the bells, and to those who prepared the tea.

A visit was then paid to the Rectory gardens, where the Rector met the party and pointed out various items of interest in connection with former Rectors of Trowbridge, including a table belonging to the poet Crabbe, who was Rector of Trowbridge from 1813 till 1832, and during whose incumbency the first peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Trowbridge.

Ringers, including Miss D. White (Ditcheat), Mr. Tiley (Bruton), Mr. L. Wilson (secretary, Calne Branch), were present from Trowbridge, Bratton, Devizes St. John and St. Mary, Rowde, Warminster, Bradford-on-Avon, Hilperton, Holt, Southbroom and Melksham.

Touches of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. Ringing also took place at Hilperton.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### EASTERN DISTRICT AT WITHERNSEA.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Withernsea on Saturday, July 5th, in delightful weather, and was attended by some 30 members representing towers at Beverley, Goole, Hull, Eastrington, Kirk Ella, Patrington, Pontefract, Market Weighton, Selby, York and the local company. The ring of six was kept going to various methods until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Tomlinson, M.A.), who delivered an appropriate address.

Tea was afterwards served in the Select Cafe, where several of the members were joined by their wives and friends.

The business meeting followed in the Church Institute, Mr. F. Cryer (Selby) presiding.

Three new members were elected—Messrs. W. Swallow and W. Maundrill (Pontefract, All Saints'), and Mr. H. Walker (Pontefract, St. Giles').

Subject to the usual consent, Bridlington was chosen for the September meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service, and for the use of the Institute, to the organist, and to Mr. H. S. Webb and the local company for their excellent arrangements.—Mr. Webb, responding, hoped that members would make an annual informal visit to Withernsea, and the hon. secretary was asked kindly to undertake this duty, to which he agreed.

This closed the meeting, and the members then dispersed on to the promenade, which apparently was more attractive than ringing.

## SURREY RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The death took place on June 17th of Mr. Charles Sleet, of Ottershaw, Surrey, who died suddenly, at the age of sixty years, while following his occupation of landscape gardener. He had been a ringer at Ottershaw for twenty years, and before that was attached to the Chobham band for about the same period. Deceased never missed his turn of Sunday ringing, and always attended on practice night. He took part in a peal attempt a month ago, which unfortunately was lost by the tenor rope breaking in the last 720 changes.

The interment took place on Saturday, June 28th, and the Vicar, in the course of his address, paid a glowing tribute to the deceased for the services rendered by him as a most regular and keen church worker.

Among the floral tributes was a large bell wreath from his fellow-ringers. After the funeral, 360 Grandsire Doubles was rung with muffled bells by: H. J. Chaffey 1, D. Sleet (conductor) 2, Miss D. Sleet 3, Miss M. Thompton 4, H. Hancock 5, F. Wallace 6.

## GUILDFORD GUILD'S SUMMER FESTIVAL.

Ringers of the Guildford Diocesan Guild were favoured with glorious weather on the occasion of their summer festival held on July 5th at Egham and Staines. This locality, with its three almost perfect peals of eight within easy distance of each other, and situate close to a beautiful stretch of the Thames, is an ideal place for a summer meeting.

The bells at Egham were set going early in the afternoon, and at 4.30 a short service was held there conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Tranter, who gave an extremely interesting address, in which he spoke in glowing terms of the beauty of bell music and of the services to the Church of bells and ringers. Seventy-nine members (including the Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse, and the hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O.), and visitors from Egham, Banstead, Old Woking, Ottershaw, Aldershot, Bagshot, Epsom, Yorktown, Cobham, Farnborough, Leatherhead, Farnham, Haslemere, Hawley, West Clandon, Dorking and the Cathedral Church, sat down to a splendid tea in the Church Hall.

At the end of the tea, the Master thanked the Vicar for welcoming the Guild to Egham and for his address, and apologised for the absence of the hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who was unable to be present. Afterwards, some of the party went back to Egham tower, and others crossed the 'ocean' and did their best to put joy into the hearts of the inhabitants of Middlesex by making good use of the bells at the Parish Church and at St. Peter's, Staines.

## YORKSHIRE RAMBLERS.

### RINGING PARTY'S GREAT TIME IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

At Whitsuntide, by sundry and devious ways, a party of Yorkshire ringers, with their wives and relations, and headed by Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey (who with his usual untiring enthusiasm had at last got his team together), arrived at St. Albans for the week-end. The local committee, consisting of Messrs. G. W. Cartmel and E. P. Debenham, had arranged headquarters at the Ver House Hotel, which, standing in delightful grounds, some acres in extent, with the River Ver flowing through, made an excellent resting place during the week-end. The party were met by Mr. Debenham on their arrival on the Saturday. He very kindly gave all particulars of the programme, but, to the great regret of everybody, ringing was unobtainable at the Cathedral on the Sunday owing to the ravages of the death-watch beetle having been detected in the belfry floor. This magnificent pile, containing varying styles of architecture from Saxon onward, is a most imposing structure, and was a great attraction to all.

Sunday morning saw the party at St. Peter's Church, where the handy ring of ten were set going to various methods, following which the more staid members were introduced to a variety of deep sea fishing, which at once attracted their envy and admiration. More might be said, but as the proprietor is very jealous of the patent, those who desire further knowledge must apply direct. Sufficient to say, that this part of the proceedings was most popular, and rejuvenated those interested in a manner somewhat startling.

A visit was paid to Bushey Parish Church to ring for evensong, and the light eight were made full use of. As the Church of St. Stephen, close to the Ver House Hotel, has a peal of six (tenor 15 cwt.), permission was sought and most courteously given for a pull there on Monday morning. This church is a fourteenth-century building, with the bells in a wooden tower, and the ringing room on the ground floor, at the west end, opening direct into the churchyard. With the 'heavyweight' on the tenor, the bells were set going to Oxford, but it was a novel experience to ring in relays in order that the non-ringers might go out to watch the tower rock. Cordial and hurried thanks were accorded to the local conductor, and tracks were made for Hatfield. 'Eight Bells' were soon found there, after which a visit was paid to the Parish Church for a pull on the ring of ten. Lunch was served at the One Bell Hotel in a most bountiful fashion, and the writer commends this house to travellers, both for comfort, quality and service. A move was next made to North Mimms, where, amid sylvan surroundings, the light peal of eight (tenor 14 cwt.) were enjoyed for a long period. While in the neighbourhood a visit was paid to Hatfield House, the fine park and the magnificent Elizabethan mansion being greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

St. Albans was reached by a tired but happy band. Tuesday saw the break-up of the visit, some journeying homeward, others travelling toward London for the Central Council meeting.

This sketch would be incomplete without mention being made of the bountiful hospitality of Mr. E. P. Debenham and his family on two evenings, though, to the great regret of everybody, their kind host was confined to bed with a severe chill. Despite this handicap, however, he insisted on the engagement going forward. To Mr. G. W. Cartmel, kind thanks are due for his great trouble in making all arrangements, and also to Mr. W. H. Buckingham for an interesting innovation. The fine scenery, kind reception on all sides, the fine churches, and late hours will live long with all who took part in this latest and most enjoyable of the Yorkshire itineraries. The party consisted of Messrs. T. Maude, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cotterell, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mr. and Miss Naylor and Messrs. A. C. Fearnley, W. Idle, C. Pratt, R. Patterson and S. F. Palmer.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, July 13th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: G. W. Clark 1, H. Patrick 2, H. O. Mutton 3, A. Stapleton 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, July 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,440 changes): Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, G. H. Spice 2, W. E. Spice 3, E. J. Dobbie 4, E. H. Spice 5, G. Kenward 6, T. B. Dobbie 7, W Spice, sen. (conductor) 8. A birthday quarter-peal for George Kenward.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, on Sunday, July 13th, for evensong, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: W. Fisher 1, E. Jones 2, E. Boumphrey 3, T. Hammond 4, J. Martin 5, T. Gilmour 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, E. Caunce 8. Rung on the back eight, in honour of the visit of his Grace the Lord Archbishop of York to this church.

TIPTON.—On Sunday, July 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brookes') at St. Martin's Church in 45 mins.: H. Williams 1, G. Hughes 2, B. Windsor 3, T. J. Meeks 4, T. W. Cattell 5, H. Griffiths 6, C. Winwood (conductor) 7, J. Freeman 8. All the ringers are members of the local band, and it is the first quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, 6th and tenor.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on July 13th, for evening service, 1,280 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 46 mins.: E. Shane 1, A. King 2, T. Blackbourn 3, Don Mears 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by D. Mears, who hails from Offley, Herts.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 13th, at St. Michael's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,312 changes) by St. Michael's Guild: S. Warne 1, G. Wiffen 2, G. Melbourne 3, H. C. Reason 4, F. T. Ely 5, G. N. Blake (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, A. Wiffen 8.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

### NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT AT COLSTON BASSETT.

On Saturday, the monthly meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Colston Bassett. The bells, a very fine peal, with tenor of 22¼ cwt., were set going, but as the local ringers were busy in the hay fields the bells had been somewhat neglected, and until one gentleman brought an oil can from his car the bells did not like being pulled about. About 25 members turned up, and the bells were kept going in various methods until about 8 p.m. Mr. J. J. Jackson, of Ruddington, paid a visit, and rang in some nice touches of Stedman, which everyone enjoyed. About twenty sat down to tea at the village inn. Colston Bassett is a charming village with a very pretty little church, tower and spire. The old church and ruins were visited by most of the party, and the old wooden headstocks of the bells were viewed with interest. Favoured with glorious weather, everyone enjoyed this outing.

## DOUBLE LITTLE BOB.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of last week I note that a peal of Double Little Bob Major was rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, conducted by Mr. G. Lewis. I would like to point out to Mr. Lewis that a peal in the same method was first rung at Crayford, and appeared in 'The Ringing World' of March 21st last, under the name of Erith Little Bob. The figures of the method and peal were sent at the same time, but have not appeared. Mr. G. H. Cross some years ago gave me two 'Little' methods unnamed, the present one under discussion and its companion method, Dartford Little Bob, rung at Dartford on February 21st, 1925, the figures of that method and the peal appearing in 'The Ringing World' the following week.—Yours, etc.,

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 31st, *St. Lawrence Jewry on the 22nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports, etc., to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1s. 3d. per head. Turn up in large numbers and have a good time.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, July 19th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Minster, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea served at the Blue Bird Cafe at 1/- per head at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. — Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury & District Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. This meeting is the formal opening of this new and excellent peal.—R. R. Lewis, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 17, Easington Road, Banbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3.30 to 8.30. Tea (near by) at 5 o'clock. Number will be taken in belfry. Business at 7 o'clock in the tower.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Herts and Beds Joint Meeting.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) ready 2.45 p.m. Tea is being arranged at the Grange at 5.30. A postcard if you want tea would be a great help for catering purposes. Everyone welcome. Come early and stay late. Postcards to D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin; C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sandy, Beds.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Prees, near Whitchurch, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome. — Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at Billingborough. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Tateson's Café.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, July 19th. Christ Church (8 bells, tenor 11¼ cwt.) available 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. At 3.30 p.m. a 'centenary' peal tablet will be unveiled by Mrs. A. J. Grant, of Door Moor House. All visitors welcome. Members of the Peak District who have not already done so are earnestly requested to pay their subscription and to obtain any reports they require.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall 5.30 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening.—Tea at 5 o'clock at the Black Dog. Business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Appledore, by invitation of the president, the Rev. M. M. Vischer, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Pitminster on Saturday, July 19th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Hinckley and Leicester Districts will be held on Saturday, July 19th. Bells of St. Thomas', South Wigston (8) available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., and All Saints', Wigston Magna (8) from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea in St. Thomas' Schools, South Wigston, at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends heartily welcome. Let's have a really good meeting!—W. Cope and A. Disney, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at East Meon on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Easton Maudit on Saturday, July 19th. The arrangements will be as usual. A special bus will leave the Market Square, Wellingborough, at 2.45. Return fare 1s. — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Weybridge to-morrow (Saturday), July 19th, when it is hoped members of other districts will attend and give their support. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, at 5.15.—H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at a nominal charge after. A train leaves Finsbury Park at 2.17 arriving Brookman's Park at 2.50. Half hourly bus service from St. Albans passes the church. All ringers and friends welcome. — W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Come to Bromham on Saturday, July 19th, and try the fine toned peal of 6, available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Let us have a record meeting. Visitors welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, July 19th, at 2.45 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Quorn, St. Bartholomew's Church, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) will be ready 3.30. All ringers are welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots, Hunts.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Long Sutton on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, Saturday, July 19th. — Bells open from 3.30. Tea 5.30. Cheap tickets from all station to Kings Langley (nearest station). Bus to church (1¼ miles). Motor bus service from Watford or St. Albans to Abbots Langley. Fast train from Euston 2.40 (No. 6 platform). Electric service to Watford Junction every half hour.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. 3d. per head. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 22nd. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) & GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, July 26th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Those requiring tea kindly inform Mr. A. R. Pink, Railway Hotel, Dorking, not later than Wednesday, July 23rd. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper and A. R. Pink, Dis. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special Guild meeting will be held at Hazelbeech (a new ring of eight) on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Mrs. Ismay is kindly providing tea at 5 p.m. for those who send in their names to either the Master or the general secretary to reach them by first post Monday, July 21st. — R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS. — St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—The annual outing has been arranged for July 26th to Saffron Walden and Dunmow. A charabanc will leave headquarters at 1.30 p.m. As accommodation is limited early application for seats is requested. Members 5s. each, including meat tea.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llantwit Major (Glam.) on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available 6 to 9 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Eccles, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next district meeting will be at Lutterworth on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome. — W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Raunds (8) on Saturday, July 26th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. It is hoped members will make an effort to attend to elect officers.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Olveston on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, please, by 22nd. Roll up and try the celebrated cider after ringing.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—A monthly practice will be held at Castle Eaton on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. A car will be arranged from Swindon G.W.R. Station at 2.30 p.m., if sufficient number notify me by July 22nd. Also a card if tea is required.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead (bells 6) on July 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by a tea in the village, at 1s. per head. Will those intending to be present notify me by the 22nd? All ringers welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The second district quarterly meeting will be held at West Hallam on Saturday, July 26th. The bells of St. Wilfred's (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4.30 p.m., and from 6 till 8 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Reports for 1929 can be obtained. Tea can be secured in the village. — George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) ready early. Own arrangements for tea. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Bath Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Batheaston on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome. — Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Birchington on Saturday, July 26th. Rev. H. A. Serres, Vicar of Birchington, has kindly offered to entertain the ringers to tea. Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (12), will be available; but All Saints', Birchington, are not in ringing order. Service at All Saints' Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me before Thursday, July 24th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Bishopstoke on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Anchor Inn 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by July 24th.—W. T. Tucker, Hon. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Hexham on Saturday, July 26th. The Abbey bells (8, tenor 21 cwt.) will be available at 2.30. Tea at the Tynedale Cafe, Tyne Green, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Will members intending to be present advise me not later than July 23rd? —George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ross District. —Instead of listening to talkies, come to Goodrich and hear the flutes, on Saturday, July 26th. Available 2.30. Preacher, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Guild Hon. Sec. Tea on lawn to those who reply not later than Wednesday, July 23rd.—John Clark, Dis. Hon. Sec., Fern Lea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting of the above association will be held at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, W.C.2, on Monday, July 28th. Ringing from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All members specially asked to attend.—W. D. Grainger, Assistant Sec., 83, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —Our next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—The hon. secretary of this district is now Mr. Arthur H. Smith, 26, Church Street, Leatherhead.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Alan R. Pink has removed from Dorking, Surrey, to 20, Barham Road, Petersfield.

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