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COUNCIL'S PROPOSED NEW RULES.

The members of the Central Council are to have twelve months to think over the proposed alterations to their rules, which the special committee appointed at the Liverpool meeting have submitted for consideration. There is no need for hurry in a matter of this kind; when changes of constitution are involved it is better to 'make haste slowly.' In the alterations contemplated, however, the associations, as well as the members of the Council, are directly interested, and may feel that they have a right to voice their opinions. They have been given the opportunity of doing so in the interval before the London meeting. There are three main points in the proposed alterations in which the associations are directly concerned.

In the first place it is proposed that the tie between the Council and the associations shall be made definite by an act of affiliation. Hitherto any recognised ringing society of not less than 75 members has been entitled to elect members of the Council, and from that point, except for paying the annual contribution, the association's connection with the Council ceased—the Council is a thing apart. The amended rules seek to make the Council the central organisation of the associations—an organisation of which the associations are themselves an integral part. It is an important and, in our opinion, valuable step forward in drawing closer together the community of interests which exists among the fifty important ringing societies. If this principle of definite association in a central organisation is recognised, it is a natural corollary that the societies, in return, should undertake to abide by the decisions of the Council in matters relating to the general practice of the art of ringing, which it is the object of the Council and individual associations to foster. Most of the associations have already pledged themselves to accept the Council's decisions, but under the amended rules such acceptance would be a *sine qua non* of affiliation.

Another matter in which the associations are directly affected by the proposed changes is the question of representation. Each society is entitled to elect representatives in a certain proportion according to membership, but on what basis the membership is to be calculated—whether it should include non-resident life members or only annual subscribing members—is not specified. The suggested new rules exclude from the calculation of the basis of representation non-resident life members who, of course, are represented through the association in whose area they live. As only territorial societies will come under this provision, societies of a national character like the College Youths and the Ladies' Guild will not be

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affected, and while none of the societies at present qualified are likely to lose their entire right to representation, the proposed change may serve to equalise the balance of representation of the larger associations, who are limited to a maximum of four members, by slightly reducing the representation of some of the smaller bodies. Up to the present, also, an association contributes to the Council's funds only in proportion to the number of representatives it elects, so that if a society entitled to four members decides to elect only one, it pays only one fee, although it derives all the advantages of a society which pays for four members. It is on this point that associations who do not elect the full quota of representation will be affected financially. Under the new rules, if they are adopted, they will be required to subscribe the affiliation fee for the full number of members they are entitled to elect. Here, then, are the chief points in the proposed alterations of the Council's rules which affect the associations throughout the country, and on these matters their representatives may like to know the feeling of their members.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... Treble	RALPH COLES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	LAWIS W. WIFFEN 8
MRS. R. F. DEAL 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	EDWARD R. COLES 10
WALTER F. JUDGE 5	EDWARD D. SMITH 11
* GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Cinques.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ... Treble	FREDERICK BIGGS 7
FRED HAYES 2	FRANK WEST 8
RALPH COLES 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 9
RICHARD A. POST 4	P. S. CECIL A. SMITH ... 10
FRANK BOREHAM 5	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 11
ROLAND BIGGS 6	* EDWARD CROXFORD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

* First peal. Messrs. Post and Judge are from Oxford, the remainder are resident Bucks men.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

BERTIE O. SODEN Treble	HARRY MARLOW 6
TOM LAW 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER 7
* ARTHUR ROBINSON 3	ARTHUR H. TAYLOR 8
TOM TEBBOTT 4	JOHN J. TAYLOR 9
JOSEPH C. DEAN 5	HARRY WILKINS Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by A. H. TAYLOR.

* First peal on ten. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung in honour of the Children's Festival, also as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

STROUB, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	THOMAS WITTS 6
THOMAS PRICE 2	HARRY NEWMAN 7
TRAVERS PRICHARD 3	GEORGE ORCHARD 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	ERNEST DAVIES 9
CESAR DAVIES 5	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-Le-Tower,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

*STANLEY G. MOSS Treble	HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6
HARRY R. ROPER 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7
JOHN W. WARD 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 8
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 9
ROBERT H. BRUNDR 5	ERNEST FITCH Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*RONALD H. DOVE Treble	CHARLES A. HUGHES 6
†CHARLES T. COLES 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 7
ERNEST W. PYE 3	FRED C. MAYNARD 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
†GEORGE B. COLLINS 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 750th peal. ‡ First peal on tower bells and in the method. Rung as a 25th birthday compliment to the conductor (June 5th).

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

WALTER CLAYDON Treble	BERNARD H. WELLS 6
RICHARD V. FULLER 2	HAROLD C. HYGATE 7
FRANK JEAL 3	HUGH R. THORPE 8
JAMES H. JUDD 4	GEORGE F. HOAD 9
RONALD A. TUFFIN 5	HENRY A. HOAD Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY

Conducted by G. F. HOAD.

First peal of Stedman Caters by eight of the band. First peal in the method by a resident band since the formation of the Southern District.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS 2	ALFRED PYE 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	GEORGE RADLEY 8
JOHN POTTER 4	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
LEONARD BAYBUTT 5	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the bells, also by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 8th.

BECKENHAM.—On Saturday, June 18th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. Smith (conductor) 1, P. Meek (first in the method) 2, W. Hollamby 3, H. Hawkes 4, W. Martin 5, S. Humphrey (first in the method) 6, G. Wickens 7, W. Rawlings 8.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	HERBERT FULCHER 5
SALEM GOODSWEN 2	GEORGE GOWER 6
CYRIL BARBER 3	CHARLES LOOME 7
WILLIAM FLATT 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*HAROLD QUANTRILL Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	ALBERT G. WARNES 6
*CHARLES H. MOORE 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, June 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 34½ cwt.

*JOHN W. J. COTTAM Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER 2	ALBERT NASH 6
†TOM BROTHWELL 3	ERNEST WAGSTAFFE 7
CHARLES POULTENEY 4	T. COLIN RYDER Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MIDDLETON'S.	FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 5
	GEORGE MARTIN 2	*EDGAR G. SWIFT 6
	FREDERICK G. BIGGS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
	*CHARLES H. PULLEN 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	CICIL BARRETT 6
WILLIAM FLATT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES LOOME 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	NORMAN C. LEWIS 6
WILLIAM H. WAIN 3	WILLIAM SWAIN 7
JOHN P. TARTLTON 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

First peal of Oxford on the bells.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN ISON Treble	PERCY A. ALDHAM 5
*JOSEPH B. FENTON 2	FRED COTTON 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
ERNEST W. TIPLER 4	THOMAS PITTHAM... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. A. FENTON.

* * First peal of Stedman.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF IRTHLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CLIFTON NEWMAN Treble	HARRY CHAMBERS 5
FREDERICK PALMER 2	ARTHUR BIGLEY 6
JAMES T. WARD 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
JOHN J. MAWBY 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

The first peal ever rung in the method. All the band are Irtlingborough men, and are regular Sunday service ringers. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. Lidster, B.A., who has now become Vicar of Aylestone, Leicestershire.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

RICHARD C. INGRAM Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS 5
JONATHAN PRESTON 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
*WILLIAM C. RHODES 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung on the Feast of St. Barnabas, the patron saint of the church.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM PILLAR Treble	*SIDNEY BREEZE 5
*FREDERICK ROBSON 2	ERNEST BURNETT 6
THOMAS STEPHENSON 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER

* First peal in the method. Supposed to be first peal of Double Norwich in West Hartlepool. Ringers of 3rd, 4th, 7th and tenor hail from Sunderland, 6th from Kirkby Stephen, the rest belong to St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. MELLOR Treble	F. DUNKERLEY 5
T. LAWTON 2	I. KAY 6
T. COCKING 3	H. PLATT 7
H. MELLOR 4	C. E. PLATT Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by H. PLATT.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung for the diamond jubilee of the church and as a compliment to the tenor ringer to celebrate his silver wedding.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON Treble	*ERIC G. BENNETT 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLY. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, June 15, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE F. HOAD Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
*RICHARD FULLER 2	ARTHUR WILLET 6
ALFRED GEAR 3	WALTER CLAYDON 7
JOHN FOSTER 4	CHARLES ALDWORTH Tenor

Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB FIVE-PART, No. 75.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MARGIE SWINFELD 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DICKEN... .. 4	EDWARD C. GOVEY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDONTORPE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	TONY PRICE 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 6
JOHN F. GALVER 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
EDWARD G. TALBOT 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal rung in the method and accomplished at first attempt.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD T. BAILEY Treble	ERNEST STITCH 5
CHARLES H. PERRY 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6
BENJAMIN J. TOBY 3	JOHN DARCH 7
GLYN I. LEWIS 4	EDWIN M. SMITH... .. Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. S. H. Stockwood, who was buried in the churchyard the previous day. He was a great friend of the ringers, and churchwarden at this church for 37 years.

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FELKIRK, YORKS.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, June 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of each of the following fourth's place Delight methods, viz.: Humber, Braintree, Merton, Charlwood, St. Albans and Neasden.
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN MAJOR Treble	MOSES PERRY 4
GEORGE ARTHUR KELSALL ... 2	HAROLD CHANT 5
JOHN THOMAS WHITE 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Lorna Boyd, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boyd, Hedrolyd House, Felkirk, and Mr. George W. H. Gardner, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. G. P. Gardner, of Knock, Belfast, who were married just previous to the peal. Mr. W. Boyd has been lay reader at this church for a good many years, and Mrs. Boyd secretary to the Mothers' Union.

BURCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, four callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*JOHN BATH Treble	ERNEST TOSSELL 4
CÆSAR DAVIES 2	JEFFERY TOSSELL 5
EDWARD J. AVERY 3	*EDWARD J. CROCKER Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Doubles by all except conductor. First peal of Bob Doubles as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Minor. The tenor ringer, who was proposed a member before starting, took part at a minute's notice.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Clement,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.

*CHARLES SHEMMING Treble	VICTOR E. WALTERS 4
†WALTER LAYZELL 2	HERBERT SHEMMING 5
WILLIAM PRIME 3	FREDERICK J. LONG Tenor

Conducted by F. J. LONG.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All are members of the Sunday service band.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bertoline,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

HAROLD ASTBURY Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON 4
BRYAN FERNYHOUGH 2	ERIC B. ALLMAN 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6

*ROBERT MOSLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

* First peal. Rung for the King's birthday after meeting short for Triples.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY RICHARDS Treble	JOHN BASS 4
NORMAN LEACH 2	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
HARRY PRICE 3	THOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.

First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob Minor by Norman Leach, who had not previously rung a 720 in a Treble Bob method.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 5, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford.

GEORGE HULME Treble	FRANK EDWARDS 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL 5
HENRY CARNWELL 3	EDWIN WOOD Tenor

Conducted by H. CARNWELL.

Arranged for Burley P. Morris, who hails from Kettering, Northants.

BROUGHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire.

ARTHUR WARREN Treble	SIDNEY ROWNEY 3
FREDERICK RANDALL 2	CRCIL SARGENT 4
ALBERT STAPLETON Tenor	

Conducted by ALBERT STAPLETON.

BLADINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

ARTHUR LARGE Treble	CLARENCE R. STEED 4
WALTER LARGE 2	HORACE LL. TERRY 5
WILLIAM COLEMAN 3	FREDERICK G. KINCHIN Tenor

Conducted by HORACE LL. TERRY.

First peal on the bells after being augmented and restored by Messrs. Bond, of Burford, the 'go' of the bells being perfect. Rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mr. Walter Large.

WALTHAM.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

*JACK TOMLINSON Treble	TOM HALL 4
GEORGE ATKINSON 2	MARTIN WALKER 5
CHARLES W. TAYLOR 3	P.C. ARTHUR PASHLEY Tenor

Conducted by P.C. A. PASHLEY.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Budd, of Grimsby.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	HAROLD F. MARTIN 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.)

JOHN J. JUISON Treble	FRANK ROWLINSON 4
*ROGER D. J. SMITH 2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON 5
*CHARLES WOODS 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal in three methods. Rung to oblige R. D. J. Smith, who belongs to Yardley Hastings, and also in honour of the fortieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Juisson.

WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*W. EASON Treble	F. H. NEWMAN 4
J. W. PICKETT 2	J. OLDFIELD 5
W. SLATER 3	W. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by W. SMITH.

* First peal. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells. The ringer of the 4th is from St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, the remainder are ringers at St. Mary's, Whittlesey.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GEDLING, NOTTS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT ST. GILDA'S,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 12 in F.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	*HAROLD WALKER 7-8

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB AND BOB ROYAL, 5060 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	*HAROLD MARCON 7-8
*HAROLD WALKER 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First spliced peal 'in hand.' Every course rung P.P.G.P.P.

GLASGOW.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT 66, HILLHEAD STREET.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

ROBERT M. PRESTON 1-2	HENRY F. SARGENT 5-6
STEPHEN H. WOOD 3-4	WILLIAM H. PICKETT 7-8

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

First peal on handbells and first of Major by the association.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

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ROUND THE COUNTRY.

RINGERS' OUTINGS IN MANY COUNTIES.

The Great Tey ringers had an extensive round of ringing on the occasion of their annual outing, which took place on June 1st. They visited Braintree, Bocking, Sible Hedingham, Sudbury, Long Melford, Lavenham and Hadleigh, and had the pleasure of meeting many local ringers and ringing on some fine peals of bells. Their tour lasted from 8.30 a.m. to 11.15 p.m., and they spent a very enjoyable time. The ringers would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells and the steeplekeepers who had everything in readiness for them, which added greatly to the pleasure of the outing.

A party of twenty-six accompanied the Bishop's Stortford company on their outing, when they visited Oxford, calling on the way out to ring at Long Crendon and Thames. At Oxford they rang at St. Giles', and after lunch some visited the colleges, while others enjoyed boating on the river. The return journey was made over the Chiltern Hills, but Rickmansworth was reached too late for an anticipated pull on the bells.

Banbury, Adderbury, Oxford (All Saints'), Reading (St. Mary's), and Caversham were included in the tour of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby, on the occasion of their annual outing. The return journey was made via Henley, and it was past midnight before the party reached home. The methods rung during the day included Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

Cirencester ringers made a long excursion for their annual outing, and left home at 6.30 a.m. Their first stop was at Whitechurch, Hants, where they rang touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob. They then went on to Winchester, where they were met by Mr. Wilfred Andrews (an old Cirencester ringer), who had obtained permission for the visitors to ring on the Cathedral bells, a privilege which was much appreciated. Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Caters were rung. The party then went on to Southsea, which was reached at 2 p.m. Here they separated, but met again at St. Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth, for further ringing before returning to Winchester for dinner, at which they were joined by Mr. Andrews. Thanks are extended to Mr. Andrews (Winchester), Mr. Clark (Whitechurch) and Mr. Burnett (Portsmouth) for their kindly arrangements and for meeting the visitors.

Derbyshire was the objective of the Gainsborough Parish Church ringers on their 12th annual outing. They rang at Bakewell and afterwards at Matlock, and then spent two enjoyable hours at Matlock Bath. Going on to Derby they had some excellent ringing at St. Andrew's Church, and after tea some of the more energetic members of the party climbed the 190 steps to the top of the Cathedral tower, from which a fine view of the city was obtained. Calling at Mansfield, where more ringing was indulged in, the party reached home about 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable and successful outing.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S TWELVE-BELL TOWERS.

The outing of the St. Laurence's Society, Reading, proved the finest the band had had. A start was made at 7.35 a.m., and Cirencester reached a little after the scheduled time, 9.35 a.m., which was a good performance on the part of the driver of the coach, the route having to be changed through encountering floods and landslips a few miles past Wantage, so that, instead of going through Faringdon and Fairford, a detour was made via Swindon. The first ringing of the day took place on the 12 bells of St. John-the-Baptist's, Cirencester, where R.T.H. was pleased with the way his band handled the bells and rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques. After a very brief stay, a move was made to St. Mary's, Cheltenham, where the bells were again rung to Grandsire and Stedman Cinques. Here R.T.H. was so pleased with his band that he left them in the hands of the deputy while he and 'Young Bill' went to pay a visit to a very old friend, Mr. W. T. Pates, who was later found telling some of the party of the wonderful way he played marbles at Appleton while on a visit there some years ago.

Lunch was much enjoyed at the Bell Hotel, Tewkesbury. The Abbey was then visited, and all the band viewed this fine old building inside and out, and took part in some good ringing on the bells. Here a very notable event happened. 'Old Tom' found a bell which he had difficulty in ringing, and 'Young Bill,' who had been there before, was given the great pleasure of showing his father that he could ring it.

Next followed the treat of the day. A move was made to Painswick, where the party made the acquaintance of Mr. Elton and members of his Walsall band, also on a visit, and Mr. Albert Wright, of long-peal fame. Surely, there are no bells like Painswick bells to hear, and to ring them was the greatest privilege of the day. Tea at the Golden Hart was followed by a move to Stroud, where again the ringing was much enjoyed. One of the band usually found on the 7th, 9th or tenor tried to hide himself on the treble, but there was no deceiving Tom, who found him right enough. At Fairford, which was next visited, the unusual position of the ringers and the long draft of rope was a peculiar experience for most of the party, but this was satisfactorily overcome, and for the first time during the day a departure was made from Stedman and Grandsire, and a good touch of Double Norwich rung. Reading was reached about 10.30 p.m., after a very fine outing and a journey of 183 miles. The privilege of ringing at

such places as Cirencester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Painswick, Stroud and Fairford all in one day is a thing that does not come to all ringers, and thanks are due to all who took part in making the arrangements and carrying them out so successfully. Opportunity is also taken here of thanking the clergy for permission to ring, and to all steeplekeepers for having the bells in readiness at each of the towers visited.

AN EXCURSION TO CAMBRIDGE.

'A southerly wind and a cloudy sky proclaim it a hunting morning,' were typical weather conditions which greeted the members and friends of the Wycombe belfry on Whit Monday, who, 'to sleep in a downy bed scorning,' were early astir for their annual 'hunt' to fresh woods and pastures new. This year the objective was Cambridge. The party were accompanied by the Vicar (Rev. W. L. P. Flout), Rev. F. B. Mason (St. Anne's, Wycombe Marsh), Rev. F. Stuart (St. Andrew's), and Rev. G. S. Auty (Congregational minister). Captain J. H. R. Freeborn joined the party en route. There was one regret—Mr. J. W. Wilkins was unable to take part, being still in hospital with a fractured shoulder, the result of his recent accident, though he is progressing favourably, and sent his hearty greetings for a good time.

Comfortably esconced in the latest luxury coach of the Thames Valley Co., the party started off, happy as a pack of schoolboys, Hitchin to be the first stop. On the way they passed through old-world villages, and beautiful scenery, the hedgerows and lanes flushed with their fresh and luscious greens, by stately trees and woods, densely carpeted with gorgeous bluebells, truly a refreshing and heartening tonic to town-dwellers. At times they had to slow down, for they came upon fetes and carnivals in preparation, some of the tableaux being exceptionally good. The All Nations scene, the Boy Scouts, and the representation of the seaside, with its sand castles and heavy of buxom bathing 'belles,' all added to the enjoyment of the trip. At Hitchin they were kindly met by Mr. T. R. Scott and his fellow-ringers. With a few touches and a look round the beautiful church, an hour was soon gone, and the journey was resumed. At 12.15 the party reached the Church of Our Lady, at Cambridge, and were met by Mr. T. R. Dennis, who had most kindly arranged for the visitors to be able to ring at all the churches they had selected in the town. After half an hour or so of ringing, the party had a short trip round the 'backs' of the colleges, then to the 12-bell tower of Great St. Mary's, afterwards going to St. Benet's. At three o'clock all met for a tour of the colleges, King's Chapel, etc., under the charge of their Vicar, who proved a most-instructive and interesting guide. The Dean also joined the tourists, showing them the old library, with its wonderful hand prints, written 300

years B.C., the College Hall, and the history of its foundress. All this was very enjoyable. After the 'camera send' had had his way, they adjourned to the Dorothy Cafe, where, through the generosity of the Vicar, the party were regaled with 'high tea,' the thanks of the participants being suitably voiced by Captain Freeborn and the Rev. F. Stuart.

At six o'clock a move was made for Hatfield, which was reached at 7.30. Mr. Shepherd was waiting with another friend who had recently taken part in a peal of Cambridge Maximus rung at Wycombe. One or two touches sufficed, some of the members not being greatly enamoured with the length and stiffness of the ropes; in fact, a box and a couple of hassocks were requisitioned to enable the 9th to be reached. It is a lovely old church though, and was greatly admired. At nine o'clock the homeward journey was resumed, and 'chairopolis' was safely reached at 10.40. The ringers had spent a very pleasant day; new friendships had been formed, the splendid freemasonry of ringers being in evidence at every place at which they called, and the party sincerely thank all the kind friends at the various towers for their valued assistance.

G. T.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AND ST. ANDREW'S BELLS.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Saturday, June 4th. Almost immediately after the advertised time the bells (an eight by Rudhall, of Gloucester, of about 14 cwt.) were swinging to Stedman Triples under the direction of the Master (Mr. H. Mance). Subsequently touches in various methods were attempted and rung till 5.30, when a halt was called and the company took tea at a near-by Lyons Restaurant.

Afterwards the business was transacted in the belfry, a new member being made, and the usual routine carried out without much discussion.

The Secretary reported the despatch of a supporting letter to the Middlesex Association's resolution with reference to the help of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London, and the receipt of an acknowledgment.

Ringling was resumed and further touches rung in Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise. A change was also introduced by the performance of touches of Erin Triples and Duffield Major, many members ringing their first in one or other of these methods. The bells were lowered at 8.30, bringing to a close a very enjoyable gathering.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Scottish Association has lost its first member by death, Mr. William Bremner, captain of the St. John's Church band, Alloa, having passed away on June 15th, after a short illness. Although not a change ringer himself, Mr. Bremner had encouraged his band to take up the art.

The first peals in two fresh Surprise methods are recorded this week. Irthlingborough Surprise has been rung by the Irthlingborough company at their own tower, and Loundthorpe at Beddington, Surrey, by the Surrey Association.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who is suffering from the effects of a serious motoring accident, continues to make favourable progress.

RIPON CATHEDRAL BELLS.

We understand that the order has been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, for the recasting and rehangings in a new framework of the ring of ten bells at Ripon Cathedral, and the work is to be put in hand forthwith.

BELLS IN THREE TIERS.

The hanging of the two new additional bells at the Parish Church of Niton, Isle of Wight, which have been presented by a resident, has now been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank under the supervision of Mr. J. Thomas. On Thursday, June 16th, the first six-scores of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung by the following: Dr. J. Bruce Williamson, J. Thomas, W. Upton, W. Scott and H. Barton. Both the hanging and tuning gave great satisfaction although, owing to the size of the tower, the bells had to be hung in three tiers. It is hoped that the villagers will make progress and ultimately become affiliated with the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

COUNCIL TOPICS.

THE APPENDIX TO THE MINOR METHODS COLLECTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is a great pity when honest men make unsubstantiated charges of bad faith. Had Mr. Hunt taken the trouble at Chelmsford to inquire what the compositions were that it was proposed to include in the Doubles and Minor Collection he would certainly not have said at Plymouth, as reported by you, that 'the rest of the ten pages the committee had no authority to publish.'

I am perfectly sure that he will take my word for it that no single one of these compositions was added to the collection subsequent to the Chelmsford meeting. Indeed I imagine that he is the only member of the Council present at Chelmsford who carried away such a fantastic misconception.

The only effect of the resolution to put them in an appendix was to increase the cost to the Council, owing to the consequent necessity of repeating the same compositions in different parts of the book.

I do not propose to discuss his view that they are 'piffle.' This is purely a matter of opinion, and I can well leave him to the tender mercies of members of a band that have rung as many as 12 Surprise Major methods in a 5,000, and who have been content to ring and to conduct some or other of them in what they regard as peals.

Further argument at this moment on that particular point will hardly carry us much further. The compositions are available for those who care to try them, and it will be interesting to see in the future whether the experience of the past be repeated, viz., that those who have rung them find them exceedingly valuable for peal ringing, while the attack on them is almost wholly confined to those who know nothing of them except on paper.—Yours, etc.,

The Rectory, Glastonbury, St. George, Exeter.

E. S. POWELL.

ACOUSTICS.

Dear Sir,—After reading your excellent article upon the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee, there is one very important and vital question which I venture to suggest the committee might very well concentrate its energies upon, namely, 'the creation of sound-proof devices to protect the public and ringers alike from noisy bells.'

It would be interesting to know the number of good peals, hung at various churches within the last 30 years, where bell foundries have left the bells a public nuisance and noisy inside the ringing chamber, because of the omission of proper safeguards to protect the public and ringers from their noise.

Only this week we have had a reminder of this—a typical instance of a splendid peal (at the Roman Catholic Church, Cambridge), the finest in East Anglia, which is useless to ringers as regards peal attempts on account of the awful din created outside when the bells are rung. Many of the public remarked to me after the recent muffled peal attempt there, that the bells had never sounded so nice. I well remember the hostility created by the peal in 1904, and the subsequent restrictions placed on the ringing, and was little surprised when we were bidden by the Rector to cease.

In these days of scientific research, and a nervy public, no new peal or rehangings should be considered complete unless the sound of the bells has been made pleasing to the public ear, and the ringers can ring in comfort, otherwise it is money thrown away.

Cambridge.

T. R. DENNIS.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 407.)

THE PRESS AND BELLRINGING.

The report of the Literature and Press Committee, read by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, was as follows: The past twelve months have produced a number of interesting references to bells and ringing in the public Press, and it is gratifying to note a marked advance in accuracy and correct information. The Devonshire 'Express and Echo' last June gave a very good account of the 'coming-of-age' of Truro Cathedral bells, and the removal of the ten bells of Yeovil for renovation was the occasion of a long and erudite article in the 'Western Gazette.' In the following October the 'Times,' which published a brief report of the Central Council's meeting at Liverpool, gave prominence to an account of the band of ringers at Marshull, Dorset, who had rung together for 35 years, and displayed photographs of the ringers both in the belfry and outside the church. The October number of a learned periodical, entitled 'Music and Letters,' contained a review of Morris' 'History of Change Ringing,' written at the editor's request by a member of this committee.

When the Stedman Tercentenary celebration took place at Cambridge, the Press rose nobly to the occasion. Preliminary paragraphs had already appeared, notably a well-informed statement in the 'Guardian' and the 'Times,' and various newspapers duly recorded the events of Saturday, December 5th. The Cambridge journals gave a full account of the proceedings, with a number of illustrations, and Canon Coleridge's memorable sermon was reported at considerable length. The following week the 'Daily Express' published an admirable article on 'The Art of Ringing,' illustrated by a picture of bells hung in a frame.

The failure of the Hatfield ringers to welcome the new year with the music of the bells evoked a strong protest in the 'Hertfordshire Mercury,' emphasising the general disappointment thus caused, and deploring the omission of an observance established by ancient custom. The concluding sentence gave expression to public sentiment in the words, 'May the bells long continue to ring out, as each new year is ushered in, full of hope.'

This was followed a few weeks later by an article in the 'Birmingham Evening Despatch,' headed 'Bellringing a Dying Hobby.' The reference was to some remarks made by a speaker at a ringers' gathering in Gloucester.

The great gathering of some 3,000 ringers at Croydon in April naturally attracted the attention of the Press at large. Both daily and weekly newspapers published accounts of the proceedings, and took occasion to give interesting information on the subject of bell founding. In one such account was to be found a sample of those imaginative touches, which a few years ago were still a common incident, whenever the lay Press attempted to deal with matters campanological. One journal gave its readers to understand that a well-known member of this Council had transferred his residence to the county of Drake and Frohisher by stating that 'Mr. James George, despite his 78 years, still rings the 26 cwt. tenor at Paignton.'

Lady ringers have recently appeared in a new light when the daily papers reported that in an eastern county women had tolled the church bells in the early morning to give the alarm on the arrival of agents with intent to distrain on the property of farmers in default with their tithes. The Council's pamphlet on 'The Law relating to Church Bells' does not, so far as we are aware, furnish any legal authority for the revival of the tocsin in this form. In any case, as the Central Council certainly includes titheowners, and may include tithepayers, we refrain from controversy on this interesting point.

The 'Salisbury Diocesan Gazette' deserves a good mark for calling attention to new matter contributed by Mr. Walters to 'Church Bells of Dorset.'

Those two indefatigable writers, E. Morris and J. R. Nichols, have again shown praiseworthy ingenuity in finding opportunities for enlightening the uninitiated. Mr. Nichols has completed a series of 20 articles in 'The Accessory,' under the title, 'A Short History of Bells,' while one issue of the 'L.M.S. Railway Magazine' contained a contribution from his pen entitled, 'With the Bellringers at Christmas.' 'Bells of Christmastide' appeared in 'The Line,' and 'Bell Founding at Burford' in 'Rural Industries.'

A series of articles in 'The Sign' last year, under the heading, 'People who Count in Church Work,' appropriately concluded in the December number with 'The Bellringers,' admirably written by Mr. Morris, and illustrated by most interesting and instructive pictures. This was an especially valuable piece of work, as 'The Sign' is used as an inset to very many parish magazines. 'Dickens and the Bellringers' has appeared in the magazine, 'Great Thoughts,' while a series of articles on bells and ringing by Mr. Morris is at present running in a trade journal named 'The Arc,' and another has been completed in the Northants County Magazine. Messrs. Morris and Nichols collaborated in an article on 'Change Ringing' in the 'Sunday Companion,' and even such a prosaic publication as 'The Bazaar and Mart' has 'featured' the joint authors in a treatise on those interesting relics of a bygone age, which is not infrequently recalled to memory in words of advice addressed to congregations of ringers,

namely, 'Ringers' jugs and pitchers.' The quarterly magazine, 'Leicestershire,' has also published two articles on bells by Dr. Malcolm Dyson.

The committee venture at this point to append a brief moral to their tale. As public attention is being called to bells and ringing in so many and various quarters, it becomes all the more essential that change ringers should endeavour to let the public hear nothing but the best striking, especially on Sundays and occasions of rejoicing.

Mr. Selfridge's generous offer to pay for the restoration of Bow bells has brought that famous peal into the columns of the Press, and it is to be anticipated that within a short time the newspapers will record the reopening ceremony, and the bells will again be broadcast.

Bellringing has been transmitted over the ether at fairly frequent intervals during the past twelve months, and a very impressive broadcast of Westminster Abbey bells was given at midnight on New Year's Eve. In this connection the committee suggest that the Council should express to the B.B.C. their appreciation of this broadcast, and should at the same time ask them (a) whenever church bells are to be broadcast to advertise the fact in 'World Radio' as well as in 'Radio Times,' and (b) to make a special feature of a broadcast of some well-known peal of bells on the festivals of Christmas and Easter and on the King's birthday.

THE BEGINNINGS OF A BELFRY LIBRARY.

At the last meeting of the Council the committee was asked to prepare a list of books on ringing which might form the nucleus of a Belfry Library, showing particularly how the first £1 might be spent. Their report on this subject, under the heading of 'Catalogue of Publications for a Belfry Library,' was as follows:—

Most of the books and leaflets available for the use of ringers are advertised in 'The Ringing World.' The committee suggest the following selection as the first instalment of a belfry library:—

	£ s. d.
'Ropesight' (Snowdon)	1 10
'Change Ringing' (C. A. W. Troyte), published by H. S. Elland, 236, High Street, Exeter	3 10
'Grandsire Doubles and Triples'	6
'Bob Minor and Major'	8
Both by I. Roe and M. Broome. (Byways, Hurst, Berks)	
The above-named works are of the greatest value for the instruction of beginners.)	
'Standard Methods' (Snowdon). Indispensable to all ringers	2 10
Central Council publications:	
'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods'	3 0
'Collection of Plain Major and Cater Methods'	1 9
'Glossary of Technical Terms'	8
'Handbook on the Preservation of Bells' (stiff covers)	1 0
Card of Instructions on the Care and Use of Bells, to hang in belfry	1
'Surprise Methods' (Rev. C. D. P. Davies)	2 10
'Method Splicing' ('Ringing World' Office, Woking)	1 3
	£1 0 2½

The works by Snowdon and Davies may be obtained from Mrs. Laura Snowdon, Cartmel, Lancashire.

All Central Council publications from Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C., M.A., Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

The handbook on 'Preservation of Bells' is of the highest value. 'Grandsire' (Snowdon, 2s. 10d.), 'Stedman' (Davies, 2s. 10d.), and 'Trehle Bob' (Snowdon, 1s. 10d.), will be found most useful for advanced study. Then should follow the Central Council's Collection of Peals, sections 1, 2, 3, as required, with Corrigenda leaflet, also Method Sheets, 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' and any other publications issued.

'The History and Art of Ringing' (E. Morris) is published by Chapman and Hall at £1 5s., and should be added to the library when funds permit.

'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' also 'Duffield,' by the late Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., are worth acquiring, if copies can be obtained.

It would also add considerably to the use and interest of the library to include yearly the 'Ringers' Directory' and a bound volume of 'The Ringing World.'

The report was seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and carried.

THE PROPOSED NEW RULES.

The report of the committee appointed to consider the rules of the Council, which was published in 'The Ringing World' of May 13th, was presented by Mr. E. W. Elwell, who asked the Council to receive the report. They would find, Mr. Elwell said, that in the main report, of which the schedule formed the chief part, the committee were not asking the Council to pass the revised set of rules this year. They intended to bring them forward for adoption next year, but they wanted a year to elapse first, during which time the rules could be considered by members of the Council, who would then be ready with any objections which they wished to raise at the Council meeting in London, but if they liked to put their cards on the table and ventilate any objections or criticisms or suggest any improvements beforehand, through the ringing Press, it would give the committee a

chance to reconsider the rules in the light of any criticism received, and, if thought desirable, to amend the draft to come before the Council, thereby saving the time of the Council when it came finally to discuss the whole matter next year. The adoption of a new set of rules might take a considerable amount of time unless, at the beginning, they could arrive at some sort of fundamental basis of agreement.

Mr. Elwell went on to point out that the chief alterations were in the provision that all affiliated societies should subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council. Privilege always implied responsibility, and he did not think it was asking too much of those who had the privilege of being unified and co-ordinated with the ringing authority of the whole country that they should at least do their part and abide by the decisions of the Council, even if in occasional instances it happened to conflict with local opinion or custom which might have prevailed for some time in a certain neighbourhood.

REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES.

The draft went on to amend the rules with regard to representation. It had always been a difficult point, and it had given the committee much trouble and deliberation, because even with the revised rules, the representation of London ringers would be greater than the representation of provincial ringers. In London there was nothing local. In the provinces associations and guilds were localised; they were either diocesan or territorial; but in London they had four or five bodies covering the same territory which might give London ringers four or five times the representation of provincial ringers. They could not altogether get over that, and in view of the fact that London was the leader in change ringing it was, perhaps, right that any benefit there might be should continue to accrue to London ringers. In settling the basis of representation, therefore, the re-draft of the rules dealt with territorial associations only, so that societies like the College Youths, which were not really territorial, but more national in character, were not affected, and the rule did not operate as harshly as it might seem to do. Another rule had been included that reports of committees should be presented in writing and forwarded to the secretary at least seven days before the meeting of the Council. That, the committee considered, was quite a reasonable thing to ask, and, he believed, would lead to the shortening of the business of the Council in dealing with the reports of the committees, because for some years it had taken until long after lunch to get through the formal committee reports before coming to the extra business of the Council, which usually provided discussion on current topics. Another alteration included a proposal to appoint auditors. Hitherto the accounts had been audited by two members of the Standing Committee during the time the Standing Committee was sitting. It was an administrative change which should make for greater clarity in the future. The committee, Mr. Elwell added, had done their best to produce a set of rules which they hoped would be of benefit to the Council and its work; they invited members to offer any criticism or suggestions which they might have to make, and to make them known in time for the committee to consider them and, if necessary, modify the draft rules accordingly. He asked the Council to receive the committee's report that day and in due time to adopt the resolutions which would be brought before them next year.

Mr. C. T. Coles, in seconding, said, although Mr. Elwell had covered most of the ground involved in the alterations, he thought it would be well to draw attention to the draft of Rule 5, which provided that all societies returning representatives to the Council should contribute annually 5s. on behalf of each representative member to which it was entitled; that was to say that where a society was entitled to, say, four members, but only returned one or two, they would have to pay for four.

The Rev. H. Drake said the reason why they asked that the rules should be revised was so that there might be something given them as a guide as to what was the relation between the affiliated societies and the Council, and how the affiliated societies, if they wished to do so, should make representations to the Council. It was a question that affected them in the Suffolk Guild. He had mentioned this before. Some years ago they were asked to give their opinion about a certain matter. They sent up their reply, and it appeared as an additional item on the agenda, and was then ruled out of order. It seemed rather hard that such a thing should be done. What they wanted was to be able to feel that there was some recognised way by which affiliated bodies should make their representations to the Council if they wished to do so. There were certain proposals before the Council at their last meeting, and he supposed they were before the committee when they considered the rules, but nothing of them now appeared, so he supposed they turned them down. Affiliated societies did not quite know in what position they stood, and he hoped before the final draft was reached this would be made clear.

Mr. Elwell said perfectly constitutional machinery was provided in the draft rules for sending in notices for anything that was to be discussed, but anything in the nature of 'delegation' to the Council was a thing that the Council had never permitted and which the committee would never try to foist on the Council.

The President suggested that any criticisms should be sent to Mr. Elwell in writing for the committee's consideration, and the report was then accepted.

(To be continued.)

STEDMAN'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Facilities for teaching beginners are exceptionally scarce in Cambridge, but there is one simple solution of the difficulty. One of the six bells is of more modern casting. Recruits may well be taught to handle that one with perfect mastery, and then be promoted to ringing on any of the historic five.—Yours faithfully,
Kington Magna. F. L. EDWARDS.

FORTY YEARS ON.

At Framlingham, Suffolk, on Saturday, June 18th, 1,088 Kent Treble Bells: W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 1, W. E. Maulden 2, V. E. Kerrage 3, A. Watson 4, F. Dearing 5, W. Flory 6, W. A. Ward 7, H. Hall 8. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the first peal of Kent upon the bells. Messrs. Crickmer, Flory and Ward rang the same bells on that occasion.

WEDDING OF WOODBRIDGE RINGER. ARCHWAY OF HANDBELLS.

Almost the whole of the Woodbridge, St. Mary's, ringers journeyed to Rushmere on Saturday, June 18th, for the marriage of Mr. F. Woodruffe (one of their company) and Miss Kathleen Lanore Smy. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar of Rushmere, the Rev. H. S. Mahon. As the happy pair left the church they passed under an archway of handbells held by some of the ringers, while others rang touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor on the tower bells.

On the previous Thursday evening, during practice at St. Mary's Mr. H. A. Shaw (one of the churchwardens) presented to Mr. Woodruffe, on behalf of the Rector, churchwardens, vergers, an old ringer's son, and fellow-ringers, an eight-day clock, with a few well-chosen words of good wishes and advice.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Western Division at Great Gaddesden was attended by some 16 ringers from surrounding towers. Ringing took place in various methods during the afternoon, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Hollis). The meeting which followed tea, was presided over by Mr. H. Golding. The re-election of four members and the election of three new members from Redbourn was warmly received.

Redbourn was proposed for the next meeting in July.—The district secretary brought to the notice of the ringers the effort being made to increase support of 'The Ringing World.' One prominent ringer, in the course of discussion, remarked that, if the young ringer was catered for, it might help to increase the sale. It was a pity the beginners' column was crowded out.

After the meeting, further ringing took place on tower bells until 8 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR.

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The first peal in the method was rung by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild at St. Peter's, Irlthingborough, on Saturday, June 11th, 1932, conducted by Walter Perkins.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division, Essex Association, was held at Stebbing on Saturday, June 11th, when 30 ringers were present from 12 parishes. During the afternoon and evening Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Woodbine and Cambridge Surprise were rung. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Thompson), and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) read the lesson.

An excellent tea was provided at the Church Room, the Vicar being present with Mrs. Thompson, the churchwardens and others. At the business meeting which followed, with the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) in the chair, five new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Sible Hedingham on September 17th.

Mr. Howard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address and the great interest he took in the ringers, to the organist and all those who helped to provide such a bountiful tea. He paid a high tribute to the local ringers who, he said, were most loyal to the Church and the association. He made special mention of Mr. Barker, who is a life member of the Stebbing company.

The Vicar, in reply, said he had been a lifelong bellringer, although not qualified as a member of the association. He thanked Mr. Howard for all he had said, and extended a hearty invitation to all the ringers to visit Stebbing at any time.

Owing to this parish being situated in a somewhat isolated part of the county, it was necessary for some of the visitors to leave early for home, which they much regretted, but they took with them the best wishes of the local band.

The district secretary takes this opportunity of thanking Mr. F. Harrington, of the local company, for the excellent arrangements made.

'RINGING WORLD' SUPPORTERS' ROLL.

A quarterly meeting of the North-Eastern Division was held at Harwich on June 11th, when nine towers were represented. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and service, fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar. Tea and meeting were held at the Hanover Hotel, at which about 30 sat down.

At the meeting, Mr. Duffield (District Master) presided, and spoke of the value of 'The Ringing World' and the knowledge to be gained from it by all those who regularly supported it. He also suggested that in this division a roll of names be kept of those who take 'The Ringing World,' and that it be read out at each meeting with a view to quickly extending the sale of the paper.—The proposal was agreed to.

Letters were read expressing regret at their inability to attend from Mr. C. Howard (Master) and the Mayor of Harwich.

Mr. Duffield thanked all those who had helped to make the meeting a success and provided the tea, especially Mr. Ellis, of Harwich, in whose hands all arrangements were left.

Two hon. members and one probationer were elected. During the day touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, etc., were rung.

LAVENHAM RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred of one of Lavenham's oldest ringers in the person of Mr. H. Smith, who passed away at the advanced age of 83 years. Although deceased did not aspire to the higher methods, he was, nevertheless, a first-class striker. His peals totalled thirty-seven, his first being one of Bob Major at Long Melford, January 28th, 1889, and his last a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Lavenham, December 26th, 1918. His peals were Grandsire Triples 6, Bob Major 18, Kent Treble Bob Major 13. These included 6,048 of Kent, and 6,240 of Bob Major.

Mr. Smith was also a chorister at Lavenham Church for 60 years.

He was buried on Saturday, June 11th, the funeral service, which was choral, being taken by the Rector, Rev. G. H. Lennox-Conyngnam, M.A., R.D. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with deeply muffled clappers: S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, M. F. Symonds 2, L. Pryke 3, W. Fayers 4, W. Jarvis 5, F. Boreham 6, W. R. J. Poulsen 7, F. F. Mortlock 8.

UPPINGHAM BELLS REHUNG

The bells of the Parish Church Uppingham, Rutland, have recently undergone a thorough overhaul by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and on Saturday, June 4th, a mixed band, at the invitation of the Rector (Rev. C. C. Aldred) visited the church for a peal to give them a trial spin.

For several years past these bells have not been considered to go altogether satisfactorily, and a short time ago the Loughborough firm were called in. The bells, eight in number, with a tenor of 14½ cwt., have all been lifted out of their frame, the nuts tightened and new parts added where necessary. To the delight of all they are now once again considered in good ringing order, but owing to the celebrated school being close by, peals are limited.

Six of the bells were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry as long ago as 1772, and it was not until 1895 that Messrs. Taylor and Co. added the two trebles to complete the octave.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT SUNBURY.

Favoured with excellent weather, the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association held a very successful meeting at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday week. Over 30 ringers and friends attended from Bishopsgate, Baldoak, Duffield, Ealing, Heston, Isleworth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Ruislip, Walthamstow, Willesden and Hillingdon. Ringing commenced shortly after 3.30 p.m., and the very fine ring of eight were rung to a variety of methods until tea time. During the afternoon the five bells at Shepperton were also made good use of by those who were energetic enough to go there. Several Doubles methods were rung as well as some 'Winchie' Surprise, personally conducted by the Leatherhead stalwart.

An enjoyable tea was served in the Parish Room by the local ringers and their friends. The subsequent business meeting was presided over by Rev. B. Stower, in the absence of the Vicar, who was seriously ill. Ten ringing members were elected, and Harlington selected for the next meeting on July 9th.

The absence of the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope), owing to the death of his brother, was a matter of regret to all, and it was agreed that a message of condolence be sent.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) read a letter from the Vicar of West Drayton detailing the position of the Bell Restoration of his parish. Unfortunately, it appeared that the opening ceremony was as far off as before!

An animated discussion on the Central Council's resolution to increase the sales of 'The Ringing World' took place after a statement by the hon. secretary. It was agreed to continue the discussion at subsequent meetings.

The business meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the incumbents of Sunbury and Shepperton for the use of their bells, to Rev. B. Stower for presiding, and for his very nice words of welcome, to Messrs. Alford (Sunbury) and Rogers (Shepperton) for their help, and, last but by no means least, to the kind friends who prepared and served the tea.

The belfry was again visited and a 'heroic' effort to ring Bristol Surprise Major was crowned with success! Other methods rung included Superlative, Double Norwich, Grandsire, etc., and the Ringing Master (Mr. H. C. Chandler) was assiduous in his efforts to see that all tastes were catered for!

Members and friends are reminded that the next mid-week practice will take place at Heston on Thursday, June 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

The annual ringing day (121st anniversary) at Lavenham was held on Saturday, June 18th, when about 40 ringers attended from Fulbourne, Sawston and Stetchworth (Cambs), Ardleigh, Halstead and Sible Hedingham (Essex), Hitchin and Royston (Herts), Shipley (Yorks), Newmarket, Newton, Little Waldingfield, Finborough, Sudbury, Monk's Eleigh, Braintree and the local company. The ringing was commenced by the Hitchin company, who were on their annual excursion, accompanied by their ringing parson, the Rev. —. Routh. Many touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. The assembly was graced by the presence of one lady ringer, Miss H. G. M. Snowden, of Halstead.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's, Redenhall, on Monday, June 13th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): George Howlett 1, W. Flatt 2, G. Curson 3, C. Loomer 4, G. Gower 5, C. Barnett 6, R. Riches 7, W. Barrett 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to Mr. H. Read, a former ringer of this tower, who was interred the same day.

PUBLICATION.

'GRANDSIRE DOUBLES AND TRIPLES, Simply Explained'; also 'Bob Minor and Major, Simply Explained,' for beginners. 6½d. each, post free; 5/9 a dozen post free; from I. Roe and M. Broome, Byways, Hurst, Berks.

NOTICES.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual branch meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. As the election of officers takes place at this meeting it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Will those who intend to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 5th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Bordon Road, Wellingborough.

THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.

THIRD LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

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*Previously acknowledged or promised	53	9	0
E. Pearson		5	0
St. Mary's Guild, Cheltenham		19	0
Mr. J. Fidler (Loughborough)		2	6
Misses de Rougemont		5	0
Rev. E. S. Saleby (Leonard Stanley)	1	1	0
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Mrs. E. B. Morgan		2	6
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T. F. King (Bath)		10	0
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Peterborough Diocesan Guild (voted)	3	3	0
H. W. Fussell (Dursley)		10	0
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Mrs. C. Lister (Mr. Burcombe)		2	0
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Acknowledged by Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Rev. E. S. Saleby, P. C. Williams and E. Guise.

* An error occurred in a promise of £3 (acknowledged in a promise of £3 3s.), now received and corrected.

To the Editor.

Sir,—One does not like to criticise the well meaning efforts of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association in the proposal to place memorials in Tewkesbury Abbey to the memory of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, but are they satisfied in their minds that the addition of two bells to the existing poor peal of ten will be a satisfactory and worthy memorial?

The sum of £250 asked for does not allow for much, if anything, to be properly done to the existing bells, which at least ought to go on the tuning machine, or, better still, be recast. I am of the opinion, while supporting the effort to place a memorial at Tewkesbury, that either the existing bells should receive attention, viz., tuning or recasting, or the money devoted to furnish a side chapel as a ringers' chapel, making the memorial a worthy one and befitting the magnificent Abbey of Tewkesbury.—Yours, etc.,

Birmingham.

ALBERT WALKER.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LARGE GATHERING AT A FIVE-BELL TOWER.

A very successful meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Great Chishill on Saturday week. Ringers were present from Anstey, Barley, Braughing, Chishill, Elmton, Fen Ditton, Fulbourne, Great Staughton, Harlow Common, Linton, Newmarket, Newton, Sawston, Stetchworth, Trumpington and a splendid muster of the local band.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Smith), who gave a very helpful address. The presence of Mr. Tottem, churchwarden, the organist, and the choir was greatly appreciated.

A very generous tea was served in the beautiful garden of the Vicarage, where Mr. Tottem gave the association a warm welcome. Mr. G. Reed, one of the local band, was elected a member. It was decided to visit Cottenham on July 30th, the method for practice to be Ely Treble Bob. The meeting concluded with the usual vote of thanks, and the company returned to the tower. Carter's, Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Grandisive and New Doubles were rung.

During the evening there was ringing at Heydon, a very light peal of five.

Everyone who visited this interesting corner of Cambridgeshire spent a most enjoyable time.

NOTICES.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received either by:—

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Temple Gate, Bristol.

Rev. E. S. Saleby, The Vicarage, Leonard Stanley, near Stonehouse, Glos., Master.

P. C. Williams, 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, Hon. Treasurer.

E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol, Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 30th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division and The Leeds and District Society. — A joint meeting will be held at Idie on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, H. Lofthouse, Dis. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Wattisfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (5) available from 2 p.m. Also at Walsham-le-Willows (6), Ixworth (6), Hepworth (5). (Not Bardwell). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1s. each.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).

—The 309th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. Hot lunch, 3s. per head, at 1.15 p.m. Those requiring lunch please notify me.—Leonard E. Pitstow, 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, June 25th. All Saints' bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—Miss H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3. Tea and meeting at the Dolphin Inn at 5.15. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 23, Priory Road, Hastings.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting, Bigby bells (6), Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in School Room, at a moderate charge. Business meeting after tea.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Kimpton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Good bus services from St. Albans, Luton and Welwyn. All welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Burnham on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Red Lion at 5.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Members admitted to garden fête in Rectory Close free of charge. Tea at moderate charge. All members and friends invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Privett, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Holy Trinity Church 4.30. Tea in the Vicarage by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Futt. Business meeting follows.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Checkendon on Sat., June 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea. All members and friends are welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made. All ringers and friends welcome. Subscriptions due.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Pucklechurch on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus No. 19a leaves Old Market Street every hour at five minutes past. Return fare 1s.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llangibby (not Dingestow as proposed) on Saturday, June 25th. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—The annual meeting at Davenport on Saturday, June 25th.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—The dedication of the new bells augmenting the peal to 12, by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will take place on Wednesday evening, June 29th. Service at 7. Supper at the King's Arms Hotel at eight, 2s. 6d. each. Those wishing to attend, write G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Abbotsbury on Thursday, June 30th. Bells (also Upwey) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. The tropical gardens will be open.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The bells, having been restored and rehung in new iron frame by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Ipswich on Friday evening, July 1st, at 7 o'clock. A short touch will be rung by the local band during the ceremony and the bells will afterwards be available for visitors up to 9.30. It is proposed to hold a meeting of the Suffolk Guild on July 16th, details of which will appear later.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. All ringers welcomed. Please advise me if you require tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting Darley Dale, July 2nd. Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.45 p.m. at Schools. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting at Church Inn. Application for tea (1s. 6d. per head) must be made to Mr. G. H. Paulson, Churchtown, Darley Dale, near Matlock, *not later* than June 30th to avoid disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Worplesdon (instead of Chiddingfold) Saturday, July 2nd. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send numbers for tea by June 25th to G. L. Grover, East Clandon, near Guildford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church 4.15. Preacher, the Vicar. Tea, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. each. Please notify Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, 4, Temperance Terrace, York Road, Market Weighton, by Thursday, June 30th. Details in circular.—Horace S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (12), recently augmented by John Taylor and Co., will be available all day; also Milford-on-Sea (8). Meeting at 2.30 in the Church Hall. Service in the Priory at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the garden of the King's Arms Hotel (if wet in the Church Hall) at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, by June 29th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer festival will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 2nd. The bells (a new Taylor eight) will be available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. E. P. Higham, The Vicarage, so that proper arrangements can be made for tea.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the North and West branches will be held at North Elmham on Saturday, July 2nd.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Queensbury, near Halifax, on July 2nd. Draw 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea, 1s. 6d. each, send not later than June 27th to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Hazelbeech on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.45. Service 4.15. To ensure tea, please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 29th.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and Ely Association will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Please look up Double Norwich. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Sharpe, Dis. Sec., Suffolk Guild.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, at St. Mary's, Woodford (8). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Cheap day tickets from Liverpool Street to George Lane Station. 40, 96 and 100 buses pass the church. Visitors welcome.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, E.1.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The next meeting has been arranged for Buxted on July 2nd instead of Cuckfield as previously advertised. Tower opened 3 p.m. Kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 29th, all requiring tea.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (10) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting immediately after tea. Members are requested to make a special effort to attend. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rostherne on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. For tea, please notify Mr. E. Davies, Lady Mary Square, Rostherne, Cheshire, not later than Tuesday, June 28th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The next quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Knowle, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 2.30-3.30, 7.0-8.30; Chewton Mendip (8), Glastonbury (8), Croscombe (6), all from 2.30-3.30 and 7.30-9; Shepton Mallet (8), 7.30-9. Evensong in the Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. The Dean and Chapter of Wells 'desire that the ringing at the Cathedral may be done by quite capable ringers, who can ring a heavier lot of bells than are usually found in parish churches.'—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 4.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please look up Cambridge Surprise Minor.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. The Rev. J. Thompson (Rector) has kindly offered to provide tea to those who notify Mrs. C. Barber, Lilac Cottages, Bradfield, not later than June 29th.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Brayfield on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 28th?—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) on Saturday, July 2nd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. E. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, Staffs, not later than June 30th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, July 2nd, not June 25th. Bells of St. Mary's available from 2.30 p.m., and tea in the Anchorage, adjoining church, at 5 o'clock, for those who notify Mr. J. McRobie, 1, Hardwick Terrace, Gateshead, by Thursday, June 30th.—Please make this joint meeting another success. All welcome.—F. Robson, H. Tyson, Joint Dis. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—July meetings at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.: Sunday, July 3rd, morning service ringing at 10 a.m.; Monday, July 11th, practice, 7 p.m., quarterly

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HOWDEN CHURCH, YORKS.—On Thursday, July 7th, at 2.30 p.m., His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York will dedicate the new ring of eight bells installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to replace the peal destroyed by fire in 1929. There will also be a service at 7.30 in the evening. Preacher, the Bishop of Durham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Hale) after service. All ringers welcome. Please notify me as soon as possible. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer Festival will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, July 9th. Weybridge (8) and Hersham (8) bells available afternoon and evening, Oatlands Park (8) 3 to 4, 7 to 8 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea free, by kind invitation of the Rector, for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, July 5th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon, Saturday, July 9th. 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m., 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., tower of St. Mary's Church (8 bells) open for ringing. 3 p.m., service in St. Lawrence Chapel of the Cathedral; preacher, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, S. Nicholas', Hereford. 4 p.m., tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop). 4.30 p.m., business meeting at Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence). The tower of St. David's Church, Brecon (6 bells), will also be open for ringing. Please let the hon. treasurer, Mr. Charles Powell, 3, North Road, Brecon, know the number for tea by Saturday, July 2nd, without fail.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., 11 and 12, Church Place, Neath, Glam.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify Mr. Wm. Clarkson, Goosnargh Lane, not later than Wednesday, July 6th?—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Stansted. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Owing to illness near Wortley Church, the shield contest will be held at Penistone on Saturday, July 9th. Draw takes place at 2.45. For tea, please notify Mr. J. H. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, by Tuesday, the 5th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar and vice-chairman, the Rev. W. E. MacFarlane. Meeting to follow. Come to one of the best of Oxfordshire villages and bells, but let me know by Tuesday, the 5th.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Barton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., to those who notify me by July 6th. —E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, July 9th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 5th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

GREAT NESS, near Shrewsbury. — The augmented ring of 6 (tenor recast and 3 new trebles added and rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on Friday, July 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Tea and refreshments provided at the Vicarage after the service, and those intending to be present are asked to notify the Rev. F. Brighton, The Vicarage, Great Ness, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, July 13th. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of Dr. E. L. Taylor) at Vine House, near the cricket ground. Business meeting after tea. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 5th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 16th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m.; preacher, Rev. L. Moxon, Vicar of Newport Pagnell, and chairman of North Bucks Branch. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. non-members. Applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 13th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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