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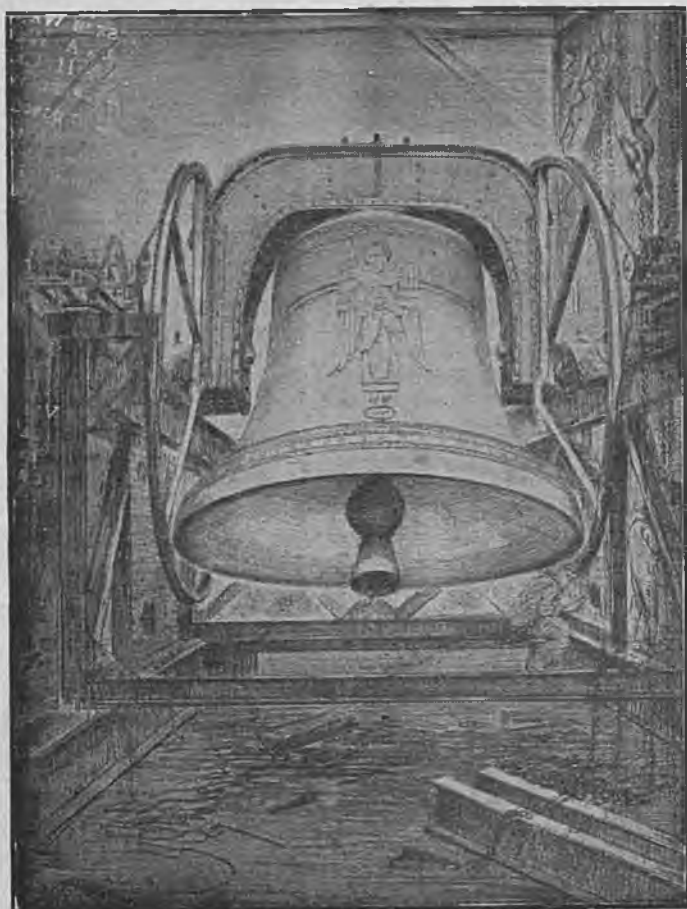
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The ringing enthusiasts and the officials of associations in many parts of the country have been quick to take up the appeal made by the Central Council for an effort to extend the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' In many areas towers have been or will be circularised, and at nearly every meeting where ringers have congregated the importance of increasing the support given to the paper has been stressed. For the help which is thus being extended to 'The Ringing World' we are extremely grateful. It is not only a piece of practical assistance, but an appreciation of the work which this journal is trying to do that we highly value. To move the apathetic ringer in any direction is always a big task, and this effort for a bigger circulation, not only to make the paper worth while, but to make it also more worthy of the Exercise by extending its size and its scope, is likely to be a long, uphill job. For that reason we hope that the campaign now begun at association gatherings and elsewhere will be continued both at meetings and in the towers where at present support for the paper is lacking.

There can be few pursuits in which such expensive apparatus is provided and maintained free of cost to those who indulge in them, as in that of bell ringing. Usually those who enjoy any kind of recreation have to pay for the privilege, but the bells, which are the prime essential to the operations of the ringer, are provided for him. We mention this because we think the ringer is in a privileged position, and therefore ought to think more highly of the various forms of organisation which exist to encourage him in the art and link him to the rest of the community engaged in the same purpose and practice. For that reason every ringer ought to be a member of the association or guild operating in his area and ought to support the ringing press which serves the organisation of which he is a member. There is no dispute as to the value of a ringing paper to the Exercise—the many ways in which it is essential, not only in maintaining interest in ringing, but almost the very existence of the art, are fully recognised by those who give the matter consideration, and it should be worth even a little sacrifice on the part of ringers to ensure that they are provided with a paper adequate to the needs of the activities of to-day.

We may, perhaps, be doing something more than 'preaching to the converted' if readers of this article will pass on the points here mentioned to non-subscribers, supplementing them with a little personal persuasion. What is being aimed at is a sufficient additional circulation to enable us to give the Exercise a larger paper, with

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a proper remuneration for the work and responsibility involved. It has been said that there are probably twenty thousand ringers in England sufficiently interested in change ringing to belong to an association, and while probably half this number have the advantage of keeping in touch with current ringing affairs by reading 'The Ringing World,' a very small proportion actually pay for this advantage. 'One copy for the tower,' when none of the ringers individually subscribe to the paper, is a policy which is keeping these companies and the Exercise poorer in the type of journal which they might have had they but promote the circulation by each purchasing a copy.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

HENRY H. FEARN 1	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	FRANK E. HAYNES 8
ALBERT E. NORMAN 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 9
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	FRANK E. PERVIN 10
ERNEST T. ALLAVAY 5	A. PADDON SMITH 11
ALBERT H. WARD 6	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

A birthday compliment to Tom Miller and F. E. Haynes.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D flat.

*JOE BROADLEY 1	*ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
JOHN HOLMAN 2	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
*HERBERT DAVENPORT 3	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
TOM WILDE 4	JAMES H. RIDING 9
*WILLIAM BARTON 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and by the association.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN 1	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
WILLIAM SHORT 3	*FRED HAWKES 8
HAROLD F. MARTIN 4	CHARLES CAMM 9
CYRIL TANSSELL 5	ROBERT LEWIS Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Caters. Rung in connection with the festival to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the gift of the endowment of Bromsgrove Parish Church to the Monastery of Worcester by Henry III.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEESFIELD, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDISRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANKES' No. 1.

HARRY PLATT Treble	HAROLD HAMER... .. 5
OGDEN MOORES 2	*STEPHEN PARRY... .. 6
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
SAMUEL HOLY 4	JOSEPH WAREDRTON Tenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clegg. Mr. Clegg was for 54 years a ringer at St. Mark's, Glodwick. Also rung in honour of the King's birthday.

SADDLEWORTH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OLDHAM SOCIETY, ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*A. WAITE Treble	*A. F. TAYLOR 5
W. BERRY 2	J. LRES 6
J. OGDEN 3	*F. DUNKERLEY 7
O. MOORES 4	V. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by V. SYKES.

* First peal of Plain Bob. First peal for 17 years by the ringer of the third. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Dunkerley.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

KEITH HART... .. Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN 2	NORMAN BAGWORTH 6
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

Rung after meeting short for Caters.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	LAURENCE P. COOK 5
FREDERICK W. BURNETT 2	ERNEST G. WILLIAMS 6
CHARLES H. SHEPHERD 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The tenorman hails from Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, Lancashire. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge.

DEBENHAM BELLS.

The bells of the Parish Church, Debenham, Suffolk, are to be reopened on Friday, July 1st.

The following further subscriptions are acknowledged with thanks: F. L. Fisher 2s., E. E. Grimes 5s., G. Bennett 2s. 6d., James Bennett, jun., 2s. 6d., Chas. Clarke 2s. 6d., G. R. Pye 10s., L. C. Wightman 4s., previously acknowledged £5 8s., total £6 16s. 6d. Contributions to the fund will be gratefully received by Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE CURSON 2	WILLIAM FLATT 6
STANLEY COPLING 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES LOOME 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by GEORGE HOWLETT.

HUGHENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	JOHN T. FOWLER 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
*RONALD C. FOWLER 3	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	HENRY BUCKINGHAM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Triples.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES CATTELL Treble	HENRY HARRISON 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3	*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 7
PERCY PRICE... .. 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS... .. 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
REGINALD KERSEY 3	*CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	JAMES M. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* Fiftieth peal rung and conducted in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*HAZEL HOLMES... .. Treble	†GEOFFREY CROSSLEY 5
†WILLIAM ABBOTT 2	TOM SMITH... .. 6
MADRICE HODGSON 3	†JACK STITSON 7
SIDNEY BARRON... .. 4	FRED HODGSON Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF LONDONTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALFRED J. BULL Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
*FRANK E. DARBY 2	JOHN F. GALYER 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT 3	TONY PRICE 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by GRO. BAKER.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 20, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PERCY RUSHTON... ..Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 5
ARNOLD FEARNHEAD... .. 2	CHARLES OLLIER... .. 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER... .. 3	WILFRED J. MOSS 7
BENJAMIN THORPE 4	FREDERICK PAGETenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL.

Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. George Rushton, a member of the local band.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1,440 London, 1,120 Rutland, 800 Cambridge, 480 Bristol,
480 Superlative, 320 New Gloucester, 320 Norfolk and 320 Yorkshire.
Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLESTreble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	JAMES PENNETT 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYETenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal rung in eight Surprise Major methods.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ...Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4	WILLIAM E. BONDTenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. W. H. Andrews), whose induction took place on the previous evening. All are local ringers except Stafford H. Green, who hails from the Rector's former parish at Southborough.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE FOUR-PART, No. 70
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELDTreble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
J. CHARLES DICKEN 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JOHN CURTIS... ..Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, June 22, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADDTreble	*JOHN O. WELLER 5
RICHARD D. DIVAL 2	*LEONARD A. TIDY 6
PHILLIP S. THOMPSON 3	ERNEST J. OLIVER 7
GEORGE LAMBERT 4	†ALFRED L. RYMANTenor

Conducted by E. J. OLIVER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells since the installation of rope guides presented by members of the East Grinstead and District Guild. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the coronation of King George V.

FRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

LIONEL J. CULLUMTreble	ALFRED G. HILL... .. 5
E. CHARLES PATTEN 2	JOHN S. MORTON... .. 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
JOHN H. CHREESEMAN... .. 4	FREDERICK A. COLEYTenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. O. Robinson, for many years a ringer at the above church, who was interred the same day.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM DICKINSONTreble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 6
FRANK BRADLEY 3	JOHN E. HOBBS 7
SAM PINDER 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER... ..Tenor

Composed by H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.

Rung to commemorate the 38th anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; also a birthday compliment to Joan, the daughter of the conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORETreble	WILLIAM G. MAYERS... .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHINTenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The conductor has now called a different composition from each bell in this tower.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. SMALLSTreble	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 5
MISS M. ROBERTSON 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	WILLIAM E. BASON 7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 4	NOLAN GOLDENTenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and was his first peal of Treble Bob.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT TAYLOR... ..Treble	HAROLD L. FLAVELL ... 5
HARRY BOSWELL 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
*MAURICE TURNER 3	†GEORGE DETHERIDGE ... 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS... .. 4	JAMES SHAWTenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal, and only fifteen years old. † First peal 'inside.' The conductor's 200th peal, and 100th peal for the above society by the ringer of the 2nd. Rung on the eve of the Sunday School festival. Also in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Taylor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Biddulph, London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

*EDWARD V. RODENHURST	Treble	CHARLES S. RYLES	...	4
THOMAS HURD	...	WILLIAM P. DEANE	...	5
JOHN E. WHEELDON	...	JAMES WALLEY	...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Price, member of the local band. This is the first peal of Surprise Minor ever rung in the county of Shropshire.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

HAROLD ASTBURY	...	GEORGE CRAWLEY	...	4
ERIC B. ALLMAN	...	JOHN BRASSINGTON	...	5
BRYAN FERNYHOUGH	...	ARTHUR ALLMAN	...	Tenor

Conducted by J. BRASSINGTON.

Arranged for the ringer of the 3rd, who was born in the parish.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES TAYLOR	...	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	...	4
SHELFORD SPARROW	...	JAMES ROSE	...	5
KEITH W. WHITTELL	...	HARRY D. LISTER	...	Tenor

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent and one of Oxford. Tenor 19½ cwt.

THOMAS HOADLEY	...	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	...	4
A. WINGFIELD DORRAN	...	JOHN O. WELLER	...	5
EDWARD E. TIDY	...	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	...	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

MARSTON BIGGOTT.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

*J. E. J. LOOKER	...	EDWARD G. COWARD	...	4
*FRANK LOOKER	...	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	...	5
JOHN E. METCALFE	...	*EDWARD FLOWER	...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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 11 cwt. 1 qr.

MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	Treble	FREDERICK CARDWELL	...	4
*JAMES HAYWOOD	...	FRED WATKINSON	...	5
LESLIE HAYWOOD	...	REGINALD PAYNE	...	Tenor

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal of Minor away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Leslie Haywood.

BADBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE HANCOCK	...	Treble	CYRIL PRINDIVILLE	...	4
CHARLES W. SMITH	...	2	AMOS SMART	...	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	...	3	SYDNEY FOSKETT	...	Tenor

Conducted by A. SMART.

First peal on the bells since they were augmented to six by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the 'go' and tone being perfect. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. R. H. Cornish on leaving Badby after 13 years to take up the living at Portisham, Dorset.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents in the ten variations of calling without extremes.

Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.) in B flat minor.

*ARTHUR J. SMALLS	...	Treble	GEORGE MAYERS	...	3
GEORGE HOWCHIN	...	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	...	4
			*WILLIAM E. BASON	...	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd and tenor have now rung peals of Grandsire up to Cinques. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the mother of the Rev. H. S. Maude-Roxby.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true, different and complete 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*J. COLLINGWOOD	...	Treble	E. WEBSTER	...	4
*W. STRONG	...	2	H. ROGERS	...	5
*D. WEBSTER	...	3	T. ROGERS	...	Tenor

Conducted by T. ROGERS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Kent for all the band, and first peal of Kent on the bells.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS	...	Treble	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	...	4
ALLEN E. GWYNNE	...	2	HENRY J. TAYLOR	...	5
WALTER S. EVANS	...	3	WALTER TAYLOR	...	Tenor

Conducted by REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON,

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GORDON WHITTAM	...	Treble	*WILLIAM LANGHORN	...	4
NICHOLAS NEWBY	...	2	ARTHUR STEEDMAN	...	5
SYDNEY HYDER	...	3	JAMES E. BURLS	...	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

* First peal. Ringers of 1 and 4 from Dalton-in-Furness, 2 from Ulverston, remainder from Barrow-in-Furness. The band thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. H. Casson for making the arrangements for their reception.

SHEFFIELD VETERANS HONOURED.

On Sunday evening, June 26th, at St. Marie's Church, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 52 mins.: C. H. Lake 1, T. O'Hara 2, Geo. Lewis (conductor) 3, Geo. Holmes 4, J. A. Dixon 5, R. Harrison 6, T. E. Lee 7, R. Harrison, jun., 8. Rung to mark the 71st birthday of Mr. Geo. Holmes and the 73rd of Mr. J. A. Dixon, both of them still regularly carrying on Sunday service ringing.

HAMBLEDON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY JENNINGS...	... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	... 4
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	... 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	... 5
TOWER R. TAYLOR	... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor in the county, by the Guild and by all the band.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 18, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten six-scores each of Grandsire, April Day, and Plain Bob, and twelve six-scores of Old Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS GWEN ROE	... Treble	*GEORGE GOWING	... 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT	... 2	ARTHUR H. TOOK	... 5
*ROBERT GARDINER	... 3	JAMES NUNN	... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal.

BROAD HINTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES J. GARDINER	... Treble	*WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	4
RICHARD E. G. LUTON	... 2	GEORGE HACKER	5
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON	... 3	WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

OAKLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 120's each of Canterbury, April Day, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, Manchester, Antelope, and Grandsire, four of London Single, and three of St. Dunstan's.

WALTER FERN	... Treble	*HENRY W. GAYTON	3
HORACE TYLER	... 2	JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE	4
HERBERT L. HARLOW	... Tenor		

Conducted by JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE.

* 250th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 20, 1932, in One Hour and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church Tower.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	... 1	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	... 3-4
LENNARD PRYKE	... 2	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON	... 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal and rung at first atten.pt.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1932, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At 9 PEMBERG ROAD.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON	... 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON	... 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	... 3-4	JOHN AMBLER	... 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by GEORGE AMBLER.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

COUNTRY LIFE IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL COMPANY AMONG BELLS AND CHICKEN.

On Saturday, June 18th, the Sheffield Cathedral company had their annual outing, and visited Lincolnshire. Starting from the Cathedral at 8 a.m. in a comfortable motor coach, and favoured with a fine morning, the journey commenced with a delightful ride through part of the Dukeries via Worksop and Newark, and then on to Sleaford, to make our first call at the village of Ewerby for a ring on the fine peal of ten with a tenor weighing 15 cwt. in D.

On arrival we were met by the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Stephens, who gave us a hearty welcome, and on a short tour of the church gave us a brief description of its historical belongings. The bells were installed by the late Earl of Winchelsea, who was a practical ringer, and was wont to divest himself of his clothing to ring for service and then assist the Vicar by reading the lessons.

Owing to the long draught of the ropes, which were new and rather springy, some gymnastics were at first indulged in by one or two of the company, but we soon got the measure of them, and eventually rang good touches of Stedman Caters, Plain and Treble Bob Royal. Afterwards light refreshments were dispensed, the Vicar joining the party. During the short time at our disposal, he entered fully into the enjoyment of things, and gave us a pressing invitation to prolong our stay if possible, enticing us to do so by kindly offering to provide forms of recreation other than change ringing. As time, however, did not permit, we reluctantly had to decline, but we carried away happy recollections of a fine country parson and a real gentleman. Would there were more like him! If so, there would not be such a dearth of ringers that appertains at some places. Bidding him farewell, we sped on our way via Swineshead and in sight of Boston Stump, to arrive in time for dinner at the Red Lion Hotel, Spalding, where a most sumptuous meal was served by the hostess, Mrs. George. Five perfect courses were brought round, not even a trip being made by anyone, whilst the memory of that boiled salmon and delicious roast lamb will last a lifetime. We can readily recommend this hostelry to all who go wandering in Lincolnshire, even to those who are in the habit of calling at the 'Home of Rest.' Spalding Parish Church was visited after dinner, and Mr. Arthur Farr and other ringers were waiting for us. After greetings, no time was wasted before this excellent ring of eight went into changes with a good touch of Stedman Triples, followed by Kent Treble Bob Major, but whether it was the thoughts of that dinner, or the exuberant spirits derived therefrom, Oxford and London simply would not go, although we managed to redeem ourselves by finishing up with some well-struck Plain Bob. Here, too, we were joined by Mr. George Ladd, of Pinchbeck, and Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, who were kindly contributing towards our day's enjoyment.

Sending George back at once to find the belfry key and have the door open, we made a short hop to Pinchbeck (two miles), but George on his faithful steed beat us, and was there all smiles with everything ready. Here we found a good ring of six, tenor 25 cwt., but time did not allow for many to show their prowess. Anyway, it pleased George.

Again pressing forward with another short hop, we duly arrived at our rendezvous, the famous village of the East, Surfleet. Here Rupert soon had us in the belfry, and the bells going to Stedman Caters, whilst Mrs. Rupert was busily engaged in preparing tea for us on the lawn of Glyn Garth. After about an hour's ringing, we had marching orders to the said lawn, where we were warmly welcomed by Mrs. Rupert and the Vicar of Surfleet. And, looking round, what a sight greeted the eye! Even the thoughts of that dinner were banished for the time being, and another composition, on the two-part plan this time, with every bell running its full extent in each part, was brought round with satisfaction, great credit being due to the 'composer' for the qualities obtained and for the masterly fashion in which it was conducted. What a genius he is at this particular method!

By the way (and this is a secret) it was during this delightful performance that we perforce heard reference to one 'Kate.' It was, however, not quite clear whether she had just been seen in the neighbourhood or whether she was shortly to be expected. Anyway, we gathered she was again on the warpath, after a man who ran away from somewhere. We could not make out where, but, by gosh, he had better look out, or he'll never get a chance to run again.

Immediately after tea, touches on the handbells added to the pleasure of the party, the performers, however, being quite unconscious of the fact that they were being filmed by Rupert. When this was known, others who are not expert handbell ringers were anxious to be filmed, and, judging by the antics of these gentlemen, the films would be worth going a long way to see, whilst if 'talkies' could have been attached they would be priceless.

An inspection of the farm was then made under the conductorship of the owner, who kindly explained some of the mysteries of the art or science (whichever it is) of producing the magnificent blooms for which the district is so famous. It was quite an education and highly interesting.

Then away we went to the poultry farm, where some 1,500 to 1,600 head of poultry are housed in first-class conditions, with all up-to-date appliances and economy 'stunts.' What a sight when the flock saw

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HERTFORDSHIRE RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The Hitchin St. Mary's ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, June 18th. Accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. R. F. R. Routh), they left Hitchin at 8.50, the first stop being Ickleton, where some good ringing was done on this fine peal of eight. Continuing the journey to Bury St. Edmunds, the party passed through Newmarket, where they saw plenty of budding Derby winners in training. At Bury, they first had a pull on the bells of the fine old Church of St. Mary, which has many points of interest, the magnificent nave, with its great Angel roof, and the grave of Mary Tudor, Queen of France, being among them. The next 'pull' was at Mr. C. A. Goymour's, where an excellent lunch had been prepared. Here most of the company were forced to call 'stand' before the full 'course' was finished, although one or two nobly stuck it to the end. Continuing the journey through typical English countryside, Lavenham, where the 121st anniversary was being held, was reached, and the visitors were very grateful to the secretary and friends for welcoming them and allowing them to ring on this fine peal, the tone and go being much admired by all. After leaving Lavenham, calls were made at Long Melford—a wonderful old church—to Braintree, where, prior to a pull on the handy ring of eight, tea was partaken of, and Bishop's Stortford, where ringing for the day was concluded on the ring of ten bells. A pleasant run home brought to a close a most successful outing, and thanks are tendered to the incumbents of the respective towers who so kindly allowed the use of the bells, and also to the steeplekeepers for having everything ready.

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Rupert. Think of an army approaching you on the double, and you have some idea of a swiftly moving multitude of feathery bodies coming at you helter skelter. They must know Rupert, and they did not mind us. Of course, endless questions were asked as to the daily egg supply, etc., and the impression we got was that when the hens were in full swing the eggs were gathered by horse and cart with a shovel. Anyway, we did actually see bucketsfull. We were, however, rather surprised to learn that these were Mrs. Rupert's pet belongings and care. Poor Mrs. Rupert!

Time now becoming rather pressing, a further short visit was again made to the tower for a final ring, and a reluctant start was made for home at 8 p.m.

Thus ended another of those outstanding events which occasionally come into one's life, and long remain in the memory of those lucky enough to participate in them. Thanks are wholeheartedly tendered to all those who by their efforts so kindly assisted to make this another red-letter day in the annals of the Sheffield Cathedral company.

S. F. F.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at Llangibby on Saturday last. The bells, a handy musical ring of eight, augmented and restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co. some years ago, were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Service was held in the church, which looked very beautiful with a fine display of flowers. The Vicar (the Rev. A. Lancaster Osman) officiated, and gave a most inspiring address. Following the service a move was made to the White Hart Hotel, where tea, most generously provided by the Vicar, was awaiting the party.

The business meeting followed, when reports on proposed augmentations and restorations and instruction were dealt with.

The representative to the Central Council gave his report on the proceedings at Plymouth. The proposed effort to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World' was dealt with, each tower having been requested to do its utmost to bring about the desired effect, so as to get an enlarged paper.

Several new members were elected, including six from Caerleon tower. It was decided to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting at Bassaleg, and the next Glamorgan meeting at Caerphilly.

The Hon. Secretary asked intending subscribers to the memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies to send in their subscriptions as soon as possible.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, for the service, for presiding at the business meeting, and for his hospitality in providing tea. To this the Vicar suitably replied, mentioning that it was always a pleasure to him to welcome ringers to Llangibby.

The bells were rung in various methods during the evening, bringing to a close a most enjoyable and pleasant meeting.

THE LATE MR. TOM GOFTON.**ANNIVERSARY PEAL ATTEMPT.**

To mark the anniversary of the death of their well-loved leader of the Whitley Bay ringers, Mr. T. T. Gofton, the members of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild attempted a peal of Double Norwich Major on Monday, June 20th. Unfortunately the peal had to be abandoned owing to the bad going of the 5th bell after two hours' ringing.

Previous to the peal a floral cross was laid on his grave by the Ringing Master, and a course of Grandsire Caters rung 'in hand' by: J. E. Gofton 1-2, C. L. Routledge 3-4, W. J. Davidson 5-6, J. E. Keen 7-8, A. Deas 9-10. The peal band included Mr. J. E. Scott, who kindly filled a vacancy at the last moment. A family wreath was also placed on the grave by Mr. R. A. Gofton, jun.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Tamworth Parish Church bells and tower have been restored at a cost of about £900. The work, carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., included recasting seven of the bells, tuning the tenor, and rehauling the whole peal in a new frame. They were rededicated on Tuesday of last week by the Archdeacon of Stafford.

The rehanging peal of eight at Christ Church, Alsager, are to be reopened on Saturday, July 16th, and a meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild is to be held in connection with the event. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have carried out the work to the bells.

The meeting of the North-Western Division of the Essex Association at Stansted has been postponed from July 9th to July 16th.

An asterisk was attached to the wrong name in the report of the peal of Stedman Triples at Monk's Kirby, which was published last week. It should have denoted the first peal of Stedman by John Ison, the ringer of the treble.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford took place at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th, in beautiful weather. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were available for the afternoon and evening, and were made good use of. A fair number attended evensong at the Cathedral, the music giving great delight. A capital tea was served in the Wade Street Schoolroom, where 60 members and friends were regaled.

The general meeting which followed was presided over by the Ven. Archdeacon Bright. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. R. P. Brindley, Tamworth, who was busily engaged in making preparations for the coming dedication of the new bells, and Messrs. C. Wallater and F. W. Perrins, who both had pressing engagements elsewhere.

The report and statement of accounts were presented, and on the motion of the chairman—who congratulated the members on the successful financial position they were in—were accepted and ordered to be printed.

Then followed the election of Mr. R. Pickering as Ringing Master, to succeed Mr. J. Warvillow, retired, the remaining officers being re-elected.

A small committee was formed for the purpose of making arrangements to celebrate the jubilee of the society, which will be reached in June, 1933.

The following places have been selected for meetings: Stafford in September (with the intention of making it a joint meeting with the North Staffs Association), Darlaston in January, Tamworth in April, and Lichfield (jubilee) in June.

It was resolved to purchase a copy of Mr. Ernest Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing.'

The Lay Secretary (Mr. H. Knight) exhorted his hearers to do what they could to encourage those of their friends who did not already purchase a copy of 'The Ringing World' to do so, and thereby help to increase its circulation, which would in turn enable the Editor to keep up to date with reports of peals, etc., and if sufficient increase were made, they might look forward to a reduction in price of the paper in the near future.

The Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Cresswell and her friends for the admirable way the tea had been prepared and served, and to the Archdeacon for so kindly presiding, which was received with applause.

The Chairman briefly replied, and offered to give what assistance he could in preparing for the jubilee celebration; he also invited the company to visit his garden.

FEWER BUT MORE INTERESTING PEALS.

The committee, in their report, stated that meetings had been held during the year at Lichfield, Penkridge, Wood Green and Pattingham, all of which were well attended. At Pattingham no less than 22 members were enrolled, including half a dozen 'brass hats' from London, which must be a record for the last quarterly meeting of the society's year. Restoration was taking place at Tamworth, the front seven bells being recast and all hung in a new iron frame. The committee were pleased to hear of progress being made at Darlaston, where, under the tutorship of Mr. B. Horton, several of the young members had rung their first peal, and there was the promise of a 'local' peal being rung there in the near future. The peals rung were less in number than last year, but were rather more interesting. A record had been created for the society by the fact that eight peals of Stedman Cinques had been scored, one of which was particularly noteworthy, viz., that which was completed by the Walsall Sunday service band. The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was also rung at Walsall. Two peals of Stedman (one of Cinques and one of Triples) were rung to commemorate the 'Stedman Tercentenary.'

The following were the peals rung: Grandsire Doubles 6, Triples 7, Caters 2, Stedman Triples 5, Caters 2, Cinques 8, Bob Minor 1, Major 2, Royal 2, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 2; total 37.

The committee recorded with regret the death of Mr. Frank Hallsworth, of Walsall; Mr. William G. Bastone, of Penkridge; Mr. A. J. Chaplin, of Tamworth; and Mr. James E. Groves, of Birmingham, who was the society's first Ringing Master.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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RECORDS.

Mr. G. L. Grover, the only surviving member of the Records Committee, presented the report of the committee which covered a period of two years. The report was as follows:—

The whole Exercise very much regrets the event which has resulted in my being left as the sole member of the Records Committee. I obtained from Mrs. Beams a copy of the schedule to the report of the Records Committee. Unfortunately, this is only made up to the end of 1926, and the report of this committee, covering the years 1927, 1928 and 1929, has not yet been found. When it is found this year's report may possibly prove inaccurate in some particulars.

During 1930 and 1931 the first peal in each of the following methods was rung:—

5,024 Camdon Surprise Major at Leiston on October 14th, 1931, for the Suffolk Guild.

5,016 Canterbury Pleasure Maximus at Canterbury on May 24th, 1930, for the Kent County Association.

5,000 Double Little Bob Major at Handsworth on July 1st, 1930, for the Yorkshire Association. (Note.—This may, however, have been the same method as the Erith Little Bob Major mentioned below and rung at Crayford in March, 1930.)

5,056 Double Dublin Surprise Major at Hersharn on November 15th, 1930, for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

5,040 Erith Little Bob Major at Crayford on March 11th, 1930, for the Kent County Association.

5,088 Irchester Surprise Major at Irthingborough on February 14th, 1931, for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

5,280 Pudsey Surprise Maximus at Ipswich on September 13th, 1930, for the Suffolk Guild.

5,088 Reverse Double Dublin Surprise Major at Ewell on December 6th, 1930, for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

5,024 Surrey Surprise Major at Guildford on November 5th, 1930, for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

The following peals, which appear to be the longest lengths in their respective methods, were also rung:—

5,064 Double (or Erith) Little Bob Major at North Lopham on February 15th, 1931, for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

9,600 Double Dublin Surprise Major at Guildford on April 6th, 1931, for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

6,144 Guildford Surprise Major at Guildford on December 31st, 1930, for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

5,152 Hereward Bob at Conisborough on January 17th, 1931, for the Yorkshire Association.

5,088 Surrey Surprise Major at Leiston on January 24th, 1931, for the Suffolk Guild.

The following peals in Spliced methods should, I think, also be included in this report:—

5,280 Superlative and Cambridge Maximus at Southwark on January 11th, 1931, for the Middlesex County Association.

5,040 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Maximus (in hand) at Leverstock Green on October 15th, 1931, for the Hertford County Association.

5,040 Yorkshire, Pudsey and Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Magnus', London, on July 25th, 1931 (the first spliced peal of Royal), for the Middlesex Association.

5,760 Rutland, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Norfolk and New Gloucester Surprise Major (nine methods) at Willesden on December 1st, 1931.

5,280 London, Rutland, Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Peterborough, Norfolk, Bristol and New Gloucester Surprise Major (11 methods) at St. Giles', London, on July 24th, 1930, and

5,120 Rutland, London, Bristol, Cambridge, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Norfolk, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire Surprise Major (12 methods) at Ealing on July 1st, 1931 (most methods spliced in one peal), all for the Middlesex County Association.

5,016 Gainsborough Little Bob and Bob Major at Burton-on-Stather on December 28th, 1931, for the Lincoln Guild.

5,000 Spliced Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Plain Bob and Little Bob Major at Newcastle on February 12th, 1930, for the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

5,040 Double, Plain and Little Bob Major (in hand) at Ealing on July 13th, 1930, for the Middlesex County Association.

The following spliced peals of Surprise Minor were also rung:—

5,040 in 21 methods at Lamberhurst on February 6th, 1930, for the Kent County Association.

5,040 in 21 methods at Bourne on December 31st, 1931, for the Lincoln Guild.

5,040 in 23 methods at Leytonstone on March 24th, 1930, for the Essex Association.

5,040 in 26 methods at Lamberhurst on May 15th, 1930, for the Kent County Association.

5,040 Double Riddulph Surprise Minor (the first peal of Double Surprise Minor ever rung) was rung at Killamarsh on November 14th, 1931, for the Yorkshire Association, and for the same association a peal of 10,800 changes, consisting of 15 720's of Surprise Minor, was rung at Rotherham on January 1st, 1931.

COMMITTEES AMALGAMATED.

I think, continued the report, the Council should give a ruling as to what spliced peals are to be entered in the schedule to this committee's report. For instance, out of only four methods which will splice it might be possible to ring 11 spliced peals using two, three or four methods in different combinations, and, having regard to the certain future extension of spliced ringing, if every different combination of methods is to be recorded as the first spliced peal in such and such methods, the papers of this committee will become very voluminous. It will probably, however, be sufficient merely to record the advancing total number of methods spliced in one peal, distinguishing the class of peals and methods.

Mr. Grover added that the work of the committee could well be done and its report incorporated with that of the Peals Analysis Committee, and he suggested that the committee be dissolved.

The President said that was a recommendation made by the Standing Committee. The work of the Records Committee was now practically up to date, and the work of checking the records would be but a small addition to the labours of the Analysis Committee when they had got the information for their own purpose. It was, therefore, entirely suitable that the two committees should be amalgamated. Mr. Grover was the only surviving member of the Records Committee, and he had already been elected on the Peals Analysis Committee. He proposed that the Records Committee be dissolved with many thanks for its services.

Replying to a question, the President said the records were complete, except that those for 1927, 1928 and 1929 could not yet be found.

Mr. Grover said since he wrote his report the rough draft report for the three years mentioned had been found, and when there was time to check it the schedule would be brought up to date.

Mr. Trollope: Will the records be available for reference in the Council's Library?

The President: Yes.

The Rev. E. S. Powell seconded the report, which was adopted, as was also the president's motion.

TRUE RECORDS.

This concluded the reports of the committees, and the Council then dealt with the motions on the agenda, of which there were three.

The President said he desired to move formally, 'That this Council strongly deprecates the recording as a peal on a commemorative tablet, any performance which does not conform to the accepted standard of a true and complete peal, and calls upon all affiliated societies to support the Council in this matter.' He said they had hoped Canon Elsee would have been there to speak to this resolution. His (the president's) name was put down as the proposer more or less as a matter of form, because, owing to a slight misunderstanding, the motion would otherwise have been too late for publication. He was not going to speak at length about it, he thought the motion explained itself. They would notice that it had been very carefully worded and referred to performances which did not conform to 'the accepted standard.' In that county there was a board in a church commemorating 'a peal' of, he believed, 1,620 'call changes,' but they did not object to that because in that part of the county of Devon that was the accepted standard of a peal. Alongside it, he was happy to say, there was a board commemorating a peal of Cambridge Surprise rung by the Cambridge University Guild.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said his name was attached to the motion for the same reason as that given by the president, and he formally seconded the resolution.

Mr. E. W. Elwell said the resolution was one which the Council was asked to pass simply out of self-preservation. It was not always nice to interfere in anything which might be causing discussion, and by interference one did not want to cause acrimonious discussion, but it was essential that members of every ordered society should preserve amongst themselves some sort of agreed rules and regulations; if it did not do so it ceased to be an ordered society and became a rabble, with everyone doing exactly what they liked, making what statements they liked, recklessly and regardless of anything they might call a standard of honour or truth. There was, however, one thing which always checked any tendency to break away to such lawlessness, and that was the good opinion of the majority of people concerned, and the force of public opinion was such that it acted as a check on anything which might be disastrous; and it was the force of public opinion which, he thought, would induce the Council to pass the resolution before them by a unanimous vote. They deprecated the putting up of any record to commemorate a performance in which there was a statement which might give rise at some future time to the assumption of some fact in connection with it which was not strictly true, even though it might be known at the time that the statement was not strictly the truth. Their objection was not to the erection of a tablet commemorating a performance, but to commemorating something as a peal which was not a peal according to the accepted standards. Let them, if they liked, record something as a glorious failure, which it might well have been, and which might well deserve recording, but do not let them claim for that glorious failure complete and accurate success—say it was 'a glorious failure' (hear, hear).

Continuing, Mr. Elwell drew attention to the stained glass in two of the windows in the room in which the Council were gathered, some of the most beautiful which, he said, he had seen for a long time.

The windows, he added, commemorated two very great ages in English history—the two greatest, the periods of Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria, and they showed the local association of Plymouth with those ages—the men who sailed their small cockle shells to discover new worlds, the men who first sailed round the world, who beat the Spanish Armada, and the men of the great Victorian age. And if they looked at both those windows, he said, they would see not only successes but also glorious failures; on one side the glorious failure of Sir Richard Grenville; on the other side the glorious failure of Trevithick, who invented the first steam engine, which did not work. It was left to the genius of Stephenson later to make a success of that in which Trevithick failed, but because the work of those men was a glorious failure they saw them commemorated in those fine windows. Let them, he continued, in regard to their ringing, be honest, and posterity would give them all the credit they deserved. In passing this resolution, the Council would be making a stand for truth and accuracy so that it might be said in the future that what the men of the Fifth Georgian age said was at least true, and that what they claimed was honourable. It was not right to claim by a half statement something which it was not considered to be by ordinary and average opinion of the whole jury of the ringing Exercise (applause).

The President said after Mr. Elwell's eloquent speech he thought they might put the motion to the vote.

On a show of hands he declared it carried *nom con*. The President then stated that he had had, although he did not wish to make use of them, letters from Canon Elsee and Alderman Pritchett most heartily agreeing with the resolution and expressing their regret that they were not there to speak of it. The Standing Committee, also, most heartily endorsed the resolution, but it was not necessary to mention that before.

ACOUSTICS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Dennis will look at page 16 of the revised edition of 'On the Preservation of Bells, etc.' published by the Central Council, he will find the matter of acoustics dealt with at considerable length by the Towers and Belfries Committee.

I doubt if it is possible to create sound-proof devices applicable to any and every tower, but where towers have been treated on the lines and with the materials suggested the result has been satisfactory. The difficulty is usually to get the authorities concerned to take action.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,
Towers and Belfries Committee.

THE MINOR COLLECTION APPENDIX.

Dear Sir,—In answer to the Rev. E. S. Powell's letter of last week, I will commence by withdrawing the word 'piffle' with apologies to all those offended. Mr. Powell asks me why I did not enquire about other compositions at Chelmsford. I am not a thought reader. Might I ask him why they were not mentioned openly? As far as I can remember, only three were mentioned—Morris' and Pitman's Doubles and Bankes James' Cambridge Minor. These, after a long discussion, were rejected by a small majority as being unsuitable for peal ringing. An amendment was then moved that they be printed at the end of the book as an appendix, with these words: 'That the insertion of these compositions does not commit anybody to the opinion that they are suitable for peal ringing.' According to the minutes of the meeting no mention is made of any other compositions. The book is now in print, and has a further ten pages of the same class of composition, which, in my opinion, were inserted without the Council's authority.

I have nothing further to add on this matter except to say that, as long as my association sends me as one of their representatives, I shall endeavour to do my duty to the Exercise.—Yours, etc.

Taunton.

J. HUNT.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN EIGHT METHODS.

5,280. BY A. J. PITMAN.

23456	M. W. H.	Methods.
		One lead each of
35842	— 2 3	L. C. B. R. N.G. (two leads)
25346	2	R. B. C. R.
43852	—	L. C. L.
32654	2	R. Y. R. B.
(62453)	—	R. S.
42356	—	N. S. L.
63254	—	L. Y. L.
(52436)	—	L. S.
42635	—	N. C. L.
56254	—	L. C. R.

Four times repeated.

The methods are: L., London; C., Cambridge; B., Bristol; R., Rutland; N.G., New Gloucester; S., Superlative; N., Norfolk. Norfolk must be rung with a fourth's place bob, and as this method cuts out the home lead, the course-ends in brackets are not rung where shown.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE SUGGESTED LAW JAMES DINNER.

A meeting of the Grimsby District of the Northern Branch was held at Bigby on Saturday, June 25th, in ideal weather, which helped to make the meeting a great success. The light ring of six bells was kept going during the afternoon, and the small, but beautifully kept, church had a large congregation of ringers and parishioners for the service. The president of the district (Rev. Canon H. T. Parry, Rector of Bigby) conducted the service, and in his address gave a very hearty welcome to the members.—Mr. H. Rushby, the district organist, played the organ. The members were afterwards entertained in the school to a splendid tea kindly provided by Canon and Mrs. Parry. Unfortunately, Mrs. Parry could not be present owing to an accident which had broken her arm. 'Forty-eight and a half' sat down to tea, the following towers being represented: Burton-on-Stather, Uleby, Scunthorpe, Elsham, Thornton Curtis, Barrow-on-Humber, Grimsby (St. Andrew's and St. James'), Barton-on-Humber and the local members. Others present included the Rev. Hedley Burrows (Vicar of St. James', Grimsby), Mr. and Mrs. W. Bramwell (Grimsby), Mrs. Rushby, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness (Lincoln), Mr. H. Marcon (secretary of the Lincoln District), etc.

At the business meeting, which followed, Rev. Canon H. T. Parry presided. Two new members were elected, viz., J. H. Bowness, of Bigby, and F. Lacey, of Scunthorpe; and three members were re-elected.

The collections for the Grimsby District bell fund amounted to 18s. 3d.

The president welcomed the Vicar of Grimsby to Bigby, and hoped that he would pay further visits to their meetings.—In reply, the Rev. Hedley Burrows said how glad he was to be among the ringers. He realised the great work they were doing in the churches. He also thanked Canon and Mrs. Parry for their splendid hospitality.

The president then referred to the great push that the Central Council had asked the ringers to make to increase the sale of 'The Ringing World.' He said ringers should do their utmost, not only by taking 'The Ringing World' themselves, but to persuade others to do so. It would be a great calamity to the ringing fraternity if the paper ceased to exist.

Mr. C. McGuiness referred to the proposed Rev. Law James dinner which he suggested at the Northern Branch annual meeting. He was afraid it was falling a bit flat, but he hoped the Grimsby District would do their best to keep the proposal alive.

The President said he thought the Guild should let the first anniversary pass without a dinner and have a special anniversary service at some convenient church, preferably Surfleet. They might then arrange the anniversary dinner for the following year.

Congratulations were extended by the president to Mr. B. Gillatt, jun., a well-known ringer of Burton Stather, who has been chosen to keep wicket for his county. His father, who is also a ringer, was asked to convey the congratulations to him.

The Ringing Master, Mr. J. Bray, congratulated the Bigby band on their peal attempt, in which they succeeded in getting six of seven 720's. Five of them were young ringers, and all keen. Mr. G. Blanchard also deserved congratulation for getting them on so well.

Mr. H. Rushby proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon and Mrs. Parry for entertaining the members, also to Canon Parry for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address and welcome, and asked the president to convey the sympathy of the members to Mrs. Parry in her unfortunate accident.—The president suitably responded, and thanked the ladies for arranging for the needs of the members.—This brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, and members then indulged in ringing both on handbells and in the tower, while some enjoyed the Rector's delightful grounds.

The next meeting is at Burton-on-Stather, July 16th.

DEATH OF AN ERITH RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Oscar Robinson, of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, who died on June 18th, at the age of 51 years. The deceased had been a member of St. John's band for about 30 years.

He was taken ill on June 4th, and after a few days in bed was up and about again. On Saturday week the writer met him about 10 a.m. on the way to the doctor's. They strolled up the road together, and on parting Mr. Robinson remarked that he 'would be along in the morning to have a look at the ringers.'

Unfortunately, the deceased was taken ill again while at the surgery. He was taken home and had just got indoors when he collapsed and died immediately.

The funeral took place at Erith Parish Church on Thursday, June 23rd, the service being conducted by the Rev. W. M. Brownie, M.A., Vicar of Erith. The local ringers were represented by Messrs. A. G. Hill, F. A. Coley and E. C. Patin.

Deceased had been a well-known figure in Erith, where he had been a postman for 37 years.

In the evening a muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung to his memory. He will be sadly missed by all the Erith ringers. F. J. C.

'GREAT RINGING DAY.'**SAFFRON WALDEN'S COMMEMORATION OF AN ANCIENT TOWNSMAN.**

Saffron Walden, the little Essex market town, holds a unique place in ringing annals, for it can boast of the oldest company of ringers in the country, which has behind it more than three hundred years of history, and which there is good reason for believing has had practically an unbroken existence. Exactly when Saffron Walden first had a band of ringers it is impossible to say, but they were established some time before 1623, for in that year Thomas Turner, a merchant, died, and under his will bequeathed, among other things, a sum of money for the ringing of the bells every year upon the anniversary of the day of his funeral. There is a tradition attaching to this bequest that Thomas Turner, having one evening lost his way in the dense forest which then surrounded the town, was guided safely home by the sound of the bells. It is quite possible that there is some truth at the bottom of this tradition, but, whether it is truth or a little picturesque imagination, there is no doubt about the bequest. The ringers of Saffron Walden have been duly remunerated for their efforts every year since. Thomas Turner's will, dated June 10th, 1623, directed that 'twenty shillings be bestowed yearly upon a Preacher which shall make a memorial Sermon upon the date of the year wherein I shalbe buried. And thirtie three shillings foure pence be bestowed yearly upon such persons which shall ring the bells of the Church of Walden upon the date of the year on which I shalbe buried: and six shillings eight pence be given yearly upon the same date to the parishes clerke of the Towne of Walden aforesaid for the tyme beinge for his paines in preparinge the bells.'

And every year on June 27th the bells of Walden Church are rung and the parson preaches the memorial sermon. The occasion is known as 'Great Ringing Day.' Generation after generation of Waldenites have been annually reminded of Thomas Turner, and the ringers have seldom failed to give a convivial touch to the proceedings. In 1638, for instance, Mr. Thomas Turner's Ringing money 33s. 4d. thus spent at John Gamago's: first a breakfast at 2d. a man, dinner to 20 persons at 6d. a man, supper to 22 persons at 8d. a man, and one can well imagine that even, if there were no set meals, subsequent ringers did not let the day pass without some kind of social meeting at a neighbouring hostelry.

In more modern times interest in the event has spread to a wider circle of ringers, and 'Great Ringing Day' attracts a number of visitors, for Saffron Walden has further claim to ringing fame than merely Thomas Turner's commemoration. It was one of the earliest homes of change ringing, and there is every possibility that Fabian Stedman himself was a visitor there, for Walden is (or was in those days; it is different in this era of cheap locomotion) within walking distance of Cambridge. Peals were rung at Walden in the middle of the eighteenth century, and one of the earliest performances of Holt's Original, in which the peal was called by one of the actual ringers, took place here, on Christmas Day, 1753. Change ringing must have reached a fairly efficient stage at Walden for this to be done. The performance was repeated on New Year's Day, 1754, the two peals being completed 'by the Society of Young Ringers of this Town' . . . 'to the no small Mortification of their Antagonists (some of the Old Society), who, instead of Instruction, gave them all the Obstruction in their power.' After this, change ringing flourished off and on for nearly a hundred years.

To ringers of the last two generations Saffron Walden is synonymous with the name of Pittsow. Sixty years or so ago Frederick, Nathan and Ernest set the society on its feet again and were pioneers of advanced change ringing in that part of the country. Nathan was one of the most talented composers of his day, Frederick was known far and wide for his capabilities as a ringer and conductor, and a genial soul at that. Ernest, who took part in many notable performances, is still with us, but advancing years prevents him taking the share in the art which he formerly used to do. A younger generation, however, is carrying on the good work, and Alfred and Frederick (neither of them quite young, perhaps) and Leonard are still maintaining the Pittsow connection with Walden ringing.

Thomas Turner's memory was commemorated on Monday by special ringing, but for very good reasons. 'Great Ringing Day' this year was celebrated on Saturday. It attracted over fifty ringers who, in glorious summer weather, spent an enjoyable time. The bells were rung during the morning, and the annual service was conducted by the Vicar (Dr. L. Hughes), who preached the commemorative sermon. Dinner was served at the Rose and Crown Hotel, and there was further ringing in the afternoon and evening, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus. Among the visitors was Dr. E. L. Taylor, of Sevenoaks, whose home was formerly at Walden, and whose father was once Master of the society. Others who took the opportunity of joining in the commemoration were Mr. William Pye (Master of the Middlesex Association), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council) and Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), and ringers from Stansted, Braintree, Harlow, Romford, Colchester, Cambridge, Enfield (Middlesex), Crayford (Kent), Beddington and Woking (Surrey), Walthamstow, and a company of no fewer than 21 from Helmingham (Suffolk). There were hoary heads among

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THE LADIES' GUILD.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT WOKINGHAM.**

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and service was conducted by the Rev. K. S. C. Thomas. Miss Robinson, with the help of other members of the local band, had a splendid tea arranged in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting four new ringing members were elected, viz., Miss F. Child (Bournemouth), Miss Kingdon (Woking), Miss Newport (Wokingham), and Miss M. Smith (Aldershot).

The vice-president (Mrs. Bruce), the secretary (Miss H. F. Mills) and committees were all re-elected.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Scale at the kind invitation of the vice-president.

There were 11 Ladies' Guild members present from Abbots Anne, Aldershot, Ottershaw, Woking, Worplesdon and the local tower.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. K. S. C. Thomas, the organist (Miss Avenell), the ladies responsible for tea, and Mr. Brooks for having the bells in readiness.

Among the visitors was Canon G. F. Coleridge, who extended some good advice to some of the learners.

The secretary wishes to thank all, especially the Aldershot band, for their wholehearted support.

DEATH OF A COLCHESTER RINGER.

The death occurred on June 23rd of Mr. H. Evers, of West Bergholt, a native of Kelvedon. Deceased, who was 69 years of age, passed away after a very short illness. He took part in a ringing tour on Wednesday, June 15th, and was working on Friday, when he felt very unwell. He succumbed on the following Thursday to bronchitis and pneumonia.

Always of a bright and genial demeanour, the death of Mr. Evers will be severely felt by his brother-ringers of St. Peter's, Colchester, of which tower he was a member. Deceased was made a life member of the Essex Association at the annual meeting in 1930.

On Sunday evening, June 26th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, a 720 of Minor was rung, with tenor covering, the 5th, the bell usually rung by deceased, being left out. Those taking part were: H. T. Pye 1, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 2, G. Rashbrook 3, F. L. Bumpstead 4, W. Dent 5, W. Chalk 7, R. W. Stannard 8.

The funeral took place at West Bergholt on Monday. After the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, W. Dent and G. Rashbrook, and in the evening 720 Bob Minor at St. Peter's, with tenor covering and the bells half-muffled, by H. T. Pye, G. Wightman, G. Rashbrook, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Dent, W. Chalk (conductor), and R. W. Stannard.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Kimpton on Saturday. Thirty-six ringers were present, and the following towers were represented: Baldock, Knebworth, Bennington, Harpenden, St. Albans, Stevenage, Southgate, Henlow, Clifton, Barley, Little Munden, Hertford, North Mims, and the local band. Many methods were rung, including London Surprise Minor. A service was held at which the Vicar gave an interesting address. Tea and business meeting followed. It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Hatfield on the last Saturday in September.

The secretary drew attention to the forthcoming joint meeting at St. Albans on July 23rd with the Middlesex and Beds Associations, and asked the members to support it as far as they were able.

A vote of thanks to all concerned with the arrangement of the meeting was carried with acclamation. Handbell ringing and further ringing on the tower bells brought a very enjoyable afternoon and evening to a close.

STEDMAN'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards for his suggestion on teaching beginners at St. Benedict's, Cambridge. When I am in charge of recruits I shall certainly take his excellent advice. Yours truly,

KITTY WILLERS.

Trumpington.

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the party, but youth was represented in Edwin Barnett III, and Ernest W. Pye, both of whom are in their very early 'teens', but have already taken their place, permanently we hope, among peal ringers.

Saffron Walden Church, which is of cathedral-like proportions, stands on high ground and dominates the old town, which centuries ago was a flourishing community and the centre of the saffron dye industry. The bells were a ring of eight for nearly a couple of hundred years. They were recast by John Briant, of Hertford, in 1798, and have been a ring of twelve since 1914. There has not yet, however, been a twelve-bell peal rung on them.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SELLY OAK REVISITED AFTER 15 YEARS.

In glorious surroundings and beautiful sunshine the members of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association assembled at St. Mary's Church, Selly Oak, on Saturday, June 18th, for their quarterly meeting. The bells were rung during the afternoon, and choral service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Reginald P. Steer), assisted by the curate. The association's form of service was used, and the Vicar gave an inspiring address on the beautiful prayers contained in that service.

Tea was served on the Vicarage lawn, it being just 15 years to the day since the members took tea in exactly the same place. Mrs. Steer, with the members of the Mothers' Union, looked after the requirements of the members. The members were then invited to go round the garden of the Vicarage. The business meeting was afterwards held, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. T. C. Humphries (churchwarden), Mr. W. B. Cartwright (secretary of the Church Council), Mr. W. Short (Central Committee representative), Mr. C. Skidmore (Ringing Master of the branch), Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary). There were also present Mr. J. R. Newman (general secretary of the association) and Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. The secretary gave Mr. Johnston a most hearty welcome, and he was congratulated by all on the successful and scientific way the firm had accomplished a most difficult task in rehanging the bells of Selly Oak Church. The recasting had produced a very fine peal of bells, very mellow in tone, while the 'go' is excellent.

The secretary made reference to the death of Mr. T. J. Salter, of Kidderminster, one of the association's oldest and most valued members. Those present stood for a short period in silence.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright said that he had been visiting Redditch to give instruction to the local company, and he had been given permission to invite the branch to hold the September meeting there, and this was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. C. F. Johnston was elected a life member of the association, and the churchwardens (Messrs. T. C. Humphries and J. R. Johnson) were elected hon. members, while several performing members were elected.

Mr. H. G. Bird, the association's representative on the Central Council, gave a review of the Plymouth meeting, specially referring to the resolution passed urging increased support for 'The Ringing World,' and this led to a lengthy discussion, in which Mr. H. Mason, Mr. F. Perrins, Mr. J. R. Newman and Mr. J. Eaton took part, and it was eventually decided that the branch use all its influence to persuade all its members to take a copy weekly in the endeavour to reduce its cost.

Mr. C. Skidmore moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, arranging the services and for his kind invitation to hold the tea and meeting on the lawn, also to the organist and choir, and to the members of the Mothers' Union who had given such valuable assistance at the tea table.—This was carried with applause. A vote of thanks was also given Mr. W. B. Cartwright for his help in arranging the meeting.—The Vicar, in reply, said he appreciated the association's visit, and hoped it would not be fifteen years before they came again.

The collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 16s.

A WALTHAMSTOW VETERAN.

At the advanced age of 84 years, Mr. George Grimwade, originally of Booking, Essex, and a member of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, band for 58 years, died on Sunday. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex and Middlesex Associations. He rang in the first peal on the bells of St. Saviour's, Walthamstow. The funeral took place yesterday at St. Mary's Church.

A DATE TOUCH.

On the Prince of Wales' birthday, June 23rd, a date touch of 1,932 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hour 15 mins. at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth: H. Bromfield (composer) 1, J. G. W. Harwood 2, A. Moy 3, H. C. Collyer 4, R. Tooley 5, E. Kell (conductor) 6, W. J. Lee 7, H. Jermy 8.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Rotherfield on Saturday, June 11th, when 30 members attended from Mayfield, Heathfield, Brighton (St. Nicholas) and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Lewes, Waldron, Tunbridge Wells, Lamberhurst and Horsham. Mr. G. Dent, of Harlow, Essex, was also present.

Excellent practice was held in methods from Grandsire to Surprise. There was no service owing to the absence of the Rector.

An excellent tea was provided at the George Hotel, and Mr. A. R. Miles occupied the chair at the business meeting, when the following new members were elected: Miss Renee Allen, Miss Elsie Baker, Messrs. George Baker, Albert Blunden and Charles Kirby, all of Heathfield.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Collins) for the use of the bells terminated the meeting.

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.

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.—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.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., 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. 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. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

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.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

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.—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.—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.

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.

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.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

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. 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 meeting 8.15 p.m.; Monday, July 25th, practice, 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 15, Camden Grove, Peckham, S.E.15.

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.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 7th, *St. Giles', Cripple-gate, on the 12th, St. Magnus', London Bridge, on the 14th and 28th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service on the 17th, at 5.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 21st, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting 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. Chertsey (8) 3 to 4 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

BARNSELY 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.

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.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, July 9th, commencing at 3 p.m. Kindly advise me by 6th inst. the number requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Grappenhall.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Hilgay on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham.

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.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Bordon Road, Wellingborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Dodleston on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available at 3. Service 4.30. Please notify me if you intend to be present.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Please notify me by Wednesday, July 6th, if you require tea. All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Camerton on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and business at 5 p.m. Please let me know how many will require tea by Wednesday, the 6th inst.—G. M. Hasell, Branch Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A practice is to be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing from 3.30 to 6.30 and 8 to 9.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, July 9th. Bells from 2.30. Bus leaves Chippenham 2 p.m. Visitors please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Spondon on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1932 (1s. 6d., including report) are now due. ALL ringers cordially invited.—George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. A garden fete is being held in the Vicarage grounds and a good attendance is requested. Anyone requiring tea write J. Sage, 104, Fairfield Road, Hugglescote, by July 14th.—D. S. Colling, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CHRIST CHURCH, ALSAGER.—The ring of 8 bells, having been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on July 16th. A meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild will be held on the same day. A short service and opening at 3.30. Tea about 5 p.m. Bells available until 9.30 p.m. All those requiring tea please notify the secretary, R. D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe, on or before July 12th. Further particulars on circulars. All ringers welcome.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. Business nominations for general and branch officers. For tea notify Mr. J. Robinson, North End, Halewood. Please make a special effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield (8 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A ring for all.—D. Brown, Branch Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on July 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. There will be a service and tea. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

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.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Truro, Saturday, July 23rd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), Cathedral (10) from 6 to 8 p.m. only. The Guild will attend Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (free to ringers) 4.45. Please notify Lieut.-Col. C. F. Jerram, Talland Veau, Falmouth, by July 9th. Opportunities for ringing will be given to odd ringers, but late entries cannot be included in the programme.—W. H. R. Trehwella, Hon. Sec.

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