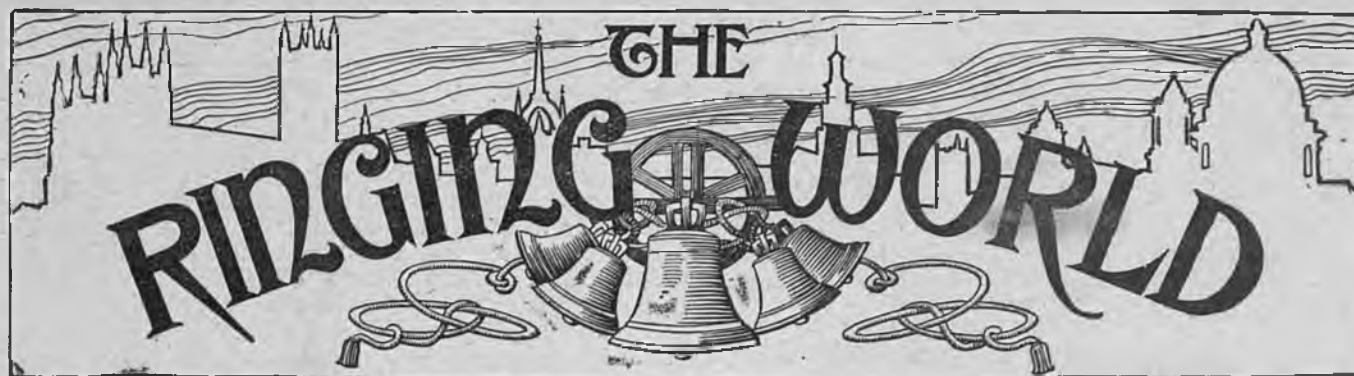




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TWO SIMPLE FACTS.

From time to time it has been explained in this column why it is not possible to publish, much as we should like to do so, everything that is sent for insertion in 'The Ringing World.' It seems necessary that we should do so again, for there still seem to be some people who do not realise two simple facts; first, that you cannot squeeze a quart into a pint pot, and second, that no undertaking like 'The Ringing World' can be run privately at a continual loss. The activity in the ringing Exercise to-day is greater than ever it was. There are more meetings; more peals and touches rung; more events of interest happening than at any previous time, and most of them worthy of finding a place of record in the ringing paper. But it happens that 'The Ringing World' is limited to size, not for mechanical reasons, but by the cost of production and the revenue that the Exercise provides. There being, therefore, more material than the columns of the paper can accommodate, some kind of selection has to be made as to what can be used and what must, of necessity, be discarded. No one expects one of the great national newspapers to report all the events that happen in a day. They use what they think will be of the greatest interest to the greatest number. In a more modest way, the same policy has, under the circumstances, to be pursued by 'The Ringing World.'

This article is particularly prompted by a discussion which took place at a ringing meeting last Saturday, and in the course of which the old criticism was offered, that there would be more readers among young ringers if more touches were published. None would be better pleased than we should if the report of every quarter-peal that is rung could be published, but we are tempted to ask the question: Should ringers only buy the paper in order to see their names in print, or to keep themselves informed of what is going on in the art generally, and of the doings of the ringing organisations throughout the country? While we do not for a moment belittle the local importance of touches to the ringers concerned, a paper devoted to the ringing affairs of the whole country has to take the broader view and publish for preference those things which have the widest interest and importance. As was pointed out to the meeting in question by an honorary secretary, who obviously realises the difficulties of the editorial task, it is not merely the reports of touches which suffer from the restricted space; other matter has constantly to be sacrificed on the same altar. Frankly, however, we admit that the publication of touches is a matter of great perplexity, and of one thing we are convinced: That, whatever steps were taken, it would be almost impossible to satisfy the demands which

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would be made. We no sooner publish, when space permits, a column or so of these performances than for the next week or two we are inundated with similar reports, and the more that appear the greater the deluge. Experience has shown, therefore, that we should never be able fully to satisfy the demand for space for these reports, and there would still be a number of dissatisfied contributors. We ask our readers, therefore, to accept our assurance that, so far as space is available, we will do our best to meet the need, but we must continue to exercise the editorial discretion in regard to what should take precedence—although we are the first to admit that there are others who believe they could do it far better.

TEN BELL PEAL.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 13, 1933, in Three Hours and thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE B.V. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 2	*FREDERICK S. MACEY ... 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 8
*FREDERICK R. WELLER ... 4	*FREDERICK J. COLLUM ... 9
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 5	FREDERICK WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by the late F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by F. J. COLLUM

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, also first peal of Royal as conductor. It had been arranged to ring a Frederick peal, but owing to the sudden bereavement of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. Allen kindly stood in at the last minute. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. G. Brett, on completing 40 years as a ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FLIXTON, LANCES.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS ETHEL COLLIER ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 5
DAVID VINCENT ... 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... 6
*SAMUEL RICKARD ... 3	JAMES H. COLLIER ... 7
*PHILIP WILLIAMS ... 4	*ROBERT THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID VINCENT.

* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. All except ringers of 5 and 6 are service ringers at this church. Rung as a compliment to Lt.-Col. S. Stott, V.D., J.P., on attaining his 81st birthday, also to Mr. H. Chadderton on his retirement after eight years' service as churchwarden. Both are members of the local band.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 5, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A peal of welcome to the new Rector of St. Miles' and Vicar of St. Martin-at-Oak.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD SMITH Treble	EDWARD J. BEER 5
JOHN BURLS 2	E. GEORGE MORRAD 6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 3	STUART SANDFORD 7
*CHARLES GOODBURN 4	WILLIAM J. BEER Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal in the method.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

WILLIAM HOPWOOD Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
*JOHN HAYES 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBT. SPERRING.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Superlative on the bells.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

THOMAS JERVIS Treble	GEORGE W. JEFFS 5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE 6
CHARLES M. WHITNEY 3	FRANK KIRK 7
JAMES M. NICKERSON 4	CYRIL WILSON Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by CYRIL WILSON.

First peal as conductor. This peal was rung on the 36th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, which were a new peal by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1897.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS H. REEVES Treble	ALBERT E. NORMAN 5
HENRY H. FEARN 2	FRED PRICE 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	C. HOWARD STANLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Reginald Elt, a local ringer, and Miss Elsie Taylor.

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CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	ARTHUR H. FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
E. LEONARD TAYLOR 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the anniversary of the King's accession.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK CORKE Treble	JAMES H. HUNNISEY 5
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD 2	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKRY 3	WILFRED G. WILSON 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN W. MALYAN Treble	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 5
THOMAS J. HULL 2	FREDERICK J. SPICER 6
JOSEPH CHAYLEY 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	HAROLD V. FROST Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD V. FROST.

* 100th peal. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOAD Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
ERNEST J. LADD 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 6
JAMES G. NOWELL 3	THOMAS HOAD 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of the accession of H.M. the King.

DULVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*OWEN FRENCH Treble	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	S. GEORGE COLES 6
WALTER H. POOLE 3	JAMES HUNT 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	S. PERCY MERSON Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by S. P. MERSON.

* First peal. First of Major as conductor. First of Major on the bells.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	ERNEST MINGAY 5
FRANK G. RINGE 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
GRAHAM LINGRIDGE 3	ALBERT WIFFEN 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung on the 23rd anniversary of the King's accession.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	WILFRED HALLIWELL 5
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 7
TITUS BARLOW 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor

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

Rung on the 23rd anniversary of the King's accession.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOHN HALL Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
GEORGE FRYKE 2	†JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 6
*ALBERT E. WHITING 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

* First peal of New Cambridge. † First peal of New Cambridge 'inside.' The conductor has now 'completed the circle,' in this tower in eight attempts. This is the fifth tower in which he has rung all the bells to a peal.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. Arranged and rung at the request of the Vicar to mark the opening of the centenary year of the church. F. W. Rishworth has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal. This was G. F. Swann's 400th peal for St. Martin's Guild, and he is the first to achieve this number.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY, CENTRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

A. WILLIAM T. GINN Treble	FRED C. GINN 5
MANSFIELD GINN 2	ROBERT THODAY 6
ROBERT SMITH 3	CHARLES ROBINSON 7
GEORGE WHYBROW 4	ARTHUR J. GINN Tenor
	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Owing to business reasons it was arranged for R. Thoday to ring for the first hour and C. Robinson (sub-postmaster) to finish. Rung to commemorate the twenty-third anniversary of H.M. the King's accession.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... Treble	*FRANCIS G. SHCETTER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	RAYMOND G. COUSINS 6
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 3	JACK A. WAUGH 7
ERNEST J. KING 4	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the 23rd anniversary of the accession of King George V.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

FREDERICK ROPER Treble	GEORGE ARCHER 5
ERIC BENNETT 2	DAVID WHITING 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON 3	CLEMENT J. MORE 7
WILLIAM MUSK 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by C. J. MORE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Ireland, who attained the age of 81 on May 6th. Also as a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 2nd bell.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
*ERNEST W. PYE 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
ALFRED PYE 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Surprise away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest W. Furbank.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB Treble	WILLIAM T. POSTON 5
ARTHUR ALFORD 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
GLYN SHAW 3	EDWIN H. FOSTER 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Surprise for all, and the first for the Hereford Guild by resident members. A compliment to Reginald Poston, son of the conductor, on his 21st birthday.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
GEORGE GILBERT 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	RONALD H. BULLEN 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by C. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

A peal in this method, published in 'The Bell News' of September 9th, 1899, by Rev. E. Bankes James, is now rung for the first time. Rung without previous practice to mark the jubilee of Mr. Fussell's first peal in Berkshire, this having been rung at St. Paul's, Wokingham, in 1833.

APSLEY END.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, May 7th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Rogers 1, C. J. Henley 2, E. Upton (first 720 and first attempt) 3, G. Bruce 4, F. Tompkins 5, A. V. Good (conductor) 6.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	CHARLES YOUNG 5
ALBERT HARTLAND 2	JOSEPH LAWRENCE 6
FRED HAWKES 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
WILLIAM HALFORD 4	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to, and also by the special request of, the late Mr. C. Pumfrey, an old and respected inhabitant of the town, who was interred that afternoon.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WEST DEEPING, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM NEAL Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 2	JAMES H. MURSON 5
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Quickest peal on the bells.

GREAT BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, April 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in G

JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 4
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	WILLIAM C. RHODES 5
FREDERICK W. RISEWORTH 3	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Minor. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. R. C. Ingram and Miss E. M. Ludlow (both ringers at the above church) on the occasion of their marriage.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

T. LEWIS Treble	J. TRISTRAM 4
*J. WALLIN 2	A. NORMAN 5
*J. LAFFORD 3	*L. PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by A. NORMAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SIDNEY DAVIS Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
†EWART ANDREWS 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 5
†WILFRED NEWMAN 3	J. WILLIAM HEATH Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar of Hampton, the Rev. E. Spencer Jones, M.A., on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Anita Rosalie Leader, daughter of the late Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. Leader, of Plymouth.

THEALE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY GOODGER Treble	*CYRIL J. HIBBERT 4
JAMES AHERY 2	WILLIAM EDWARDS 5
RICHARD N. RUNHAM 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal on six bells. This was specially arranged for the conductor to enable him to ring a peal in the church of his childhood's days, with best thanks to all concerned. It was also the 50th tower in which he has rung a peal.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALBERT H. BOOTH Treble	HARRY PARKER 4
*FREDERIC H. CRAWLEY 2	†GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 5
*RICHARD T. HOLDING 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'in side.' First peal in seven methods as conductor.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 16½ cwt

FRED RIGBY Treble	*THOMAS HAILWOOD 4
*HOARCE LOMAX 2	ALBERT WANE 5
*WALTER W. HUNTER 3	GEORGE HEWITT Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

* First peal.

WENDOVER, RUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twenty-four 120's of Grandsire, eighteen 120's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE SIMMONS Treble	HENRY C. JONES 4
JAMES W. WILKINS 2	FREDERICK W. LEACH 5
FREDERICK J. REEVE 3	*ERNEST GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

* First peal. This peal was arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Miss M. Durst and Mr. B. Crawley.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS 4
CHARLES J. TAYLOR 2	*WILLIAM H. POCKETT 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	*ARTHUR C. BERRY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

* First peal.

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THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Cuthbert, Stella,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Hereward Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... 4
STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 2	ERNEST LOWERY ... 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

Quickest peal on the bells.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven six-scores each of Stedman, New, St. Simon's, Old, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 30 different callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK ... Treble	E. JOHN TARGETT ... 4
*DAVID MACKAY ... 2	FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 5
*LEONARD DUNFORD ... 3	*W. REGINALD TARGETT ... Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

* First peal. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

HERBERT T. EASTBROOK ... Treble	LEONARD TOSELAND ... 3
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 2	JACK STUBBS ... 4
ERIC J. SARGEANT ... Tenor	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the conductor.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet, Wells, London, Durham, York and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HARRY CHAMBERS ... Treble	FRANCIS BALL ... 4
MISS EVELYN STEELE ... 2	AMOS SMART ... 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

WOUGHTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

CHARLES W. SMITH ... Treble	†GEORGE AMOS ... 4
*GEOFFREY JACKSON ... 2	ALBERT FLEET ... 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 3	HORACE H. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. SMITH.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Minor, and a member of the local company.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*NORMAN HOGGH ... Treble	SIDNEY HOGGH, SEN. ... 4
†SIDNEY HOGGH, JUN. ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	WILFRED STEVENSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal. Rung in connection with Knutsford Royal May Day, and for the 23rd anniversary of His Majesty the King's accession.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

SPICED GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

(Continued from page 294.)

My next experiment was to obtain three extents of Grandsire Doubles in two equal parts each.

Taking each of the two-part 120's I spliced into each half—in the same manner as before—another extent, the following being a few examples:—

360	360	360	360
2345	2345	2345	2345
2534	2534	2534	2534
3425 B	3425 B	3425 B	4325 S
3542	3542	3542	4632
4235 R			3245 B
	3254	3254	3524
5342 S	4532 S	5432 B	
4253 B	3245 B	5243	3452
3542 S	5432 S	3452 S	5234 B
3254	5243	3245	5423
4532 S	3452 S	4532 B	2354 B
3245 B	5234 R	4253	2435
5432 S	4352 S	5342 B	5324 S
5243	4235	5234	5432
3452 S	5342 S	4352 S	3254 B
5234 B	4253 B	4235	3425
4352 S	3542 S	3542 B	2534 B
4235			2453
	2435 S	2435 S	3524 S
4523	2543	2543	
3245 S	4325 B	4325 B	2435 B

Each to be repeated.

The spliced-in 120 is shown between the lines.

There are twenty-eight examples, which, if started at different leads, make five hundred and four, giving 181,440 changes. The remaining twenty-four I append by their calling:—

5. 2.3S.2.2.2S.2.2.1.2S.
6. 2.3.2S.2.2.2S.2.1.2S.
7. 2.2.3S.2.2.2S.2.2.1S.
8. 2.2.3.2.2S.2.2.2S.1S.
9. 2S.1.2.2S.2.2.2S.3.2.
10. 2S.1.2S.2.2.2S.2.3.2.
11. 2S.1S.2.2.2S.2.2.3.2.
12. 2S.2.2.1S.2.2.2S.2.2.1P.
13. 2S.2.2.1.2S.2.2.2S.2.1P.
14. 2S.2.2.1.2.2S.2.2.2S.1P.
15. 2.1.2.2S.2.2.2S.3.2S.
16. 2.1.2S.2.2.2S.2.3.2S.
17. 2.1S.2.2.2S.2.2.3.2S.
18. 3.2S.2.2.2S.2.1.2.2S.
19. 1.2.2S.3S.2.2.2S.2.2.
20. 1S.1.2.2S.3.2.2S.2.2.
21. 2.2.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1S.2.
22. 2.2S.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.2.
23. 2S.3S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.1.2.
24. 2.3S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.1.2S.
25. 2.2S.1S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.3.
26. 2.2.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.2S.
27. 1.1S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.3.2S.1P.
28. 2.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.1S.2S.1.2.2S.

Each to be repeated. 1P=one Plain Lead.

DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL E. TAYLOR.

The Kent County Association has lost another much respected member by the death of Mr. Sam Taylor, of Lynsted, Kent, who passed away on Wednesday, April 26th.

The funeral took place at Lynsted on Monday, May 1st. Among the many wreaths was a very nice one from his brother-ringers in the Rochester and Sittingbourne districts. The following ringers were present at the interment: Messrs. W. Spice, sen., W. Wood, W. Easter, T. Dennis, W. Cook, W. Walker, J. Exell, H. E. Simpson, E. J. Dobbie, S. B. Dobbie and E. H. Spice (Canterbury).

An impressive feature at the funeral was the ringing of a course of Grandsire Triples at the graveside on the late Mr. Taylor's own handbells by E. H. Spice 1-2, S. B. Dobbie 3-4, W. Easter 5-6, and W. Wood 7-8.

A muffled peal was attempted at Sittingbourne the same evening, but was unfortunately lost after 2½ hours' splendid ringing.

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On Sunday, April 23rd (St. George's Day), at St. Mary's Church, Twyford, near Winchester, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band in honour of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lampard, who celebrated their silver wedding on Thursday of last week: T. Mansell 1, L. Lampard 2, S. J. Sanders 3, S. Mansell 4, H. Mansell 5, W. Young 6, H. J. Wilkinson (conductor) 7, G. Allen 8.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Morris), on behalf of the ringers, then presented a silver-mounted walking stick suitably engraved to Mr. Lampard.

OXFORD SOCIETY. BICENTENARY YEAR.

A quarterly meeting of the Oxford Society, which this year celebrates its bicentenary, was held at headquarters, the Wheatsheaf, Oxford, on Friday, April 28th, and was attended by a large number of members.

The president (Ald. C. H. Brown, Mayor of Oxford) was in the chair, and was supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Collett) and the secretary (Mr. V. Bennett). In welcoming the Mayor as president, the Ringing Master said it was most fitting that a member of the society should be elected Mayor of Oxford in that bicentenary year.—The President suitably responded.

The President referred to the great loss which had been sustained by the society and by the whole Exercise in the sad death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

At the invitation of the president, Mr. H. Miles gave an interesting account of the career of the late Master of the Diocesan Guild, going back to the time when, as curate of Witney, he helped the local band to learn Stedman. In those days he used to cycle enormous distances over bad roads in order to be present at small gatherings of young ringers and to encourage them by his strong personal influence. In this way he came to be known as the Rev. 'Cycle' Jenkyn. The late Master was always content to strive with the humblest beginners, who were the ones most in need of his assistance. When in 1909 Mr. Jenkyn succeeded the Rev. F. E. Robinson as Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild he proved in every way a worthy successor of the Guild's first Master. It would be well nigh impossible to find another man to take his place.

Mr. W. Collett endorsed all that Mr. Miles had said, and wished to emphasise one important point, viz., that the late Master made it a rule—and kept it—to visit every branch in the diocese at least once a year, and always contrived to be present at every annual branch meeting.

The question of the annual outing on Whit Monday was discussed, and it was decided to go to Frome and Westbury, returning via Savernake and Newbury, stopping at East Garston to pay a tribute of respect at the grave of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

The sum of £5 was voted from the funds towards the expense of the outing.

The position of the society as regards affiliation to the Central Council was next discussed. A doubt was expressed whether the society would be allowed to remain affiliated under the proposed new rules, and the secretary was asked to write to the secretary of the Central Council on the matter.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. BRANCH MEETING AT STRATTON.

A meeting of the Launceston Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Stratton, in the extreme north-east of Cornwall, on Saturday, May 6th. A splendid number of about fifty attended, including the Rev. J. H. Moysey (branch chairman), Rev. W. H. R. Trehella (general secretary), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Diocesan Ringing Master), Rev. W. W. Bickford (St. Stephen-by-Launceston), and ringers from Truro Cathedral, St. Gluvias, St. Stephen's and St. Mary's, Launceston, Werrington, Launceston and Lewannick.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Williams, who also gave the address. Rev. W. W. Bickford presided at the organ. Tea was partaken in the Sunday School, after which the usual votes of thanks were passed.

The bells, a beautiful ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb., cast and hung in 1911 by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.), were kept going during the afternoon and evening. Mr. J. Jordan, of the local band, was delighted to be able to take part in some touches of Grandsire Triples after several years of no practice. His name appears on a board in the belfry, which records the only peal rung in this tower, namely, Grandsire Triples, by the Devon Guild in 1908.

OLD DUFFIELD RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Thomas Flower, of Duffield, one of the faithful band of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood's Duffield ringers.

He came to Duffield from Ripon Cathedral to be on the staff of Sir Arthur, to help him in forwarding the art of change ringing in the Midlands, and rang with Sir Arthur in most of the peals conducted by him. He retired from active work a few years ago, and his old age was generously looked after by his last employer, Mr. S. H. Titley, of Derwent Bank House.

Mr. Flower passed to his rest full of honours on May 2nd, aged 74 years, and leaves a sorrowing widow, aged 75—a devoted couple throughout their long wedded life. Mr. Flower had been a change ringer for upwards of 40 years.

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The Secretary referred to the new chiming apparatus which had been installed in Merton College tower, and expressed doubt as to whether the college authorities wished the bells still to be rung by the society.—The President offered to interview the warden on the subject.

The question of inviting wives and lady friends to the outing was raised by Mr. W. F. Judge, and it was agreed that the presence of the ladies would be most desirable.

Songs and handbell ringing brought a successful evening to a close.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise for the Hereford Guild by resident members was rung after a few preliminary practices, and at the fourth attempt for the peal at Bridstow. The unsuccessful attempts lasted respectively 2 hours 45 mins., 1 hour, and 2 hours 23 mins., and at the 4th attempt a good peal resulted.

In the 35 methods peal at Chelford, Cheshire, Grove Delight should have been given as Charlwood Delight, which is the name under which the method is published in the second edition of the Central Council's Collection.

Among the many Surprise methods which have been produced, Painswick, published in 1899, has just been rung to a peal for the first time. It was rung by the enterprising band now operating on the borders of four counties, with Windsor as the centre.

It is no unusual thing to have two men to ring one bell in a peal when the bell is an 'outsized' or goes badly. It is distinctly novel, however, to find a change over in the middle of the ringing owing to business reasons, and this change arranged beforehand. But it happened at Over last Saturday week.

In connection with the Masonic Grand Lodge Festival at Margate on June 21st, service is to be held at St. John's Parish Church at 11.30 a.m. The captain of the ringers is desirous that the peal of eight should be rung by brethren. Will they communicate with him? His address is Bro. Arthur H. Saxby, 83, All Saints' Avenue, Margate. A peal attempt could be arranged in the evening if desired.

A peal was rung at Diss on May 8th to celebrate the 81st birthday (on May 6th) of the Norfolk veteran, Mr. William Ireland. He was one of the original members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and for a long period was hon. secretary of the Diss District. Mr. Ireland has been a ringer at Diss for 60 years. After the peal he entertained the ringers, who thank him for his kind hospitality.

The marriage arranged between Mr. Francis S. Wilson, widower, of Wincanton, son of the late Mr. John S. Wilson, of Southsea, Hants, and Miss Aileen M. Burns, of Stockwell, eldest daughter of Mr. James Burns, will take place very quietly on Saturday, June 10th. No reception.

Mr. J. C. E. Simpson, B.Sc., Ph.D., of Wallasey, Cheshire, is one of three Liverpool University men who have secured Commonwealth Fund Fellowships, which enable British graduates to spend two years in American Universities. His fellowship is to the Rockefeller Institute in chemistry.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. F. Wilford, of 31, Wood Street, Northampton, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, in the bereavement he has sustained by the death of his wife, who succumbed rather suddenly from heart failure on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Wilford had previously undergone a serious operation in Northampton Hospital.

Mrs. Wilford was well known to a large circle of ringers, for she frequently accompanied her husband to ringers' gatherings.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I call the attention of peal enthusiasts to the fact that the King's birthday, June 3rd, falls this year on a Saturday? That gives a great opportunity of arranging peal attempts with a purpose, and one that the general audience can readily appreciate.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There have been some enquiries about the origin of Little Albion Treble Bob. Whether the late Mr. Wilde or I first suggested it, I cannot remember. It followed as a natural corollary after we had rung in Cheshire peals of Little Bob and Albion Treble Bob. If there is any credit in putting down the figures, it must be due to Mr. Banks James for proposing the 'Little' methods in general.

It is true that I worked out all the possible regular Plain Little methods during a day's journey from Glasgow to London, but I have not attempted to do the same for Little Treble Bob. Nor did I consider plain methods which were not symmetrical, such as that recently rung in Kent.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S 'MODEL CODE OF RULES.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I hope when these rules are revised the words 'without assigning any reason' will be deleted from Rule 19 on 'Dismissal,' or the words added 'unless the dismissed or suspended member ask for a reason.'

By English common law everyone has a right to know the reason why he is dismissed from any office, and a great deal of injustice may be perpetrated by the adoption of these words in any belfry rules.

I don't know what our thousands of ringers think about this, but there seems to me something wrong somewhere.

J. M. TURNER.

The Vicarage, Moulton.

THE MINOR CONTROVERSY

BY STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Since my last article appeared in 'The Ringing World' I have taken every opportunity, both by correspondence and personal discussion with ringers in many parts of the country, of finding out as much as possible of the general feeling of the Exercise on this much debated question.

While what follows can claim to be no more than my own estimation of the general feeling of the majority of the Exercise, it may, I think, be of some use to give it at this stage; its accuracy (or otherwise) can, of course, only be tested by the votes of the association representatives at the Central Council's meeting at Whitsun. Of one thing, however, there is no doubt whatever, and that is that the vast majority of those who have the interests of ringing (and six-bell ringing in particular) at heart, are earnestly desirous that the Central Council shall at long last reach a definite and practical agreement on this question when it meets in London in June.

In trying to arrive at an idea of how the Exercise feels on the whole question of what shall constitute a peal of Minor (and Doubles) I have divided the issue up into three main headings:—

- (1) General principle of a peal of Minor.
- (2) The Bankes James' arrangement.
- (3) Other compositions which do not conform to the old definition.

With regard to (1), there is no longer any doubt in my mind that the vast majority are of the opinion that a peal of 5,040 Minor should in general consist of seven separate 'extents,' rung consecutively and without interval. In case there is anyone who is still not clear as to the actual meaning of an 'extent,' it means the full number of changes possible on a number of bells (in the case of Minor 720) linked together to form a true and complete round block; it may be assumed theoretically to start from any of its 720 rows (although the conventional 'rounds' is always used for practical ringing), but the important point is that it must come back at the end to the place it started from.

I have said 'in general' purposely. I mean by this that having fixed the general principle it should still be possible for the Council to make special arrangements for recognising compositions which do not conform to it, if they consider that the circumstances justify it, but that such compositions must be treated and recognised as exceptions to the general principle.

Now I have expressed the opinion that the 'vast majority' incline to this view, and it follows that those who do not are in a small minority. But it must be clearly recognised—and I myself am the first to do so—that this small group contains some of the best brains of the Exercise, men who have done and are doing an enormous amount of valuable work on the theoretical side of ringing, and whose opinions must necessarily carry considerable weight. It would be no less than sheer insolence on the part of myself or anyone else to ignore the opinions of such men as Messrs. J. A. Trollope, E. S. Powell, E. M. Atkins, C. T. Coles and E. C. S. Turner, just because one does not happen to agree with them on this point. Rather let us make a sincere attempt to understand their point of view and to give some sound reasons for disagreeing with it.

As far as I can gather these gentlemen feel (they will, I'm sure, forgive me if I am wrong, but they have as yet said very little about it) that peals of Minor should be as nearly as possible on the same lines as peals on the higher numbers, and that, therefore, any one-part composition which contains each of the 720 possible changes seven times should be accepted as a peal of Minor. They say that you can splice together several true round blocks of a Major method—or even several courses of different methods—into a single composition of more than 5,000 changes and call it a peal of Major, therefore why not splice together several round blocks of Minor in the same way and call it a peal of Minor? My answer to that is simply this: you cannot put peals of Minor and Major on a common basis, because they are fundamentally different things. In dealing with a 'peal' on eight or more bells you are dealing with a selection of 5,000 or more of the much larger number of possible changes. On seven bells there are just 5,040 possible changes, and this number (and not '5,000 or more') has always been accepted as the criterion of a peal of Triples. But on six bells there are not 5,000 different changes, there are only 720. We say, therefore, join up your courses and your round blocks just as you would on any other number of bells, splice away to your heart's content and get in as many methods as you like, until you've got your 720. But when you have got there you have reached the extent of the possible changes and you cannot get any further—not, mark you, because of any man-made or arbitrary rule, but because in the fundamental nature of things you have come to the end, and no power on earth can get you any further. Therefore, if you want to ring 5,040 of Minor you must ring each change seven times, and the most logical way of doing it is to ring seven separate extents. This is the view of the majority, and if those who disagree with it can show how any possible gain can be achieved by mixing up the extents into a one-part composition I do most earnestly beg of them to put their case before the Exercise, through the medium of this paper, at the earliest opportunity, so that those who have to vote on the issue at the Central Council meeting may have plenty of time to consider both sides of the question.

We will now leave the general principle and discuss compositions which do not consist of seven separate extents of Minor (or 42 of

Doubles), dealing first with the one which started this whole controversy:—

(2) The Bankes James' arrangement. This consists of joining together blocks which contain all the 720 rows without repetition, but which do not come back at the end to the point from which they started, and are therefore not round blocks and cannot be classed as 'extents.'

Everyone, I think, now recognises this as a masterpiece of composition, but that in itself is not sufficient to justify its being accepted as a peal. The question is, does the Exercise as a whole feel that the need for it and the desire of ringers to go on ringing it justify its being officially recognised in future as a 'peal' performance? There is still a good deal of mixed feeling on this point, especially amongst the six-bell ringers themselves, but I think that on the whole the majority are in favour of accepting it; but if so it must be accepted definitely as an exceptional case, justified by the exceptional circumstances. It must be borne in mind that in spite of its being at the moment rather under a cloud it is still being rung fairly regularly, and this must be taken as an indication that there is in some quarters a strong desire to ring it in preference to what we may call 'straight' peals of Cambridge Minor. It is also worth while asking ourselves why and how this peal ever came to be composed. I think the answer probably is that it was composed simply and solely because it was felt then that there was a definite need for something more than could be produced for Cambridge Minor by the ordinary means. If we feel that that need still exists, let us continue to ring it, but let us first ask the Central Council to recognise its performance as an official peal.

(3) Other compositions which do not consist of consecutive extents. The chief of these, which have been brought to general notice by being rung and published as peals, are one-part peals of Minor and the Pitman and Morris' arrangements for Doubles. These again are clever compositions, but I have found very few ringers who advocate ringing them in preference to 'straight' peals. The two main features which make the Cambridge Minor case so exceptional are the small scope of composition on the ordinary principle and the unmusical effect of bringing up 65's at backstroke, and neither of these apply in these cases, except, perhaps, that there are not seven different extents of Oxford Treble Bob without 65's at backstroke.

I am convinced that the general feeling of the Exercise is that the only exception which should be made to the general principle of consecutive extents at the present time is the Bankes James' arrangement for methods like Cambridge Minor.

I have given notice, therefore, that it is my intention to lay the following proposals before the next meeting of the Central Council:—

(i.) That peals of Minor shall in general consist of seven or more separate extents, rung consecutively and without interval.

(ii.) That compositions arranged on what is known as the Bankes James' principle, notwithstanding that they do not conform to the above definition, shall be recognised as peals.

(N.B.—This arrangement consists of a number of successive blocks of 720 true rows, not necessarily round blocks themselves but which, when joined together consecutively, form a round block, starting from and ending with rounds. It is recommended that such compositions should only be used when there is considered to be some definite gain from the point of view of variety or music.)

I should like, before I conclude this article, just to touch on one or two other points in connection with this Minor controversy. From what I have read from time to time in 'The Ringing World' it appears that there is an idea in some quarters that ringers who usually do their ringing on the higher numbers are apt to look upon Minor ringing as something slightly inferior, and to belittle the performances of the six-bell ringers. If this were indeed so, the six-bell men would have every cause to feel a very natural resentment, but from my experience of eight and ten-bell ringers there is no foundation at all for such an idea. Speaking for myself, I must confess that, although I have rung peals in 8, 10 and 12 bells, I have yet to score my first of Minor; but in my opinion a peal of Minor or Doubles is often a far finer performance, both mentally and physically, than a peal on eight or ten bells. There can be no comparison, for instance, between a peal of Minor in seven methods and one of Bob Major or Kent Royal as far as the brainwork is concerned, and I imagine that a spliced peal of Surprise Minor in a large number of methods involves a great deal more mental exercise than one of Surprise Royal in only one, both for the conductor and the other ringers. Physically, too, it must be remembered that, although tenors of rings of eight and ten are in general heavier than those of six, this is by no means always the case, and it is obviously harder work to ring a tenor of Minor than to turn in the same bell to Major or Royal. There is, of course, less peal ringing done on six bells than on eight, but it must be borne in mind that our most important ringing is done on Sundays, and on Sundays there is more five and six-bell ringing than anything else. It is the duty of every one of us to make the Sunday service ringing as perfect as possible, and this is just as important on six bells as on 12. The work of the six-bell ringers is therefore from every point of view as worthy and important as any other branch of ringing, and I can assure them that their 10 and 12-bell friends are the first to recognise it.

There is, however, the other side of the case. From time to time we hear suggestions that those who do not consider themselves first

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THE LADIES' GUILD.**NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held in conjunction with the Sheffield and District Society at Handsworth on May 6th. Members from Ashton-under-Lyne, Dore, Rotherham, Norton, Nottingham and Handsworth were present at the business meeting, Mrs. Baker, the wife of the Rector, presiding. Two ringing members were elected, viz., Miss Annie Crook, of Bolton, and Miss Hazel Holmes, of Dewsbury.

The statement of accounts and secretary's report were passed. The report expressed the hope that all members would try their best to attend the meetings arranged in their districts, and also to remember the financial side. The following officers were elected: Vice-president, Miss M. Benton, of Dore; joint secretaries, Miss I. Thompson (Nottingham) and Miss L. Noel Cawthorne (Handsworth); general committee, Miss B. A. Varley (Nottingham); committee, Mrs. W. Wolstencroft (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mrs. Ryder (Rotherham), Miss G. Burchmell (Sutton-on-Trent), and Mrs. J. Berridge (Norton).

Meetings are to be held as follows: July 22nd, Sutton-on-Trent; October 28th, Miles Platting, Manchester; February, at Rotherham; and the next annual meeting in May at Nottingham. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Baker concluded the meeting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DIVISION.**

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Rye on Saturday, May 6th, when about 30 members attended from Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hastings (All Saints'), St. Leonards, Lewes, Tenterden, Ashford and Stone-in-Oxney, and Mr. Piper (Eastbourne) and members of the local band. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Fowler, who gave a most interesting address.

A splendid tea was provided at the Railway Hotel, and at the short business meeting which followed Mr. G. W. Stokes occupied the chair. The Chairman referred to the death of Mr. C. W. Player, of Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, who had been a non-resident life member of the Sussex Association for a good many years, and as a mark of respect the whole company stood in silence for a few moments.

The Secretary (Mr. A. C. Pankhurst) announced that he hoped to arrange the next meeting at Mayfield in July.

Mr. Piper proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service, and for presiding at the tea. The members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing.

A WIDE GAP TO BE FILLED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your leading articles on 'Silent Bells' and on 'Instruction' are very interesting. To my mind there is a wide gap to be filled. In my own case it is a question of being in the wrong place. Here I am living and working (and very thankful) in a place where the nearest peal is miles away. I pay visits when I can, and I am made very welcome wherever I go. It is not the same as being one of a regular band. Therefore I would welcome any scheme that would join isolated ringers and broken bands together.

HARRY PROUT.

Langwith, Notts.

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and foremost six-bell ringers should refrain from expressing their views on a subject which does not concern them, and let the Minor men settle their own problems. This is a terribly short-sighted and dangerous idea, because anything that concerns Minor ringing concerns the Exercise as a whole, and everyone has an equal right to express his opinion about it. Consider for a moment the case of the late Mr. W. H. Thompson, who did such brilliant work on the possibilities of composition in Triples methods. I do not know whether he eventually learnt to handle a bell himself, but I believe I am right in saying that he had hardly ever been inside a belfry when he produced his now famous proofs of the impossibility of obtaining extents of Grandsire and Stedman Triples without the use of Singles. This was an exceptional case, of course, but it emphasises my point that one's authority to speak on a question such as this must be judged on one's knowledge of the theoretical as well as the practical side of campanology, and has nothing whatever to do with one's prowess in the belfry or on any particular number of bells.

And, finally, a few words as to the position of the Central Council in this matter. We talk rather glibly about the rules of the Central Council, but they are not really rules in the ordinary sense. The Council cannot say, 'You are not to ring such and such a method; if you do you will be brought up before a magistrate and fined or locked up.' Its position is rather that of a guide and adviser. Its job is more to encourage anything which it considers is in the interests of the advance of the art, and to discourage anything that is not. Its 'rules' are therefore more in the nature of recommendations as to what shall be rung. Of course there is absolutely nothing to prevent six or eight men going into a tower and ringing anything they like, for their own entertainment and amusement, but I do not see why, if it is something which the Central Council has decided it will not accept as a peal, the band should still expect its performance to be included in the official list of 'peals' rung.

THE LATE MR. THOMAS SALTER.**MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED AT KIDDERMINSTER.**

A remarkable tribute was paid on Saturday, April 29th, to the late Mr. J. T. Salter, of Kidderminster, when members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association met at St. Mary's Church to witness the unveiling of a memorial tablet, the gift of St. Mary's Society.

The late Mr. Salter, who was a prominent figure in campanology in the county, had spent 46 years as a bellringer at the Parish Church. He held the unique record of having rung a century of peals in one tower, a feat which no other ringer in Worcestershire had accomplished.

He learnt the art of bellringing at Wolverley in 1881, and in 1886 he joined the Kidderminster company. At the same time he became a member of the Worcestershire Association, and he served on the committee from 1897 until the time of his death. For six years he was Ringing Master, and for 25 years he was the association's representative on the Council.

In 50 years he had rung in 197 towers in 22 counties in England, Ireland and Wales. He had taken part in 370 peals in 88 different towers, and 114 of these were at St. Mary's, Kidderminster.

The gathering, which included many officers of the association and representatives from the various towers in the county, numbered about 70, among them being Mr. Keith Salter, son of the late Mr. Salter. The tablet bears the inscription:—

This tablet was erected by the St. Mary's Society of Change Ringers to the memory of James Thomas Salter, for 46 years a ringer at this church. Departed this life May 2nd, 1932.

The tablet was unveiled by Canon L. B. Sladen, who afterwards conducted a service in the Whittall Chapel.

The Rev. J. F. Hastings, the clerical secretary of the association, gave a short address.

He took from the epistle for the following day the words: 'leaving us an example,' and said they were all well aware how much they were helped by those who, in various directions, tried to set them an example to inspire them. These examples were met with in every department of life, and such a one was their late friend Tom Salter. He was pre-eminent in the art of bellringing, and for many years helped them in the association to carry bellringing to the wonderful standard of perfection that it had now reached. It was very gratifying that that band of ringers had erected a tablet to the memory of one who for 46 years—practically the whole of a man's working life—had rung in that old Parish Church. A man of keen intelligence, with unusual powers for teaching the art of bellringing, he had left them an example worthy to follow.

MR. RICHARD GROVE'S TRIBUTE.

After the service Canon Sladen entertained the bellringers to tea, and before the company rose Mr. R. E. Grove said a few words at special request, because he could claim to have had the longest knowledge of the late Mr. Salter.

Mr. Grove mentioned that after the bells were rehung in 1883 the ringers at the Parish Church were assisted by others who came from Chaddesley Corbett and Bromsgrove, and it was about this time that the late Mr. Salter began his connection with St. Mary's band of bellringers. Until 1883 there seemed to have been a lapse, for the last occasion on record of any change ringing before then was in 1765, as stated on a tablet in the ringing room. Although a start was made again in 1883 the first really serious attempt at change ringing after the lapse was on October 10th, 1888.

Mr. Grove said that it was between 1870 and 1880 that he first began ringing, but he ceased active interest in it in 1901, when he took up rifle shooting and cricket. Since that date he had not rung in more than five peals, but he did lay claim to have taken some part, with the rest of the St. Mary's band, in making bellringing history with the Worcestershire Association.

In conclusion, Mr. Grove paid a fine tribute to the late Mr. Salter, to whom he said they should give credit for a good deal of the work which had been done to improve the standard of ringing. He was a man of merit, and his presence gave ringers extraordinary confidence. Consequently he was a great leader.

Mr. A. J. Skelding (Stourbridge) and Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough) also voiced an appreciation of the late Mr. Salter.

Mr. J. Hemming (Evesham) expressed thanks to Canon Sladen for providing tea, and the Vicar, in reply, said he hoped the new frame for the bells at St. Mary's Church tower, which was urgently required, would soon be provided. He had already received £1,000 of the £3,000 needed for church restoration purposes.

Several carpet firms—Messrs. Tomkinson's, Ltd., £300, Victoria Carpet Co., £100, and Carpet Manufacturing Co., Ltd., £150—had responded to the appeal, and he hoped the association would be able to pay a visit when the bells were rehung.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL RE-OPENED.

On Wednesday, May 3rd, in one hour and eight minutes, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal, at the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne: R. Thompson 1, C. L. Routledge 2, E. A. Hern 3, J. Anderson 4, R. A. Gofton, jun., 5, A. Deas 6, W. J. Davidson 7, R. S. Anderson 8, J. E. R. Keen 9, W. H. Barber (conductor) 10. Rung after the service of thanksgiving on the reopening of the Cathedral.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**ALL TOWERS PRACTISING CHANGE RINGING.**

Dundee was the Mecca of Scottish bellringers on May 6th, when the first annual meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. Paul's Cathedral in the afternoon. After some photographs had been taken both in the belfry and on the Cathedral steps ringing was indulged in for an hour on the bells—a heavy-going eight (23½ cwt. tenor). The service was held in the Cathedral and was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. K. N. Sutherland Graeme, who welcomed the association to Dundee and apologised for the absence of Bishop Robberds, who was unable to be with them that day. The Provost's address was based on the text from Psalm xix. 4, 'Their sound is gone out into all lands.' So far as he knew, he said, bells were peculiar to the Christian Church, and were the only really sacred musical instrument. The organ and the orchestra were used in the concert hall as well as the church, but bells were never heard apart from the church.

Tennyson's well-known words, 'Ring out, wild bells,' were sung to the tune 'Hogmanay,' which was composed by the first Master of the association, Mr. Stephen H. Wood, in honour of the founding of the Scottish Association.

Tea in the Church House, by invitation of the vestry committee of the Cathedral, was served by several ladies of the congregation.

The business meeting followed, with Mr. W. B. Sampson, the president, in the chair.

The Master (Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote) in his report regretted that Mr. Wood, the first elected Master, had had to leave Scotland before the association was properly started. Owing to the scattered position of the towers it was hardly possible to keep in touch except by letter with all the societies. However, as far as he could see and hear change ringing was being practised or learned in all the towers. The office bearers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

A motion regarding unemployed members and their subscriptions was put to the meeting, but it was left to the individual towers to make their own arrangements.

The election of 18 ringing, one non-resident and 1 hon. member was confirmed.

The President then moved a vote of thanks to the Provost for taking the service, to the organist, to the vestry committee for supplying the tea, and to the ladies for serving it.

This closed the meeting, and a move was made to the old steeple for further ringing on the bells there, an octave with a tenor of 20 cwt. The bells were lowered about 8.30, and a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells finished the day. The methods rung were Plain Bob Doubles, Minor and Major, Grandsire and Steedman Doubles and Triples.

In addition to the association towers, three ringers from the old steeple, who are not yet in the association, were present at the meeting.

St. Paul's Cathedral belfry has undergone some slight alterations since 'W.H.F.' visited it in 1927, and commented on it after his ringing tour in Ireland three years ago, when he compared Hillsborough Parish Church in Co. Down with this belfry. Having rung in both towers, the writer does not think the circle of ropes at St. Paul's was just as bad as Hillsborough, the Irish tenor rope falling exactly in the centre of the other seven. At the instigation of the steeple-keeper of St. Paul's a ceiling was put in 5ft. below the bell floor, and the ropes guided into a very good circle; the lourses were also blocked up and a ceiling immediately above the bells taken out, thus vastly improving the sound in the ringing chamber and also on the steps and in the vicinity of the Cathedral.

W. F. M. S.

DEATH OF A CHESTER CATHEDRAL RINGER.

We regret to report the death, on May 7th, of Mr. Ernest Channell, for many years a loyal member of the Chester Cathedral company and of the tower of St. Mary-without-the-Walls. Owing to indifferent health he had not been able to take an active part in ringing for some time, and his absence had been keenly felt, especially by the older members of the company. He was in his sixty-eighth year, and will be long remembered for his keenness, ability and regular attendance at both service and practice. Mr. Channell had rung thirty peals.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, May 10th, and in the evening, with the bells half-muffled, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung as a last token of respect: R. Sperring 1, H. Lewis 2, J. Griffiths 3, W. Fletcher 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan 6, W. Hopwood 7, S. Jones (conductor) 8.

DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Replying to the query by the Upton-on-Severn band in 'Belfry Gossip' last week, at least two peals have been rung in the above method. The first was at St. Mary's, Chester, on November 20th, 1908, conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis, and the other at Eccleston on April 23rd, 1909, conducted by the late Mr. H. W. Wilde, who took part in the first peal also.

'THE MAD HATTER.'

Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool, sends similar information.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE LAW JAMES MEMORIAL.**

Another successful and very enjoyable annual meeting was held at Lincoln on April 29th. Ringing commenced in the early afternoon at the Cathedral (12), and the two six-bell towers of St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's. The special service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral was conducted by the Sub-Dean of Lincoln (Canon Jeudwine), president of the Guild, the address being given by Canon Townrow, Vicar of St. Peter-at-Gowts. After service an adjournment was made to the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, where an excellent meat tea was served. It was good to see the meetings of old acquaintances, who gather here year after year from all parts of Lincolnshire and from neighbouring counties, and it was also good to see so many young ringers, who are enthusiastically taking up the art, and in many cases are reviving it in places where ringing has in late years nearly died out.

At the business meeting Canon G. W. Jeudwine was unanimously re-elected president, and took the chair, being supported by the officers of the Guild and the Dean of Lincoln (Dr. R. A. Mitchell). All the other officers were re-elected en bloc, namely, Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master; Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary; Mr. F. F. Linley, hon. treasurer.

The Rev. Canon H. T. Parry, Mr. R. Richardson, Mr. G. Chester and Mr. J. Phillips were re-elected representatives on the Central Council.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Master, referring to the Rev. H. Law James Memorial Fund, said that, although the response to the appeal for support had been very gratifying, the total amount required (about £175) had not yet been realised, and he appealed to those towers which had not sent in their contributions to do so with the least possible delay. He also suggested that each of the four branches of the Guild should make a contribution from their own funds, and then, if this was not sufficient, that a collection should be made at all meetings until the total was reached.

The President (Canon Jeudwine) said he had hoped the newly-appointed Bishop of Lincoln would have been with them at the meeting, but he was, at the moment, away from home. He strongly supported the Master's appeal for further contributions to Memorial Fund.

The meeting greatly appreciated a short speech from the Dean of Lincoln, who incidentally paid a warm personal tribute to the president of the Guild for the way in which he discharged the various and manifold duties which fell to the lot of a Sub-Dean.

A hearty vote of thanks to the president, to the Dean of Lincoln and to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and the incumbents of St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's for the use of the bells concluded the meeting. Good use was made of the bells until about nine o'clock in the evening. At the Cathedral many young ringers had their first pull on twelve bells, and, besides touches in various 12 and 10-bell methods, courses of London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung.

BRANCHES' UNITED MEETING AT BIGBY.

A combined meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough Districts of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Bigby on Saturday, May 6th. The weather was ideal, and brought a large gathering to that delightful village, where ringers are always welcome and well looked after, as was the case on this occasion by the kind hospitality of Canon and Mrs. Parry. The lovely peal of six bells were kept going in various methods before the service, at which Canon Parry, who is president of the Grimsby District, officiated and addressed the members on the centenary of the Oxford Movement. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ.

A splendid tea was kindly provided by Canon and Mrs. Parry in the schoolroom, over sixty sitting down. The towers represented from the Grimsby District were Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Ulceby, Elsham, Killingholme, Thornton Curtis, and the local band, and unattached members from Grimsby. The Rev. J. H. Pack, of Thornton Curtis, and the Rev. Patch, of Ulceby, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness, of Lincoln, and Messrs. Howell and Hobson, of Hull, were also present, together with fourteen members from the Gainsborough District, including Mr. F. S. W. Butler, hon. general secretary of the Northern Branch. Rev. Canon H. T. Parry presided over both meetings. The usual votes of thanks were extended and responded to, which brought the Gainsborough meeting to a close.

Three new members were elected and one member re-elected for the Grimsby District, for which the usual collection for the district bell fund was taken, and amounted to £1 3s. 6d. This was given to the Rev. Law James Memorial Fund.

The date of the Thornton Curtis meeting was altered from July 8th to the 15th, and the Gainsborough District kindly decided to alter the date of the Haxey meeting. The Rev. J. H. Pack proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to Canon and Mrs. Parry, to Mr. Rushby, and to the lady helpers at the tea. This was seconded by Mr. C. McGuinness, and supported by Mr. Baker, of Gainsborough, who hoped that peals would be rung in honour of the centenary year of the Oxford Movement, as Canon Parry had suggested during his discourse in church.—In reply, Canon Parry gave everybody a hearty welcome to Bigby. He was glad to say that they had now such a splendid band of young ringers at Bigby, and he thanked them all for what they were doing for the church.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS.

The annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is always an attraction, the attendance not being confined entirely to its own members, and this year the counties of Berks, Bucks and Oxon were well represented, and ringers were also present from Surrey, Lancashire and London. A variety of methods was rung at Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges and Slough, and all the ringers assembled at the last-named church for the Guild service. Someone had evidently warned the organist of a 60 cwt. tenor, as it might have gone a bit faster at backstroke.

A real ringers' instructive address was given by the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg, who has recently come to reside in the branch area, his theme being 'efficiency and whole-heartedness,' with especial reference to the work and teaching of the late Master of the Guild. A thunderstorm kindly expended its fury while service was in progress, enabling the congregation to discover the excellent qualities of the organ, Handel's Largo being the 'voluntary.'

Numbers had slightly increased by the time tea was ready, some having to be seated in another room, but, as is usual on these occasions, they fared better than the majority, the 'hungry hounds' of four counties nearly devouring the secretary in their clamour for 'bones.' When all appetites had been more or less appeased, a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells, which ought to have been perfect, but was disturbed at once place by some not harmonious 'whisperings.'

Before commencing the business, the Chairman, Mr. Justice Bennett, addressed the members on the untimely death of the Master of the Guild, saying that he had little doubt that it was caused by the part taken by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn in the Great War. In the many years he had acted as Master he had gained the respect, admiration and affection of every member, his advice being freely and generously given, and it would not be right to begin the business without paying a tribute to his memory.—The whole company stood in silence for half a minute.

Continuing, Sir Charles said he was glad to see so many present, and that the branch had been steadily growing ever since he first made acquaintance with it.

One honorary, one life and three ringing members were elected, the ratifications having been dealt with at the committee meeting to save time.

The statement of accounts was passed unanimously.

MR. JUSTICE BENNETT RE-ELECTED BRANCH CHAIRMAN.

The secretary's 'invisible report' was received with open arms, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Branch Ringing Master made a few remarks on the work of the past twelve months, with the hint to those who don't come that 'they don't know what they're missing.'

The officers were all re-elected unanimously and with acclamation, viz., chairman, Mr. Justice Bennett; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler.

Sir Charles said that he felt extremely honoured on his re-election, and it was a great privilege to take the chair. Assuring the members that these were not idle words, he said, 'I value the office you have given me, and am glad to attend the annual meeting and see so many friendly faces each year.'

The Secretary, replying, quoted his slogan, 'Get on or get out.' The following were re-elected as branch representatives to serve on the general committee: Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. F. D. Boreham, T. J. Fowler, J. L. Kirk, W. E. Redrup, W. E. Taylor and J. C. Truss.

The general secretary, Mr. R. T. Hibbert, said fewer words than usual, but congratulated the branch on their officers.

The general treasurer, Mr. A. J. Wright, had his usual grumble about subscriptions not being sent in early enough by branch secretaries, at the same time stating that this branch was not included in these remarks, as it was a record year for subscriptions received.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks, which was unanimously accorded to the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg for conducting the service and giving a most excellent address.

In his reply, this young cleric, who is a ringer of no mean standard, said that he was extremely pleased to make the acquaintance of this branch annual meeting.

Votes of thanks were also accorded to the clergy of the three churches for the use of the bells, the foreman for having everything ready, and to the organist, Miss I. Wolstencroft, for her services. It was decided to visit Great Kimble, if possible, for the next monthly practice.

Mrs. Barker suggested that a map would be useful, if anyone had a spare one, for the wanderers, who were not lost for excuses, one blaming the other for 'bobbing in and out.'

The chairman and secretary were also thanked by the members, the former for his excellent conduct of the meeting, and the latter for making the arrangements.

The bells at Slough and Stoke Poges were made good use of again until a late hour, although the light was unfortunately 'off' at the last-named.

The branch secretary is obtaining further copies of the report for those members who were not able to secure one.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on May 30th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough Branch. — A joint meeting with the Leicester District, M.C.A., will be held at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Theddingworth bells (5) available during evening.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., Welford, Rugby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Witley on Saturday, May 20th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting to follow tea. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be at Grendon, near Atherstone, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, May 20th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45 p.m.—G. F. Hoad, Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Chequers Tea Rooms, 1s. 3d. per head. All those intending to be present kindly advise me early.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Tydd St. Mary on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, May 20th, instead of May 27th, per calendar. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — A meeting, in conjunction with the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Guilsborough Branch, will be held at Husbands Bosworth (5 bells) on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock. A good meeting is requested. — E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Puckington on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business after. Visitors welcome.—D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Woolpit on May 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Also at Drinkstone (6) and Wetherden (6). Tea (1s. each) at the Swan Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Sawston on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Please look up Sawston Imperial. Tea at White Lion Inn at 5 p.m. price 1s. each. Service 7 p.m.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs.

FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.—St. Chad's bells, recast by Messrs. Taylor & Co., will be re-opened on May 20th. Service 3 p.m. Tea, 6d. each. Please advise if you are coming. Bells open until 9 p.m.—Canon Marshall, St. Chad's Vicarage, Leeds, 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Hook Norton on Saturday, May 20th. —J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. It is hoped there will be a better attendance at this meeting. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Cot Dairy.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Collingbourne Kingston to-morrow (Saturday), May 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 4.30.—A. W. Deane, Branch Sec., 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 20th. Service 4.15. Tea, at the Sun Hotel, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 6d.). Bells (8) available 2 p.m. and after the meeting. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 20th. Please notify me as early as possible.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne (12) on May 27th. Tea at the George Café at 5.30 p.m. — W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meetings of the above will be held jointly at Egham on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, not later than Tuesday, May 23rd. All ringers are heartily welcome. — Miss K. Eastes and D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Littleport (near Ely) on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers very welcome. Buses all ways. For tea please notify Mr. F. J. Arnold, 79, Wisbech Road, Littleport, Cambs, not later than May 24th.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec., Over, Cambs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A joint meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (13) will be available from 8.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association will be held at St. Peter's Hall at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. 4d. per head for all who notify Mr. F. Renton, 143, Stratford Street, Beeston Hill, Leeds, by May 23rd. Meeting afterwards.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., Leeds and District Society, 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds, J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held at Morpeth on Saturday, May 27th. The bells of the Watch Tower (8, tenor 14½ cwt.) will be available from 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.30, and tea at 5 o'clock, at the George and Dragon Hotel, 1s. 6d. each. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than the 24th.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Special bus leaves St. Stephen's Church at 2.45 p.m. at 1s. 6d. return. Kindly let me know for bus or tea not later than Wednesday, 24th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80 Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on May 27th. Bells ready any time. Tea in the Parochial Hall, provided by the Rector, free to all members. Come and pay a visit to this historical old-world village now in its spring beauty and unspoilt by the modern builder.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Edwinstowe on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Perlethorpe bells open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Notify Mr. F. Martin, Villa Real Cottage, Edwinstowe, Mansfield, for tea. Good attendance requested.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Glington on Saturday, May 27th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 23rd? All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bardney (6) on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, May 24th? — A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, May 27th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, May 27th. St. Clement's tower open 3 o'clock. All Saints' bells available after tea. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea, at 9d. per head, will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, May 23rd. A good attendance is requested. — E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

SPLICED PLEASURE. Visit Aldenham, Saturday, May 27th, for practice and tea. Ringing from 3.30. Tea, Village Club, 5.30. Road service or train to Bushey or Radlett. Local bus to church. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at New Buckenham, May 27th, at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.15. Names for tea, please.—Nolan Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wistanstow on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, May 24th, number attending requiring tea.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting at Abingdon on Saturday, May 27th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify me, if requiring tea, by the 25th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Frampton on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by May 24th?—W. E. Clarke, 70a, Norfolk Street, Boston.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ault Hucknall on Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please send number requiring tea to J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton, by Wednesday, May 24th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Great Kimble (6 bells) on Saturday, May 27th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, arranged for those who notify me not later than May 22nd. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Charlton Mackrell on Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Local Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. This meeting has been specially arranged in connection with the Jubilee Celebrations of the present Church of St. Thomas, and a hearty invitation is extended to all. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, May 31st?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 54th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 5th.—F. J. Pitstow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Abergele on Whit Monday, June 5th. Service in St. Michael's Church at 2.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea. Bodelwyddan bells (8) will also be available. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Tuesday, May 30th.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HOYLANDSWAINE.—The annual open ringing contest for six bells will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Rules will be sent to any band on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas not guaranteed unless applied for.—E. Brookes, Hon. Sec., Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Shield Contest will be held at Darfield on Saturday, July 8th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tower closed for practice Saturday, June 10th. Entries close on July 1st.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. P. J. Spice has removed to 12, Great Elms Road, Bromley, Kent.

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