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THE COUNCIL MEETING.

Those who have had a long experience of the Central Council must have felt at last week's meeting the growing importance of this body to the Exercise. Steadily through recent years there has been an increasing recognition of the valuable part which the Council, rightly guided, can play in welding together the many ringing organisations throughout the country and in influencing the development of the art. All who have at heart the best interests of change ringing realise it; the associations realise it, and it was reflected in the attendance at the London meeting, which was the most representative on record. It was a newly elected Council; there were many fresh faces, and it was an encouraging sign that many of the new members were young men—men who will, we believe, come into its counsels with new ideas and new energies. There is plenty of wise experience among the old members, but the leavening of young men should have excellent effects in the future.

There have been occasions in the past when, looking back on a meeting of the Central Council, it was difficult to point to any substantial achievement; it was different last week when, despite the deadlock which was reached on the Minor question—brought about by the existence of a rule that required a two-thirds majority on this matter—there was a good deal to show as the result of the meeting, largely as the result of the work of the Committees throughout the year. Even the debate on the peals of Minor and Doubles was not entirely wasted, for it led to a ventilation of views which may at least clear the air for a settlement of a very vexed question. On the face of the voting, it was obvious that the bulk of the Council desire to revert to the old status of a peal of Minor, but in view of the fact that the necessary two-thirds majority was not obtained the position remains where it stood on the passing of the Hereford resolutions in 1928.

We shall have the opportunity of discussing this and other matters arising at the meeting at a later date, and would only add now the opinion that the London meeting must be included among the distinct successes of the Council. Under the able presidency of Mr. E. H. Lewis, backed by the excellent organisation of the hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, the large volume of business was expeditiously disposed of, albeit the debates ran the sitting into one of record length. But for the businesslike way in which it had been arranged, and the lengthy consideration which the Standing Committee—by meeting, for the first time we believe, on the preceding evening as well as on the morning of the Council meeting, so that

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much of the ground had been fully prepared—had given to affairs, it is doubtful if the agenda would have been entirely disposed of in one day. Then, too, the social side of the arrangements was distinctly in advance of anything previously attempted in London. This was due to the co-operation, through a special committee, of all the ringing societies in and around London. It was a departure which was fully justified by the success attending it, and it is not too much to hope that this or some similar committee may continue to exist to keep all these metropolitan and sub-metropolitan organisations in fraternal touch with one another. If that alone happens, the 1933 Council meeting will not have been in vain.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Whit Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

*GEORGE BUTLER	...Treble	*NORMAN G. LEECH	6
WILLIAM FISHER	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
†ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	8
‡JOHN WARRILOW	4	HARRY BOSWELL	9
W. HAROLD JONES	5	GEORGE LANGLEY	...Tenor

Composed by H. COOPER. Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

* First peal on ten. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters away from tenor. First attempt on ten as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss R. M. Horton (daughter of Mr. B. Horton) and Mr. E. A. Carter, of Darlaston, who were married at St. Lawrence's Church, Darlaston, on June 3rd.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS	...Treble	*GEORGE HINTON	6
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	FRED HAWKES	8
THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	9
WILLIAM LEWIS	5	CHARLES CAMM	...Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

*50th peal.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	...Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	E. LEONARD TAYLOR	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	MAURICE SMITHER	8
EDWIN H. LEWIS	4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	9
GEORGE W. FLETCHER	5	ALBERT A. HUGHES	...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Wincanton, and Miss Aileen M. Burns.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28¾ cwt.

HENRY H. FEARN	...Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	WALTER WALLACE	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	ARTHUR BRAINES	8
CHARLES J. DICKEN	4	EDWIN H. STONELEY	9
CHARLES DRAPER	5	JAMES GEORGE	...Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

Rung after the induction of the Rev. Canon Heginbotham to the living of St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
M. SWINFIELD'S ODD BOB TEN-PART, No. 1. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ...	6
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN	4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time and is the first odd bob ten-part. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. H. Swinfield.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)
On Thursday, June 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT D. CALLAWAY ...	5
EDWARD THOMAS DRAKE ...	2	SIDNEY MOODY	6
WALTER J. SCOTT	3	WILLIAM UPTON	7
FRANK S. TAYLOR	4	WILLIAM SCOTT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM UPTON.

Rung in honour of the birthdays of their Majesties Queen Mary and King George. Special thanks are due to Edward Drake, of Carisbrooke, who obliged, with no previous notice, owing to the indisposition of one member.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. LEWIS	5
*ALBERT HARTLAND	2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES	6
*WILLIAM HALFORD	3	WILLIAM RANFORD	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN J. MAWBY	...*Treble*	FREDERICK R. PALMER ...	5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE	2	ARTHUR BIGLEY	6
AMOS SMART	3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ...	4	JAMES T. WARD	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR BIGLEY.

Great credit is due to the conductor, this being his first attempt to call a peal. Arranged for H. J. Balcombe, of Harwell, Berks, and to celebrate the King's birthday.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

STANLEY W. COPLING	...*Treble*	JAMES SPALDING	5
*CHARLES BAILEY	2	FREDERICK A. FINCH	6
*MISS VIOLET BECKETT ...	3	EDWIN R. GOATE...	7
GODFREY WALPOLE	4	CHARLES F. SAYER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday. First peal in the method on the bells. All the band are regular ringers at this tower.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY TAYLOR	...*Treble*	F. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	5
ALEC RICHARDSON	2	REG. E. LAMBERT	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT... ...	3	HERBERT MARKWELL	7
WILLIAM COLLISON	4	STAFFORD GREEN	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by STAFFORD GREEN.

* First Surprise peal. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. First peal on the bells since restoration.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

T. LEE...	...*Treble*	H. GRACE	5
*G. HESKETH	2	C. I. DAVIES...	6
T. HESKETH	3	E. L. HUMPHRISS...	7
P. GRINDEY...	4	J. GARDENER...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. L. HUMPHRISS.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

PERCY L. JOHNSON ...	...*Treble*	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	5
WILLIAM WATHEN	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	7
KEITH W. WHITTELL	4	SHELFORD SPARROW ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung in honour of King George's birthday. The tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle' in this tower. First peal in the method as conductor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sunday, June 4, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

This was the conductor's 100th Surprise peal, in 20 different methods.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in D.

PERCY L. JOHNSON ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT G. HARRISON	5
SHELFORD SPARROW	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
KEITH W. WHITTELL	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	7
GEORGE ARCHER	4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Whit Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ..	2	GEORGE KING	6
ERNEST J. LADD	3	WILLIAM H. HOAD	7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ...	...*Tenor*

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

SEDGLEY, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Whit Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE A. BAKER	...Treble	WALTER GRINSELL	5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	2	JOHN WARRILOW	6
W. HAROLD JONES	3	HARRY BOSWELL	7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	4	NORMAN C. LEECH	...Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.
Rung for the Whitsun festival.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ALAN W. CASSON	...Treble	GORDAN WHITTAM	5
*STANLEY RICHARDSON	2	NICHOLAS NEWBY	6
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	3	WILLIAM LANGHORNE	7
EDWIN JENNINGS	4	JAMES E. BROWN	...Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by E. JENNINGS.
* First peal of Major. The ringers of the 2nd and tenor belong to Whitehaven. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 7th.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*W. H. KING	...Treble	FRANK BRADLEY	5
MISS K. BURCHNALL	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY	6
MISS G. BURCHNALL	3	HENRY HARRISON	7
FREDERICK A. SALTER	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY	...Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Mr. Alfred Barratt's silver wedding. This composition is now rung for the first time.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, June 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	Treble	WILLIAM T. BERSON	5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD	2	*WALTER D. JOLLEY	6
GEORGE GILBERT	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
EDWARD S. T. FARR	4	ALAN R. PINK	...Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method.

DEPTFORD.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN.	...Treble	EDMUND MOUNTER	5
CHARLES H. WALKER	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
JOHN J. LAMB	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	CHARLES DAVIES	...Tenor

Conducted by H. WARNETT, SEN.
Specially arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon, who was in London in connection with the Central Council. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Williams, the local towerkeeper, for having everything in order and ready at short notice.

GREAT CHISHALL, CAMBS.—On Saturday, June 3rd, at the Church of St. Swithun, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Flack 1, R. Howard (conductor) 2, C. Plumb, sen., 3, J. Waller 4, A. Reed 5. First quarter-peal by the ringers of treble and 4th. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 8, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
WORCESTER VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	...Treble	THOMAS JONES	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	NORMAN HEAPS	6
EDWARD F. MAWBY	3	CHARLES OLLIER	7
WILLIAM BRAMMER	4	BENJAMIN THORP	...Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.
B. Thorp's 100th peal for Lancs Association. First spliced peal by all except the 5th ringer.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 8, 1933, in Three Hours,
AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD F. MAWBY	...Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY	5
NORMAN HEAPS	2	DONALD BROWN	6
THOMAS JONES	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
WILLIAM BRAMMER	4	JOSEPH REED	...Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BEER	...Treble	HARRY HOVERD	5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	EDWARD J. BEER	7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JAMES PATERSON	...Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	6
JAMES TOPP	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	7
HENRY JENNINGS	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

WOOBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

GEORGE MARTIN	...Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	5
FRANK BUCKLAND	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
*JOSEPH YOUNG	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
JESSE HARRISON	4	JAMES P. HINTON	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HENLEY.
* First peal and hails from Great Marlow. A peal of welcome to the son and heir of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mayne, of Harrow, born on the 3rd inst.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DALSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST W. PYE ... ...*Treble*		GEORGE B. COLLINS 5	
HERBERT J. ELDRED 2		JOHN G. NASH 6	
GEORGE R. PYE 3		WILLIAM PYE 7	
CHARLES T. COLES 4		JAMES BENNETT ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung for the wedding of Albert S. Crouch, a member of the St. Mark's Ringing Guild, to Miss Kathleen Colley, which took place prior to the peal.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' THREE-PART, No. 39. Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS CLARK ... ...*Treble*		*CHARLES BARKER 5	
JAMES T. TITT 2		J. WILFRED DUMVILLE ... 6	
W. NORMAN PARK 3		ROLAND PARK 7	
GEORGE W. PARK 4		LUCIAN VENUS ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Venus on the occasion of the celebration of their silver wedding.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ELM, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ROBERT W. CROFT ... ...*Treble*		SYDNEY J. HAW 4	
J. CECIL FRANCIS 2		FRANK WARRINGTON 5	
R. FREDERICK CRAFTS ... 3		*RUFUS WELBOURNE ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal. First 720 of Cambridge Surprise by all except the conductor. All are regular Sunday ringers at the church excepting Mr. Warrington, who comes from Over.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Durham, York, London, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM NEAL ... ...*Treble*		THOMAS A. COOPER 4	
*JOHN J. JUTSON 2		WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 5	
HORACE M. DAY 3		JOSEPH O. LANDRON ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First Surprise method peal. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

GREAT BROMLEY.

On Monday, June 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER SOUTHGATE ... ...*Treble*		ERNEST DURRANT 4	
URBAN WILDNEY... 2		HORACE A. WRIGHT 5	
JOSEPH BOWELL 3		EDWARD E. DAVEY ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

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On Whit Monday, June 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in the following methods: (1) Braintree; (2) Charlwood and Wragby; (3) St. Albans and Neasden; (4) College Exercise and Ockley; (5) Norbury and Duke of Norfolk; (6) Capel and Kingston; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Sandal. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. MAJOR ... ...*Treble*		H. CHANT 4	
J. T. WHITE 2		A. PANTHER 5	
M. PERRY 3		D. SMITH ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by D. SMITH.

First peal of this length in 14 methods by all the band, also first peal in 14 methods on the bells. Rung as a compliment to W. Tibble, one of the local company, who was married on Saturday, June 3rd.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

GEORGE CRAYSON ... ...*Treble*		JOHN MACLEAN 4	
THOMAS W. VAREY 2		GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... 5	
ALAN W. CARSON... 3		EDWIN JENNINGS ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by G. E. BRAITHWAITE.

First peal in three Minor methods for the branch and by all the band except the tenor ringer.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, June 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST YORKE ... ...*Treble*		†JOSEPH E. TAYLOR 4	
JOSEPH H. BEALE 2		*WILLIAM H. BUCKLER ... 5	
†THOMAS W. THORPE 3		WILLIAM A. STOTE ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in three methods. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung to mark the 22nd anniversary of the dedication of the bells. The ringer of the 2nd has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk, London, Wells, York, Durham, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ...*Treble*		JOSEPH ELLIOTT 4	
CHARLES W. BURTON 2		WILLIAM ELLIOTT 5	
AMBROSE MASON 3		CHARLES BUTTON... ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal in seven methods on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. All except the conductor are Sunday service ringers at this church. Rung to celebrate the marriage between Miss D. Turner and Mr. Vernon Wentworth, which took place on the same date at the Savoy Chapel, London.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) London and Wells; (2) Beverley and Surfleet; (3) York and Durham; (4) Cambridge; (5) Carlisle; (6) Ipswich; (7) Primrose. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANK TAYLOR ... ...*Treble*		THOMAS A. COOPER 4	
JOHN J. JUTSON 2		WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 5	
HORACE M. DAY 3		JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in ten Surprise methods rung for the Guild, and first by all except the conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

AN OXFORDSHIRE RESTORATION.

SWALCLIFFE'S BELLS DEDICATED.

In the northern part of Oxfordshire, some six miles from Banbury on the one side and Edgehill on the other, lies the ancient and extensive parish of Swalcliffe. At the foot of a hill an important British village is reputed to have flourished, and coins and other relics are often found here. William of Wykeham, great architect and Bishop of Winchester, was presented to the living of Swalcliffe at the time when he was Archdeacon of Lincoln, and, after purchasing the advowson, he gave it with land which he had acquired to his new foundation, New College, Oxford.

The fine church stands on high ground and shows evidence of many periods from Norman times onwards, with a perpendicular tower at the west end.

The bells are a ring of six, with a tenor weighing 13½ cwt. in the key of F. The treble was cast in 1720, and all the remaining ones in 1685 by the Bagleys of Chacombe. On No. 2 is the quaint inscription :—

'Free and half founder Richard Wykeham Esquire
To help my Swalcliffe Tower doth me desire.' 1685.

On Whit Sunday, three years ago, the bells ceased to ring, as the Jacobean oak bell-frame was in a state which rendered ringing unsafe. A year ago, the Vicar (the Rev. A. Foreman Cox) and the parishioners started a 'big drive' for the funds necessary for the restoration of the bells, and Thursday, June 1st, saw a happy and successful conclusion, when the rehung bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

The Bishop had to travel back specially from London, where he was in attendance at Convocation, and in order to suit his lordship's movements the changes were rung on the events for the day. The dedication service was postponed until 4 p.m., and the fete in the charming Vicarage grounds was put forward to 3 p.m., when Col. Norris, late of Swalcliffe Hall and a descendant of the family with a long connection with the village, opened the fete at the invitation of the Vicar.

The service, which took the usual form, was well attended. Among clergy present, in addition to the Vicar, were the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley (chairman of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. H. J. Riddesdell (Rural Dean), the Rev. A. J. S. Hart (Wiggington), the Rev. G. W. Dymand (Grimsbury St. Leonard's), the Rev. R. W. Sharpley (Cropredy), the Rev. W. M. Grogan (Sibford Gower), the Rev. H. Y. Necker (St. Peter's, Bishop Auckland) and others. Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon, were also present.

After the act of dedication, the bells were heard in peal for the first time, being rung in rounds by the local band. The Bishop, in his address, took for the text a verse from I. Corinthians, 14: 'For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?'

At the conclusion of the service several touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung, after which an adjournment was made to the Vicarage grounds, where the fete was in progress, and where tea was served in the open, the day being warm and sunny.

The bells have been tuned, one-eighth turned, furnished with new fittings throughout and hung on ball bearings in a cast iron H frame. All those present agreed that the work carried out by the bell-founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, leaves nothing to be desired, the 'go' being perfect and the tone, after tuning, extraordinarily fine. The sanctus bell has been removed from the tower and placed in the bell turret over the chancel roof.

Some of the belfry wood work has been carried out by local craftsmen, including the fitting of a new oak door at the bottom of the belfry steps. Much of this work has been voluntary.

Later in the afternoon, while some of the ringers exercised their skill at the various attractions offered by the fete, a band rang the first 720 Bob Minor on the rehung bells, which was in all probability the first 720 Bob Minor ever rung in the tower. This excellently struck touch was rung by the following: L. J. Malings 1, E. Pearson 2, C. F. Johnston 3, H. Impey 4, E. Sibley 5, W. A. Stote (conductor) 6.

It is a source of pleasure to learn that the collection in church at the dedication service, together with the profit from the fete, have brought the restoration fund to a sufficient total to pay for all the work, which has been so excellently carried out.

A pathetic reminder of the recent loss of the Master of the Diocesan Guild was brought home to some who realised that the dedication day had been specially fixed to suit the Bishop and the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, who had taken an active interest in the restoration of the bells.

BARNBY-ON-DON RINGER'S DEATH.

On Tuesday, June 6th, 720 of Oxford and 360 of Violet Treble Bob Minor were rung at Barnby-on-Don, Yorks, with the clappers half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Fred Cooke, for many years a regular service ringer at this church, and who was interred in Barnby-on-Don Churchyard on the previous Sunday: A. Phillipson 1, A. Coates 2, J. Thorley 3, J. Howsham 4, J. F. Mallaby (conductor) 5, C. Thorley 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The 54th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held on Whit Monday at Chelmsford, where there was a large gathering of members from all parts of the county and beyond.

Service was held at the Cathedral, at which the Sub-Dean (Canon Morrow) officiated and the Master of the association (Mr. C. H. Howard) read the lesson. The ringers' form of service was used. The address was given by the Rev. C. W. Alington, M.A., Vicar of Great Waltham, who took for his text, 'Ye shall be my witnesses.' The preacher referred to the church work performed by the ringers, and said as such they were successors to the Apostles.

A collection for the bell restoration fund in the county amounted to £1 10s. 3d.

Luncheon followed at the Golden Fleece Hotel, after which the annual meeting was held. The Master, who presided, announced that Mr. F. J. Pitstow, the secretary and treasurer, was prevented from attending by an engagement he felt compelled to keep, and that in his absence Mr. E. J. Butler, Romford, would carry out the secretarial duties.

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master presented his report, which recorded a successful and encouraging year's work. The association had recovered from the slight reduction in numbers announced last year and now had a membership of 1,216, and an increase of 67, which exceeded all previous figures. Danbury, Belchamp Walter, Great Holland, Fobbing and Stanford-le-Hope towers had become affiliated and Chigwell had withdrawn, making a total of 109 towers in union with the association. The district meetings had had an average attendance of about 50. These frequent meetings cultivated and fostered a real comradeship amongst the members, and at the same time there was a growing spirit of fellowship which was an undoubted essential if their position was to be maintained at the high standard of ringing, which was further reflected in the increased number and quality of peals rung—119, which exceeded all previous records. One hundred and ten were rung on tower bells and nine on handbells. The peals were rung in 48 towers and the conducting was shared by 43 members.

The year's record of peal ringing, added the report, was an accomplishment of which they might justly be proud, and, by the large number of members who took part in this achievement, it was evident that peal ringing was not confined to a select few, but, on the contrary, indicated that every assistance was afforded to the younger and less experienced who wished to avail themselves of the opportunity by this means of becoming more efficient in the art.

After referring to the numerous losses sustained by the association through death, the report went on to speak of the belfry improvements at Manuden, Witham, Thorington and High Ongar. At Dagenham the ring of six is to be rehung and the frame strengthened and some of the bells recast. A new treble is contemplated at Danbury to make a ring of six, and at Kelvedon it is proposed to add two trebles to the heavy and musical ring of six. When this improvement is carried into effect, Kelvedon will possess one of the most melodious rings of eight in the country.

The financial statement compared favourably with the one presented last year. The total income was £69 15s. 7d., against £77 12s. 1d. The difference was accounted for by the decrease in honorary and ringing members' subscriptions and the abolition of peal booking fees. On the other hand, expenses were considerably less, being £50 7s. 11d., against £60 18s. 5d., enabling £10 to be placed to the reserve Post Office deposit account and a balance of £30 1s. 7d. carried forward. Grants from the Bell Restoration Fund had been made of £5 5s. to St. George's, Woodford Green, £1 1s. to Manuden and £3 3s. to Thorington, leaving a balance in hand on this fund of £35 18s. 2d., against £33 12s. 7d. in the preceding year. The total worth of the association as shown in the statement of accounts was now £233 10s. 11d., against £213 15s. 1d. for 1931, which must be considered very satisfactory in these difficult times.

For another successful year's work the association was indebted to the general secretary and treasurer, the District Masters and secretaries, all of whom in appreciation of their services had been re-elected, the auditors and general committees and representatives upon the Central Council and the tower correspondents for their assistance in the arrangements of meetings, to all of whom, on behalf of the members, the Master tendered grateful thanks.

On the proposition of Mr. C. Fenn, seconded by Mr. W. Pye, the report and balance sheet were adopted.

PROPOSED AUGMENTATION OF KELVEDON BELLS.

Mr. Butler presented the report of the General Committee, which recommended that one guinea be sent to the Rev. H. Law James Memorial Fund and that five guineas be given to the proposal to add two bells to the ring of six at Kelvedon. The Master announced that the Elliott family were prepared to give the treble bell, and it would encourage the local authority if the association subscribed towards the other bell. It would be a compliment to the Kelvedon band and also to Mr. Keeble, who regularly rang there and was keenly interested in the proposal. Kelvedon had the heaviest ring of six bells in Essex, and with the augmentation to eight they would have one of the finest peals in the county.—The recommendations for the grants were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Butler took the chair for the election of Master. Only one proposition was made, that Mr. Howard be re-elected, and this was carried unanimously. Mr. Butler thereupon congratulated the Master, who resumed the chair. The Master said he appreciated the enthusiastic way he had been re-elected for the 25th time, and it would be a great pleasure to him to continue in office. All the officers and members were most loyal, and wherever he went he was encouraged by the way he was received and supported. He would do his very best to carry on the duties, and when the members felt there should be a change, he would willingly stand aside and support whoever was elected. Mr. Howard mentioned as a coincidence that this happened to be the 25th year also that he had been re-elected a member of the Braintree Urban Council.

Mr. Pitstow was unanimously re-elected secretary and treasurer. The death of Mr. Thomas Faulkner, formerly on the General and Peal Committees, was reported with regret, and the members stood as a tribute to his memory. Mr. George Green was elected to the vacancy on the General Committee and Mr. F. Deuch to the vacancy on the Peal Committee.

SOLE SURVIVOR OF FOUNDERS.

The Master introduced Mr. Thomas Edwards, Braintree, as the sole survivor of the founder-members of the Essex Association, and said the members were very pleased to see him at the 54th annual meeting.—Mr. Edwards expressed his gratitude at being present, and delivered a reminiscent address on former Essex ringers.

Mr. F. Bennett, Brighton, was elected a life non-resident member of the association, and the following old members of the association were elected life members: Messrs. A. Tarbun (Widford), E. Scrivener (Dunmow) and I. Cavill (Harlow Common).

Mr. L. Wiffen, Braintree, said he wished to raise the question of 'The Ringing World.' Some ringers did not realise the importance of this paper to ringers. 'The Ringing World' catered well for ringers, and the paper had a very capable ringer as editor, and every ringer should support him, if not it might come about that the ringing associations would one day have to finance a ringing paper.

The Master said he quite supported the references to 'The Ringing World,' and every member should take the paper. It was well worth the 3d. charged for it, and if the circulation was increased the paper might be enlarged. In the Northern Division of Essex they had a roll call of those who took 'The Ringing World,' and fresh subscribers were announced at each meeting. He urged other districts to do likewise.

The proposal to change the title of the association to 'The Chelmsford Diocesan Guild' is reported under a separate heading.

During the day ringing took place in the following towers: Chelmsford Cathedral (12), Writtle, Widford, Galleywood, Great Baddow, Great Waltham, Springfield, Broomfield and Boreham. The ringing included all the standard methods, from Minor to Maximus.

HIGH ONGAR IS ONE UP.

AUGMENTATION AT AN ESSEX TOWER.

For very many years the five bells at High Ongar, Essex, have hung forlorn and dejected; folks only knew they were there through the medium of a chiming apparatus. It has long been the wish of the Rector to remedy the defect, but in this truly rural parish the task seemed hopeless until a 'fairy godfather' turned up; then things began to move and continued to move until the Bishop of Barking, at a special service on Whit Sunday, put the final seal upon the work carried out.

The Bishop appreciated very much the attendance of so many ringers, and expressed that appreciation very feelingly. During the course of his address his Lordship publicly thanked the trustees of the Barron Bell Trust for their kindness in assisting the parish in so liberal a manner. He expressed his pleasure to know that the work of restoring the bells had been in such capable hands as that of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. He was sure that the work had been done well, and this was confirmed by the experts he had consulted after they had examined the completed work. The Bishop also gave some very helpful advice regarding the care and preservation of bells, and hoped they would look after and use to their utmost this grand gift.

As there has not been a resident band at High Ongar for years, the ringing arrangements were in the hands of Mr. E. J. Butler, of Romford, and he was ably assisted by Mr. C. Howard, the stalwart head of the Essex Association, the brothers Pyé, Messrs. W. Nevard, W. Keeble, F. Bennett, J. Davis and numerous others, including Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, who attended on behalf of the firm. The ringing undertaken was adapted to suit every type of ringer from the one whose hands still had to taste the pleasure of 'medals' to those who were members of the N.O.P.G. From everyone came sincere appreciation of the work of Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The workmanship is of a very high standard. The area of the tower is somewhat restricted, and although the bells are all on one level, there is a marked absence of crampedness. The design of the bell frame and the arrangement of the bells has been well thought out, demonstrating in no small manner the thoroughness of the Taylor organisation, and something to be proud of.

A new treble has been added to the old five and the old fourth has been recast. The sound bells have been tuned, forming a pleasing ring of six which will be an added joy to High Ongar. The framework is of well-dimensioned castings, mounted upon large sectioned girders, giving the impression that the job is made to stand for ever.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Beaconsfield bells were rung for 2 hours and 10 minutes in an attempt for a local peal of Cambridge Major on Saturday, June 3rd, and, by a coincidence, about the time of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayne, who did so much in their 'courting' days to maintain service ringing in this tower.

At the time of their marriage, says a correspondent, 'splicing' was becoming popular in the Exercise—Oxford Diocesan Guild with Middlesex County Association. It will be interesting to know what the 'boy' will become.

Friends of Mr. J. C. Truss, of Marlow, will be glad to hear he was well enough to visit Wooburn on Saturday and hear one of his youngsters ring his 'first.'

Mr. Uriah Braven, of Bristol, desires to express his thanks for the messages of comfort and good wishes received during his illness.

Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. and Mrs. Francis S. Wilson wish to tender their sincere thanks and appreciation to Major J. H. B. Hesse and all those who took part in ringing the peal at Haslemere in honour of their marriage. The bride and bridegroom heard the peal throughout, and a very fine one it was.

PROGRESS AND FIRST PEALERS.

A WORD IN DEFENCE OF THE SIX-BELL MEN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leader of last week you made mention of the large number of peals of Minor rung in one method only, and also mentioned some of the causes, among them being lack of enterprise and initiative on the part of the six-bell bands. Now, sir, 40 years ago the Bankes James Cambridge Minor was not in existence, and there were not bands who had rung Maximus, Royal and Major (and who normally ignore the six-bell man and his tower), and must ring all one method in order that there should be a footnote to the effect, 'Has now rung peals of Cambridge on six, eight, ten and twelve bells' (N.O.P.G.s, please note). This has been the cause of an increase in one method Minor peals. Peals in less than seven methods on six bells have on many occasions had to be rung for the simple reason that certain eight-bell men have HAD to be in the peal, and although they ring London, Bristol, etc., on eight, the unfortunate six-bell conductor finds that the extent of their knowledge of methods on six bells does not go beyond Cambridge, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. This is a part of the other end of the scale. The six-bell towers have (in many cases) been the nursery which has produced a good many of to-day's eight-bell Surprise men, but they are too modest to say so. Other causes of one method Minor peals being rung can be found where bands have a 'bee in their bonnet' to head their peal 'Surprise Minor.'

Regarding 'first pealers,' I looked down the peal columns of your issue of last week and found: Triples and Major, 27 peals rung, first peals 3; Minor and Doubles, 15 peals rung, first peals 15. Need I say more?

GEORGE GILBERT.

Maidenhead.

WHO WAS THE FOUNDER?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Replying to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter's query, 'Who was the founder?' I should say the initials 'R. B.' doubtless refer to the family of Brend, of Norwich. The name of Robert Brend, bellfounder, is recorded in St. Stephen's register, 1565.

As early as 1564 initials 'R. B. and I. B.' are found associated with bells at South Bergh, Norfolk and elsewhere. R. B. may be connected with Robert Brend, whose name is met with in 1577 in the register of All Saints', Norwich. A number of other members of this family use only initials on their bells, such as 'W. I. B.' (William and John), 'W. A. B.' (William and Alice), and occasionally they use the Brasyer shield and Norwich arms with no inscription in addition.

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BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.

NEW OFFICERS.

The general meeting of Bristol United Guilds was held on Friday, June 9th. Mr. Uriah Braven, having recovered from his serious operation, presided.

It was agreed that a 'charabanc tours week' be arranged for 1934. (No tour will be arranged this year.)

Mr. Frank Skidmore was invested as chairman for the year, Mr. S. Riches was elected as vice-chairman and Mr. A. Blackwell as pro-vice-chairman. The hon. treasurer and hon. secretary were re-elected, as were the trustees and stewards, with the addition of Mrs. F. Skidmore.

A donation of 10s. 6d. was made to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies Memorial.

A cricket match, Bristol ringers versus Wrington ringers, will take place on July 15th. An urn, presented to the Guilds in 1930, is now held by Wrington ringers, last year's winners.

The hon. secretary was requested to write to the Lord Bishop of Bristol (who was enthroned that day) and extend a welcome from his church bellringers.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING.

We begin with this issue a full report of the proceedings of the 41st annual meeting of the Central Council held at Skinners' Hall, London, on Whitsun Tuesday.

The members present were:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: W. T. Cockerill, A. B. Peck and C. F. Winney.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: H. W. Brown, J. T. Dyke and J. Hunt.

Bedfordshire Association: A. King and A. E. Sharman.

Cambridge University Guild: E. M. Atkins and E. H. Lewis.

Chester Diocesan Guild: J. Norbury and T. Wilde.

Devon Guild: T. Laver, E. W. Marsh and the Rev. E. S. Powell.

Durham and Newcastle Association: W. H. Barber and W. J. Davidson.

East Derbyshire and Notts Association: T. Clarke.

Ely Diocesan Association: The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Miss K. Willers.

Essex Association: E. J. Butler, C. H. Howard, W. J. Nevard and G. R. Pye.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: J. Austin, E. Guise and W. Rose.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: G. L. Grover, A. C. Hazleden and A. H. Pulling.

Hertford County Association: W. Ayre.

Kent County Association: J. H. Cheesman, T. Groombridge, F. M. Mitchell and T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. R. Richardson.

Lancashire Association: The Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: G. Chester and the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: D. G. Clift and J. W. Jones.

London County Association: A. D. Barker, F. E. Dawe and T. H. Taffender.

Middlesex County Association: C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. Hollier and W. Pickworth.

Midland Counties Association: E. C. Gobey, J. H. Swinfield, E. Denison Taylor and W. E. White.

Norwich Diocesan Association: A. L. Coleman and F. Nolan Golden.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, R. T. Hibbert and A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society: W. Collett.

Oxford University Society: H. Miles.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: H. Baxter, R. G. Black, T. Tebbutt and F. Wilford.

Romney Marsh and District Guild: P. Page.

St. Clement Youths: G. Cross.

St. Martin's Guild: A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, S. Hillier, C. H. Jennings and F. W. Romaine.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: J. Parker and F. Smith.

Sherwood Youths: A. Coppock.

Stafford Archdeaconry Guild: T. J. Elton and H. Knight.

Suffolk Guild: The Rev. H. Drake, C. J. Sedgeley and S. H. Symonds.

Surrey Association: D. Cooper and C. H. Kippin.

Sussex County Association: J. T. Rickman.

Warwickshire Guild: F. W. Perrens and J. H. W. White.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: H. Barton, G. Pullinger, F. W. Rogers and G. Williams.

Worcester and Districts Association: H. G. Bird, R. G. Knowles and J. D. Johnson.

Yorkshire Association: J. Cotterell, P. J. Johnson, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall and S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members: W. A. Cave, C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, J. Griffin, Major J. H. B. Hesse, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, A. Walker, S. H. Wood and E. Alex Young.

The societies unrepresented were Barnsley and District Guild, Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, Dudley and District Guild, Hereford Diocesan Guild, Irish Association, North Notts Association, North Staffs Association, Scottish Association, Shropshire Association, Swansea and Brecon Guild, Truro Diocesan Guild.

A WELCOME.

The Worshipful Master of the Skinners' Company (Mr. R. D. Poland) welcomed the members at the outset of the proceedings. He said he understood the Council rang the changes from year to year, and chose on each occasion a fresh venue for their meeting. He only hoped that the setting they had chosen this year would be conducive to their deliberations. He most heartily welcomed them to Skinners' Hall.

The President (Mr. E. H. Lewis) thanked the Worshipful Master for his great kindness in allowing the Council the use of the hall and for coming there to welcome them. Change ringing, continued the President, was steeped in tradition. It went back nearly 300 years. They were very keen on everything that belonged to the past; on maintaining traditions, and, as far as they could, handing them on unsullied. For that reason they liked to go to some building that had tradition and that reminded them of a glorious past and encouraged them to hand on their traditions to the future as the Skinners' Company were handing on theirs (applause).

REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES.

Canon Coleridge then opened the business meeting with prayer, after which the hon. secretary reported that the present Council was composed of 128 members, representing 51 associations, and 12 honorary members—total 140. The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild had increased its representation from two to four members, and the Truro Diocesan Guild, which last year increased its representation to four members, had this year reverted to one. The figures which he had given, said Mr. Fletcher, did not include the North Wales Association, which had not so far paid the subscription for the year. All other subscriptions had been paid.

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED.

Canon Coleridge proposed the re-election of Mr. E. H. Lewis as president of the Council for the ensuing three years. The Council had been very much blessed during the last three years, he said, in having Mr. Lewis at its head. He referred to Mr. Lewis' valuable service in giving technical advice in connection with bell restorations, and to the admirable manner in which he had conducted the business of the Council. They had in their president not a mere figurehead, but a man who knew everything that ought to be known about the Exercise and those who formed the Exercise (applause).

Mr. Lewis' re-election was agreed to with acclamation, and, in acknowledging the Council's cordial reception of the motion, the President said he sometimes felt he did not serve them quite as he should, partly because of other calls upon his time, but as far as he was able he would do his best during the next three years. At the same time, he thanked the Council for their co-operation, because unless they all co-operated and worked together, the Council would not function.

The President went on to propose the re-election of Mr. G. W. Fletcher as hon. secretary and treasurer. They had, he said, been extremely well served since Mr. Fletcher took up the duties, and the results of his efficiency would become even more noticeable as time went on and Mr. Fletcher picked up more of the threads. He (the president) possibly saw more of what went on behind the scenes than most of the members, and he could say that the work which Mr. Fletcher put in was colossal and the excellence of that work was very noticeable.—Mr. W. T. Cockerill seconded the motion, which was carried with applause.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN'S SUCCESSOR.

The President said they had to elect an honorary librarian in the place of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. The Standing Committee had given a great deal of thought to the question, and recommended the name of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who was willing to accept the position. He did not think the Council could do better than elect him. He was, from the Council's point of view, fortunately placed in the country, with a residence large enough to house their literature.

The election was approved with applause.

THE HONORARY MEMBERS.

The election of honorary members was the next business. Those retiring were Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. A. Young.

The President said they had lost by death Mr. H. W. Wilde, and Mr. E. W. Elwell had resigned, owing to having accepted an appointment in America. There was one other place left vacant. The Standing Committee recommended the election of the seven retiring members and also recommended the election of Mr. C. Dean, who was a very useful member of the Analysis Committee, and who was now no longer a representative of the Surrey Association. The committee would like to retain his services.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed the re-election of the seven retiring members and the election of Mr. C. Dean.—Mr. C. T. Coles seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. James Hunt proposed that the name of Mr. James George be added to the list. Mr. Hunt said he presumed Mr. George was not re-elected last year because of his unfortunate connection with the tablet recording the false peal at Painswick. He understood Mr. George had nothing whatever to do with the tablet and that it was put up against his wish.—The Rev. H. Drake seconded.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley proposed Mr. C. W. Roberts as an honorary member. Mr. Roberts was a young man of great experience in composition, and, if elected, would be a very useful member of the Council.—Mr. H. Knight seconded.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake proposed the name of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, who, he said, was, as most of them knew, a young and very

enthusiastic ringer and fine conductor, and a keen worker in everything connected with the Exercise.—Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded.

The President asked the Council to vote on whether they desired to keep open one place among the hon. members in case of emergency. This was agreed to nem con.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards supported the election of Mr. George, who, he said, had taken very much to heart the fact that he was not re-elected last year. He was a great ringer and, in his 80th year, not only rang a peal about once a week, but spent a large part of his time in training beginners. It would be an unworthy act on the part of the Council to allow his declining days to be clouded by the sorrow of his severance from the Council. In 20 years' time, if events were reviewed by an impartial critic, it would stand as a black mark against the history of the Council if they allowed such a cloud to fall over the life of such a remarkable ringer. On more than one occasion he had heard from Mr. George's lips that he protested against any tablet being put up to that ill-starred peal.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett also supported Mr. George's election. Mr. George greatly regretted the Painswick incident, and to him exclusion from the Council had been a great sorrow. He (the speaker) urged that Mr. George should be restored to the position he greatly prized.

Mr. P. J. Johnson asked if the qualification for honorary membership of the Council was to be a man's individual ringing performances? What they ought to keep in mind was the service which a man could render to the Exercise as an honorary member. In the natural course of things it was inevitable that they must all get older, but if they were to adopt the principle that a man, once elected, had an inalienable right to being an honorary member, he did not know where some of the youngsters were going to be—it did not give them much of a chance.

Mr. C. T. Coles said he was sorry to contradict what had been said about Mr. George protesting against the Painswick tablet. He (Mr. Coles) had had it from Mr. George himself and from members of the Painswick band that he wished the peal board to be placed there. There was only one thing that would cause him to support Mr. George's election, and that was if he could really believe he regretted his action. Personally, he could not help feeling rather doubtful about it. Honorary members of the Council, said Mr. Coles, were elected, not for the number of peals they had rung, but for the services they had or could render to the Exercise. During his previous term of office Mr. George did nothing for the Council. He (Mr. Coles) was sorry to have to speak like this, but it required somebody to make a protest.

Canon Elsee said whether Mr. George had done any great service to the Council as such, or not, he had done a good deal of service to the cause of ringing, not merely by his own prowess as a bellringer, but in training and encouraging young ringers. He would be glad if the Council saw fit to re-elect him as an hon. member.

The three names were submitted to ballot, and the President, later, announced the result as follows: Mr. Roberts 40 votes, Mr. George 30, Mr. Hooton 26. Mr. Roberts was, therefore, declared elected.

While the votes were being counted, new members of the Council were presented to the President, who afterwards extended congratulations to Mr. W. Storey, an old member, upon having been made a Justice of the Peace. He also congratulated Canon Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, upon having recently been made a canon, and Mr. Stephen Wood, one of their members, who recently got married (applause). To those three the Council offered their congratulations and best wishes.

THE DEATH OF THE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

The President next mentioned the losses sustained by the Council through death. Most of all, he said, they missed the cheery face of their late honorary librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. He need not go into his life story—that had been published, but Mr. Jenkyn was a member of the Council from 1906. He was present at 24 meetings and only missed one when he was serving his country in France. He had been honorary librarian since the post was inaugurated in 1913; a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee since 1922, a member of the Standing Committee and a member of the Stedman Commemoration Committee; he also acted as treasurer of that fund. They missed Mr. Jenkyn in many ways. He was not only a 'ringing parson,' but they might call him a 'ringers' parson' (hear, hear). He regarded ringers as his parish and really did pastoral work among the ringers, particularly in his own diocese, and for upwards of 20 years his influence in that direction was very great indeed. One thing that struck them most about his ringing, and it was the one point they might dwell upon and keep fresh in their memory, was that whatever ringing he undertook it must be of the best. Mr. Jenkyn was a great lover of Stedman on all numbers. He liked twelve-bell ringing, but he was equally happy raising and falling five bells in peal, or even ringing call changes, provided that raising and falling, or ringing of call changes, was the best possible of its kind. That, said the President, was an ideal which they should all keep before them and try and keep his memory green in that respect. Mr. Jenkyn was a keen change ringer, but he was more keen on good ringing than he was on change ringing. In other words, he preferred well-struck rounds or call changes to bad change ringing. That was an example for them all to follow, while at the same time they all hoped to ring changes and ring them as well as they rang call changes. That was just one side of Mr. Jenkyn's life which he (the president) thought worthy of mention, especially as that side of ringing had been before them in recent years. They could only rejoice in the way Mr. Jenkyn left them. It was exactly the thing he would have wished. For themselves they were sorry; they could not be sorry for him. They would find it very difficult to fill the various gaps he had left.

OTHER LOSSES.

Continuing, the President said they had also lost Mr. E. Barnett, of the Kent County Association, who had been a member of the Council since 1903. He had been present at 26 meetings and absent from only two. Mr. Barnett was not a leader in debate; in fact, his voice was seldom publicly heard at Council meetings, but for all that he did very good work on the Council, because it was not only at the formal meetings that the work of the Council was done. A great deal of good accrued from informal discussions which took place before and after the formal meetings. Mr. Barnett took his share in that side of the work, and he took back to his adopted county of Kent a good influence which had possibly been strengthened by contact with members at their Council meetings. He had a wonderful influence in his particular sphere; he was keen on good striking and on method ringing provided good striking was maintained with it.

They had lost Mr. H. W. Wilde, a member since 1912, who had been present at 12 meetings and absent from seven. Being an honorary member, he didn't always find it easy to travel to the more distant meetings. He had been a member of the Peal Collection Committee, and was convener of the Variations Committee at the time of his death. He had done a great deal of quiet work on the question of composition of all sorts of methods. He was extremely careful, and he (the president) did not think he ever knew Mr. Wilde publish a composition which was afterwards found out to be false.

Mr. Thomas Faulkner, whose death they also regretted, represented the Ancient Society of College Youths since 1912. He was present at 14 meetings and absent from only five. He, again, did much good work as a member of the Council.

They had also lost Mr. Frank Hopgood, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, a member of the Council since 1900, who had been present at 27 meetings and absent only from four. He was another of those quiet men who, while not taking much part in public debate, learned much from private discussion and took it back and spread it in the diocese of Oxford.

In addition to members of the Council, death had removed some former members, including Mr. A. E. Parsons, of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, a member from 1915 to 1923; Mr. W. Walmsley, of the Chester Diocesan Guild, a member from 1893 to 1899; Mr. C. Player, of Romney Marsh Guild, who was elected a member, but, unfortunately, died before he was able to attend a meeting. Last year they omitted to mention the death of Mr. H. Haigh, of the North Notts Association, a member of the Council from 1903 to 1923, who had done much good work in that rather isolated district. Last on the list was Mr. E. P. O'Meara, a member from 1897 to 1902 and from 1906 to 1908.

In memory of all these, the President asked the members to stand in silence.

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VISITORS ENTERTAINED.

Visitors for the Council meeting began to arrive in London on Saturday, and quite a good gathering turned up at headquarters (Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street) the same evening. On Sunday service ringing at various towers was well attended.

On Monday an enjoyable morning was spent at Westminster Abbey. About 34 visitors were present and were welcomed on behalf of the Dean and Chapter by the Rev. Dr. Perkins, superintendent of the belfry. Time for ringing was limited, and a short touch each of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich was rung, as well as a course of Cambridge Surprise.

After the ringing the visitors were received in the Jerusalem Chamber by the Dean, the Very Rev. Dr. Foxley Norris, who gave a brief account of this historical room, panelled with cedar, said to have been brought from Lebanon. It was here that Henry IV. was brought to die, while the traditional story which credits Henry V. with putting on his father's crown before his death is connected with this room.

A very enjoyable morning was thus filled in.

In the afternoon a large party saw the Carter ringing machine demonstrated at the Science Museum, South Kensington, and then climbed to the belfry at the Imperial Institute, where the heavy ring of ten bells were rung for an hour.

There was an informal social at headquarters later in the evening.

After the Council meeting, the members and their friends were entertained to a sumptuous tea by the Middlesex County Association, the party, numbering nearly 150, being presided over by the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane (president of the association), supported by the officials of the Council and the officers of the association. Subsequently ringing took place at St. Paul's Cathedral, and this was followed by a social at which songs and glees were sung by the St. Clement's Quartette.

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REOPENING OF BOW BELLS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR A 'RINGERS' DAY.'

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury will dedicate the restored ring of twelve bells at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, London, at 3.45 p.m. on Friday, July 7th.

On the following day there is to be a ringers' opening, to which, by kind permission of the Rector and churchwardens, all ringers are invited. The bells will be available from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 6.30 to 8 p.m. At 4 o'clock a service will be held in Bow Church, followed by tea at 5 p.m., at which the ringers will be the guests of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge, who has so generously defrayed the cost of the work which has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. At 8.30 p.m. there is to be a social at the Cannon Street Hotel.

Ringers should watch our notice columns carefully for details of the arrangements.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Brighton on Whit Monday, the towers of St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd being open for ringing. At the special service in St. Nicholas' Church, the Rev. V. P. Powell, M.A., Vicar, preached a sermon on the high calling of the ringers, pointing out that they rang out to the glory of God and called people to His worship. He alluded to the temptation which existed, also among priests, to work in the Name of God and yet leave Him out. They must not think solely of the pleasure of ringing, but must consider also its spiritual aspect.

Following tea in St. Nicholas' Hall, to which 70 sat down, the general meeting was held, the Master (Mr. J. Thornton Rickman) taking the chair. He explained the reason for postponing the date of the meeting to Whit Monday, which was accepted by the members present. One new member, Miss K. Shepherd, East Grinstead, was elected.

The balance sheet showed a strong financial position. On the general account the receipts were £67 19s. 4d., and included £61 1s. from subscriptions of affiliated towers and members. The payments were £69 10s. 0½d., the balance in hand being £135 3s. 2d. In addition, there are balances of £50 in the reserve fund, £72 18s. 8d. in the benevolent fund and 17s. 1d. on the certificate account.

The report referred to the recent reorganisation by creating four divisions instead of three and providing for six meetings annually in the East and West and four each in the North and South. The report also again stressed the importance of regular and punctual attendance at Sunday service ringing, as also at the divisional meetings and combined practices, and called attention to the coming jubilee of the association, which will be celebrated in 1935.

After the report and balance sheet had been approved, the hon. general secretary stated that 73 peals had been rung by the association during 1932.

The following officers were elected: Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman; treasurer, Mr. O. Sippetts; hon. general secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone; peal secretary, Mr. F. I. Hairs; auditors, Messrs. F. C. J. Turner and W. C. Hart; representative to Central Council, Mr. J. T. Rickman; trustees, Messrs. F. B. Tompkins, H. R. Butcher and G. W. Stokes. All alterations to rules, as placed on the agenda, were carried. These were dealt with administrative matters.

Hastings was chosen for the annual general meeting in 1934.

The meeting congratulated the Crawley branch upon their peal ringing performances, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Master and officials.

The following towers were represented: Battle, Billingshurst, Bosham, Crawley, Chichester, Cuckfield, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), East Grinstead, Hastings (All Saints' and St. Clement's), Heathfield, Heene, Henfield, Southover (Lewes), Lindfield, Ringmer, Rotherfield, Shoreham, St. Leonards (Christ Church), Upper Beeding and Warnham. Among the visitors were Messrs. John Thomas, W. Claydon, Ruben Saunders, James Bennett, W. A. Cave, William Hewitt, Edwin Pike, H. T. Wisdon and G. S. Wiggins.

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PRESENTATION TO CANON COLERIDGE.

Late in the evening, Canon Coleridge, who arrived from a Masonic gathering, was greeted with musical honours, and the President of the Council presented to him a set of pipes and a tobacco pouch. Mr. Lewis said this was a little present from the whole of the members of the Council to show their appreciation of the fact that Canon Coleridge had attended his 41st consecutive Council meeting. He was the only member who had attended every meeting since the Council was founded.

Canon Coleridge, in acknowledging the gift, said it was perfectly true that he had not missed a single Council meeting, wherever it had been held. He felt three years ago that he ought to give up being their president, and he was thankful he did so, because he did not know where the Council would have been but for having Mr. Lewis at its head. They were very fortunate in their present choice of president, and he hoped all of them would enjoy good health and good ringing for many years to come.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.

A REFERENDUM TO BE TAKEN.

The most important business before the annual meeting of the Essex Association on Whit Monday was a resolution passed at the annual district meeting of the Northern Division, at Braintree, on the 12th November, 1932, which came up for consideration:—

'That this meeting of the Northern Division recommends to the annual general meeting that the name of the Essex Association be changed to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild.'

In his introductory remarks, the Master stated that this matter was brought forward on a suggestion in 1928, the year before the association celebrated its jubilee, and it was then thought it would be better to complete 50 years without any change of name. When the Essex Association was formed in 1879, Essex formed part only of the diocese of St. Albans, which comprised Essex and Herts. Chelmsford Diocese had since been formed, and it conformed to the boundaries of Essex. It was thought by some that the association should now assume a diocesan status and be named the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild. There had been correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on the subject, and it had been discussed at all the annual district meetings so that members in every part of the county could have an opportunity of expressing their opinion.

Mr. W. Keeble then moved that the name be changed to 'The Chelmsford Diocesan Guild,' remarking that times changed and men's opinions changed.—Dr. Spencer Phillips, in seconding, said if they were named after the diocese the public would realise more their close association with the Church, and although they rang peals for their pleasure and profit, they were essentially a branch of church-workers whose first duty was service ringing.

Mr. W. Pye said such a change required serious consideration. It might cause unrest. The association had been known as Essex for 54 years and there were over 1,200 members.

After several others had expressed their views, Mr. G. W. Faulkner moved that a referendum of members be taken on the subject.—Mr. Moore seconded.

Mr Butler supported, and suggested that the diocese of Chelmsford, which now included all Essex, might be divided a few years hence. The association should carry on in the name under which it was christened—Essex.

On a vote, 52 were for the amendment and 12 against. The Master declared the amendment carried.

On the amendment for a referendum being put as a substantive motion, it was carried with only three against.

The Master said arrangements would be made to take the referendum at an early date. He thanked the members for the excellent spirit they had shown in the discussion.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Abergele on Whit Monday. About 50 members attended, representing the following towers: Bangor, Portmadoc, Llandudno, Rhyl, Wrexham, Chester and the local band. Several visitors were also present, including Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mr. H. Martin (Birkenhead), Mr. G. Jones (Eccleston) and Mr. Dean (Norton, Staffs). A service was held in St. Michael's Church and conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Hughes), who gave an interesting address and warmly welcomed the association to Abergele.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. R. C. Jones, Vicar of Bangor, was elected president of the association. The new president (who succeeds the late Rev. W. M. Morgan-Jones) takes an active interest in the art of ringing, being quite a proficient ringer himself.

The other officers were elected as follows: Vice-presidents, the Rev. Watkin-Davies, M.A., and the Rev. Benjamin Davies, M.A., Vicar of Wrexham; Ringing Master, Mr. A. E. Pegler; treasurer, Mr. T. Cathrall; secretary, Mr. W. Cathrall. District secretaries, Bangor, Mr. A. Pegler, jun.; Rhyl, Mr. B. R. Collis; Wrexham, Mr. A. Lea, jun. District instructors: Bangor, Mr. A. E. Pegler; Rhyl, Mr. Fuller; Wrexham, Mr. A. Lea, jun. Fifteen new ringing members were elected, also Mr. A. J. Hughes, the former Ringing Master, as a life member.

It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Mold on the last Saturday in September, or, failing this, at Rhyl on the same date; the annual meeting for 1934 to be held at Beaumaris, Anglesey.

The business having been disposed of, tea, kindly provided by the local ringers, was partaken of.

Before returning to the belfry for further ringing, a vote of thanks was proposed by the president (the Rev. R. C. Jones) to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting and for his interesting address, and also to the ladies who had prepared a most excellent tea.—This was seconded by the Rev. C. Williams, Vicar of Tryddyn, and replied to for the visitors by Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft and Mr. Dean, who extended an invitation to North Wales ringers to visit the Midland Counties and Staffordshire Guild meetings.

Prior to and following the meeting, the members took the opportunity of visiting the beautiful church of Bodelwyddan, which also possesses a very fine peal of eight bells.

THE NEW MAJOR RECORD.

GREAT PERFORMANCE AT BENNINGTON.

As recorded in our last issue, a new Major record was set up at Bennington, Herts, on Whit Monday, when members of the Hertford County Association rang a peal of 18,144 Plain Bob in 10 hours 52 minutes.

The band met at 7.20 a.m., and, after raising the bells and adjusting the ropes, a start was made at 7.40. A little trouble came in the third course, and another start was made at 8 a.m. This time the band settled down to good ringing, which was maintained throughout the peal. The half-way single was reached at 1.24 p.m., and everything continued to run smoothly until the bells came round at 6.52 p.m.—the ringers being well satisfied with their day's work.

Mr. W. R. Madgwick was to have taken part in the peal, but, being unable to stand in, his place was taken by Mr. A. J. House.

The ringers wish to thank Mr. W. H. Lawrence and other friends for the interest shown in each of the attempts, and also to express thanks for the many congratulations received.

The composition, by Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, was as follows:—

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42365			—	

Eleven times repeated, singles at 6th and 12th part ends.

* Omitted in 3rd course of last three parts.

The previous longest length of Major was 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob at Heptonstall in 10 hours 51 minutes on April 18th, 1927, and the longest length of Plain Bob at 15,360 at Aston on October 1st, 1793.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

VISIT TO EDWINSTOWE AND PERLETHORPE.

A bi-monthly meeting was held at Edwinstowe on Saturday, May 27th, when about 30 members came from Barlborough, Blyth, Bolsover, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield, Ordsall, Sutton-on-Trent, Shireoaks, Clowne, Warsop and Treeton to try the delightful peal of bells. During the afternoon about 12 of these ringers made a visit to Perlethorpe Church, where they were welcomed by the Rev. A. K. Moore and the local band. Touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise were rung. The situation of this beautiful peal of bells, placed in such a glorious church, with the park and woodlands around, gave the ringers a great change from town life. The Rev. A. K. Moore and local band must be thanked for their welcome given to the society.

Tea was held in the Church Room, when the Rev. Day-Lewis welcomed the ringers to Edwinstowe. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson.

Mr. W. Brett, jun., of East Markham, was elected a member.

The next meeting is to be held at Misson on July 1st, when it is hoped to give special attention to learners.

The secretary reported that he had tried to fix up instruction for Harworth, but he had not received any reply from the tower concerned.

The assistant secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents of the two parishes and to the caterers. Further ringing at Edwinstowe in the evening brought 'the end of a perfect day.'

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Halesworth on Whit Monday, the towers of Wenhaston, Wissett and Chediston being also placed at the disposal of the ringers. Members were present from Ipswich, Norwich, Beccles, Leiston, Ufford, Redenhall, Loddon, Lowestoft, Wilby, Wrentham, Saxmundham, Hacheston, Hevingham (Norfolk), Heveningham (Suffolk), Kessingland, Badingham, Rushmere, Huntingfield, Wissett, Chediston, Cookley and Halesworth. Touches in many methods were rung, and tea was provided at the Town Hall, well catered for by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Took.

A short meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rev. H. C. Nowbery, Rector of Halesworth, who gave the Guild a cordial welcome.

Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next two meetings at Stratford St. Mary and Stradbroke respectively.

The Rev. H. Drake moved a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of bells at the four towers open for ringing that day, and the members then adjourned to the church for further practice. All agreed, when the bells were lowered at 8.30 p.m., that a most enjoyable time had been spent.

42 MINOR METHODS FOR A PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In a report of a Chester Diocesan Guild meeting published in 'The Ringing World' on May 12th Mr. Wolstencroft, in congratulating the Chelmsford band in ringing a 35-method peal, expressed a wish that the band would go on to ring one in 42 methods. The conductor, in replying, said they would attempt one when they had got the arrangement of methods to comprise seven true 720's. May I supply the conductor with the methods?

No. 1 contains fourth's-place Delight methods, viz., Waltham No. 22, Burslem No. 23; Surprise methods, Hexham 30, Surfleet 31, Berwick 34, Beverley 35, Primrose 38, Cambridge 39.

No. 2, Treble Bob methods, Waterford 16, Berwyn 17; third's-place Delight, Kentish 7, Berkeley 8, Edinburgh 9, Pembroke 10, Oswald 13, Barham 14.

No. 3, fourth's-place Delight, Evesham 1, Tewkesbury 2; third's-place Delight, Carisbrooke 1, Dunottar 2; Surprise methods, Wooler 10, Sandiacre 11.

These three arrangements, with four they have already rung, will comprise a peal of 42 methods.

No. 1.			No. 2.			No. 3.		
Cambridge	23456		Kentish	23456		Carisbrooke	23456	
Cambridge	56342		Barham	35642	—	Carisbrooke	64523	
Surfleet	64235	—	Waterford	42563		Wooler	35642	—
Waltham	35426		Oswald	26435		Dunottar	26435	
Berwick	52364		Berkeley	63254		Sandiacre	42563	
Cambridge	26543		Edinburgh	54326		Evesham	54326	
Primrose	43652		Berwyn	42635	—	Wooler	63254	
Burslem	35264	—	Barham	35264		Wooler	42635	—
Berwick	64523		Oswald	56423	—	Sandiacre	56423	—
Hexham	42635		Berwyn	62534		Dunottar	45362	
Cambridge	23564	—	Kentish	34256		Evesham	34256	
Berwick	64352		Barham	45623	—	Carisbrooke	62534	
Burslem	45236	—	Pembroke	23564		Wooler	45623	—
Primrose	36524		Oswald	36245		Sandiacre	36245	
Hexham	62345		Berkeley	64352		Sandiacre	23564	
Surfleet	24653		Waterford	52436		Wooler	52436	
Primrose	53462		Pembroke	23645	—	Wooler	64352	
Cambridge	36245	—	Barham	45362		Wooler	23645	—
Waltham	45623		Oswald	56234	—	Tewkesbury	56234	—
Berwick	52436		Berkeley	63542		Dunottar	25463	
Cambridge	23645	—	Waterford	42356		Carisbrooke	42356	
Waltham	45362		Barham	25634	—	Carisbrooke	63542	
Cambridge	56234	—	Kentish	34562		Evesham	25634	—
Hexham	34625		Oswald	46325		Dunottar	46325	
Berwick	42356		Berwyn	62453		Sandiacre	34562	
Burslem	25463		Edinburgh	53246		Wooler	53246	
Primrose	63542		Pembroke	34625	—	Wooler	62453	
Surfleet	34256	—	Oswald	25463		Evesham	34625	—
Primrose	56423		Oswald	56342	—	Sandiacre	56342	—
Hexham	62534		Berkeley	64523		Tewkesbury	35264	
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These 720's are a combination of L. H. and N. K. groups, and must be rung as given, otherwise falseness may occur. The only change which may be made are in No. 1 when Nos. 30.31.34.35, and in No. 2 where Nos. 7.8.9.10 are interchangeable. As an alternative, Hull Surprise (No. 40) and Bourne (No. 41) may be spliced into groups Nos. 1 and 2 of the peal rung at Chelford, which will allow for a pair of methods being dropped out of either No. 1 or No. 2 of the above 720's. Care must be taken to select the right leads, or falseness may occur. If the conductor finds any difficulty in arranging them, I shall be pleased to reply to him.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A very successful meeting was held at Bromham on Saturday, June 3rd, ringers attending from the following towers: Devizes, St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James' (Southbroom), Rowde, Holt, Westbury, Bratton, Trowbridge, Melksham and Bromham. The usual service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. B. Phillips), Miss King ably presiding at the organ. The tea, which was arranged by Mr. Minty, was partaken of in the Mission Room.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbothem presiding. The Rev. O. R. Yerbrough, Vicar of Steeple Ashton, and the Rev. P. B. Phillips, Rector of Bromham, were elected hon. members of the Guild, and Mr. K. Doddimead, of Melksham, as a ringing member. The half-yearly meeting was asked to be arranged at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, July 1st.

Before the meeting closed, the Rector said it was a great pleasure to have the Guild visit Bromham, stating he had a hard working band of ringers, and he was pleased to know they were most loyal supporters of the Guild.

During the evening Rowde bells were available, and some members returned home in that direction and enjoyed a ring on this excellent six.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Est. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 29th. St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 22nd. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Bolton and Manchester Branches will be held at Walkden on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. The Bolton meeting has been transferred from Blackrod, per calendar.—Peter Crook and Donald Brown, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — The annual (jubilee) meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 17th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 till 3.45, also after the meeting. St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Service in the Cathedral at 4, with an address by the Very Rev. Dean Savage. Tea (1s. 3d.) in St. Mary's School at 5 (members 9d.). —H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free), followed by business meeting after service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 17th, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower Thames Street, E.C. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good muster is expected. Visitors welcome.—J. G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, at the Anchor Hotel. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 17th (not the 24th, as originally fixed). Usual arrangements.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District. — A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, June 17th. Bells at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The 2nd quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (8) on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Calverleigh on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell (eight bells), on Saturday, June 17th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify in good time. All ringing visitors welcome. A good attendance desired.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury and Devizes Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Amesbury on Saturday, June 17th, ringing commencing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome. The following bells will also be available for ringing: Woodford, Shrewton, Durnford, Upavon and St. Martin's, Salisbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 —A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne District.—Meeting at Hexham on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnly Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be held on Saturday, June 17th, at Arley, near Nuneaton (instead of Solihull as previously arranged). Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea provided. Frequent bus service from Nuneaton (Broad Street).—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All are welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore, June 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Please advise me by June 21st certain for tea requirements, charge 1s.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 24th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present kindly inform me on or before the 21st inst?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Short service 6 p.m. Please notify Mr. A. J. Abrams, East Park Street, Chatteris, for tea. I would appeal to all district ringers to make a special effort to attend. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. It is *imperative* that the numbers for tea be known by the 21st. Bus service from St. Albans and Dunstable—connections with other routes. Come prepared for a variety of methods.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clent, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, June 24th. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in the church at 4.30. The business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 310th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Hot lunch, 2s. 6d. Please notify me by 23rd inst.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 9d. per head to those who notify Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, by the 21st. A service will be held at 7.30, to which the Vicar gives a cordial invitation to all ringers and friends.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—A meeting will be held at Matlock (bells 8) on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Next meeting will be held at North Nibley, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s.). All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea please by June 21st.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Saturday, June 24th, from 3 p.m. onwards, at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (8 bells). The bright young people ARE coming. Don't be missing. Send your name for tea (1s. per head) by the 19th inst.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 24th, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. C. R. S. McDowall) and friends. Tower opens 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea. A good attendance is hoped for on this occasion. All ringers welcomed. All those requiring tea please send a card to Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, by Thursday, June 22nd; it would be much appreciated.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road Ashford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Pewsey on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. All members and ringing friends will be welcome.—A. W. Deane, Branch Sec., 9, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough, Wilts.

LAVENHAM ANNIVERSARY will be held on Saturday, June 24th. The bells will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 to 9 p.m.—A. Symonds.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) AND LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A combined meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Bruce, at Marazion. All who require tea please notify by Wednesday, June 21st.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Selborne on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (5) available from 2.30, also Newton Valence (5) 1½ miles distant. Service in St. Mary's, Selborne, 4.30. p.m. Tea at 5 in the Parish Hall. Business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, June 22nd?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol and Wotton-Under-Edge Branches. —A combined meeting of the above branches will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please let me know for tea not later than 20th inst. Frequent bus service from Colston Street, Bristol.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—The dedication of the peal board recording a peal rung on March 19th, 1932, will take place on Saturday, June 24th, at 2.30 p.m. All visiting ringers welcome. Bells open after service.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24th, at Idle. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. —H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch. —The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. R. Reed, The Church House, Hungerford, Berks, by Wednesday, June 21st, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, June 24th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers are very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, June 24th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Nominations are to be in at this meeting for secretary and committee-men.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Meeting in the church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (1s.) in the grounds of Higham Hall, this meeting being held jointly with the Deanery Missionary Pageant. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Misson, near Bawtry, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells open 2 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. S. W. Law, Willow House, Misson, Doncaster. All welcome.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastrington on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (at 1s. 6d. each) at 5; please notify Mr. J. P. Powls, Eastrington, Howden, by Thursday, June 29th. All ringers welcome.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Grayshott on July 1st. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 6d. each, but only for those who apply for tickets, and send CASH to me BEFORE the 27th June, otherwise 1s. will be charged as usual.—G. L Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Lawrence on Saturday, July 1st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) at the Parish Hall at 4.30. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. L. Porritt, 23, Grosvenor Road, Ramsgate, not later than Thursday, June 29th? Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — First quarterly meeting at Creswell, Derbyshire, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) open 2.30 to 7 p.m., also Clowne (6) in evening. Committee meet 3.30. Tea, 1/3 per head, in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea *must* inform Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmton Road, Creswell, near Mansfield, not later than June 29th, to prevent disappointment. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755.)—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Castle Bromwich, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All intending to be present kindly notify T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1/3 per head). All those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare to members (maximum 1/6).—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12 Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcomed.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—The ring of 12 restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., will be dedicated by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury on Friday, July 7th, at 3.45 p.m., and the bells will be rung on that occasion by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—Ringers' Opening.—On Saturday, July 8th, the day following the dedication, there will be a general ringers' meeting, by kind permission of the Rector and churchwardens. Programme 2.30. Ringing 4 p.m. Short service (the preacher will be announced later) 5. Tea at Messrs. Selfridges, Oxford Street, by kind invitation of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge, 6.30. Ringing 8.30. Social at the Cannon Street Hotel. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea are asked to send in their names, not later than July 3rd, to the Vestry Clerk, St. Mary-le-Bow, 61, Cheapside, London, E.C.2.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Christchurch, Hants, on Saturday, July 8th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

MARRIAGE.

WILSON—BURNS.—On June 10th, at St. Michael's Church, Stockwell, by the Rev. H. H. Flack, Francis Shepherd Wilson and Aileen May Burns.

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