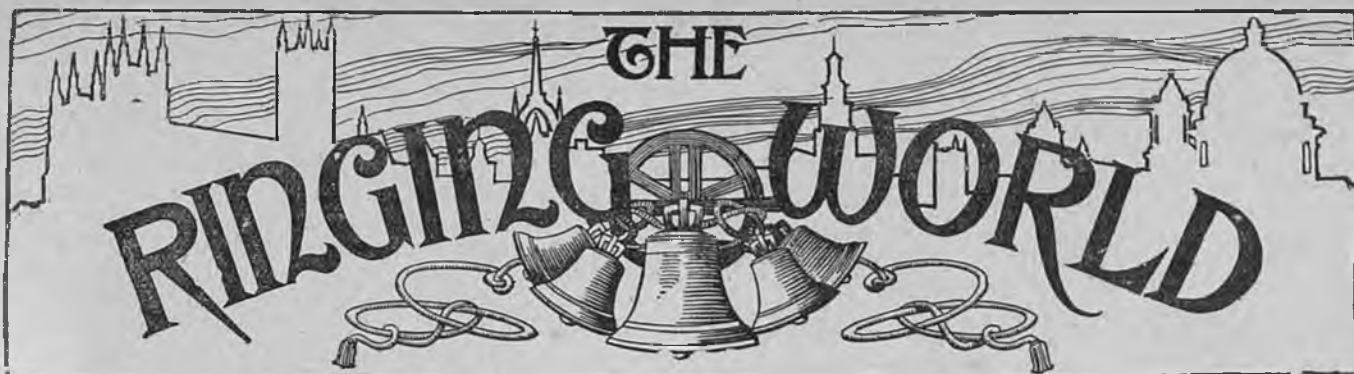




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A USEFUL COMMITTEE.

Of all the reports presented to the Central Council by the numerous committees, that of the Towers and Belfries Committee provided the most interesting discussion—a discussion which ranged over a wide field, from the welding of bells to questions of insurance against accidents to the person. There had been, the President revealed, some criticism of the committee outside the Council, the allegation being that it serves no useful purpose. Only a prejudiced individual could take up that attitude, for the Towers and Belfries Committee does some of the most practical work which goes on behind the scenes throughout the year. There have been numerous cases where the advice tendered by members of the committee have saved peals of bells from a type of 'restoration' which would have left them largely unfitted for ringing, and the outstanding achievement of the committee was its success in convincing the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings that some of the ideas which they formerly pursued were fallacious. But for this, ringers would to-day have had, in many cases, to sacrifice their craft to the whims of the 'die-hard' antiquarians.

The committee has constant opportunities of proving its usefulness. When architects and bellfounders disagree, the committee has often been able to influence Advisory Committees on the points at issue and the advice is the more readily accepted because it is realised that it has no axe to grind. The committee has, among its members, a large store of scientific and technical knowledge, which is always at the disposal of those who are responsible for restorations and the committee is more and more, through the Council, becoming a recognised authority on the subject. The bell founders, as the critics apparently have said, may be able to fight their own battles, but when they have to meet Advisory Committees, weighted with antiquarian prejudice, their proposals are not infrequently treated as 'suspect,' commercially, and in such cases the unbiassed opinion of a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee may often be the deciding factor.

There is no committee of the Council which has more fully justified its existence, and, in view of the many activities of bodies outside which bring pressure to bear on church authorities, the need of such an expert committee will be more than ever necessary in the future. What we feel is important is that something should be done to train—if that is the right word—a few of the younger men in the Exercise so that they may later take up this work, when present members of the committee quit their task. Questions relating to strains and

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stresses on towers are scientific, and need study and exploration. Bell restorations require experience, and in both these things we would like to see some of the younger men of real ability taking an interest. There is more in this kind of work than visiting a belfry and condemning an old frame or recommending the recasting of a bell. There is sometimes the question of saving a tower from damage, often the necessity of proving an architect mistaken—neither of them always an easy matter. Both are quite beyond the capacity of the inexperienced individual, but if the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee is to go on successfully young men must be brought on to take over the work.

CORONATION PEALS

In honour of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth in Westminster Abbey the following peals were rung:

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

Bro. EDWIN BARNETT, M.M., Gavelkind Lodge No. 4266	... Treble
Bro. ERNEST T. ALLAWAY, M.M., Arts & Crafts Lodge, No. 4134	2
Bro. FRANK W. FERRENS, M.M., Arts & Crafts Lodge, No. 4134	3
Bro. J. BENNETT, M.M., Per Mare, Per Terram Lodge, No. 3609	4
Bro. REG. BROUGH, M.M., Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452	5
Bro. JOHN H. B. HESSE, M.M., Cama Lodge, No. 2105	6
Bro. ERNEST BRETT, M.M., Harrow Lodge, No. 1310	7
Bro. A. D. BARKER, M.M., St. Clement Danes Lodge, No. 1351	8
Bro. HAROLD W. CLARK, M.M., Jeanne d'Arc Lodge, No. 4168	9
Bro. GEORGE W. STEERE, M.M., Sowest Lodge, No. 3797	10
Bro. WILLIAM BOTTRILL, M.M., Polaris Lodge, No. 4407	11
Wor. Bro. FREDK. WHITE, P.M., Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874	12 Tenor

Arranged by Bro. G. NEWTON. Conducted by Bro. JAMES BENNETT

TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON	... Treble	HORACE FOX	... 6
HERBERT WALKER	... 2	FRED NEWTON	... 7
ARTHUR WALKER	... 3	THOMAS HOLDER	... 8
*HARRY C. WALTERS	... 4	CHARLES BROWN	... 9
†HARRY NEWTON	... 5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD	... Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. C. WALTERS

* 100th peal. † First peal on ten bells and first attempt.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS	... Treble	*JOHN G. NASH	... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	... 2	HENRY T. WILSON	... 7
ERNEST J. KING	... 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK	... 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	... 4	FRANK E. DARBY	... 9
E. RALPH MACGRILL	... 5	EDWARD D. SMITH	... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Chad's for Confirmation service on Sunday evening, April 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Fullick 1, W. Walker 2, W. Tandy 3, C. Lee 4, W. Stockdale 5, J. Griffiths (conductor) 6, W. Jones 7, R. Pole 8, W. Farmer 9, J. Benbow 10.

ST. HELENS, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN BOOTH	Treble	STANLEY N. HARRISON ...	6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ...	2	HARRY W. HOWARD ...	7
JOHN POTTER	3	CECIL RADDON	8
JAMES W. GROUNDS	4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ...	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 14, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	Treble	*ARTHUR G. BASON ...	5
ALFRED E. BACON	2	FRED WIGMORE	6
WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	3	WILLIAM E. BASON ...	7
CLAUDE COUSINS	4	JOHN BUCKENHAM ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* 50th peal. First peal of Triples by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th.

OHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 14, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ...	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ...	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ...	7
RICHARD HAYES	4	WILFRED BARTLETT ...	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

First peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging by Mears and Stainbank in October, 1936.

FOBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILFRED OCKENDON ...	Treble	WALTER TAYLOR ...	5
NORMAN TOWNSEND	2	FRANK LUFKIN	6
WILLIAM DUDLEY	3	†HARRY SMITH	7
*ARTHUR REEVE	4	ALBERT NORTH	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by FRANK LUFKIN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 24 cwt.

*DONALD CAMPBELL ...	Treble	§F. WILLIAM LEACH ...	5
†GEORGE EELEY	2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ...	6
CHRISTOPHER BADRICK ...	3	WALTER AYRE	7
†WALTER LEE	4	HENRY C. JONES ...	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. ‡ First peal on eight.
§ First peal of Triples.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 13.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WILSON	Treble	ALLEN MORGAN	5
REGINALD WOODYATT ...	2	RALPH W. SAYERS	6
DENNIS R. SAYERS	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	REGINALD ROWE ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

MARLOW, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ...	Treble	†RALPH W. ATKINS ...	5
HARRY WM. BADGER ...	2	ARTHUR MARTIN ...	6
*VICTOR GIBSON	3	GEORGE MARTIN ...	7
†FRANK O. NICHOLLS, SEN.	4	HENRY BUCKINGHAM ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

REDDISH, LANCs.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Elizabeth,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES	Treble	KENNETH LEWIS	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	ALAN J. BROWN	6
*STANLEY NOBLE	3	JAMES A. MILNER ...	7
JOSEPH WHITTAKER	4	WILLIAM FERNLEY ...	Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by K. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major away from treble.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Priory Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ...	Treble	GEORGE W. HELEY ...	5
*HENRY B. WHITNEY ...	2	FRANK H. RAMSAY ...	6
*JAMES G. NEWMAN ...	3	FREDERICK J. FLUMMER ...	7
HAROLD BURROWS	4	*EDWIN A. BELSON ...	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Bob Major.

FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALAN D. STEEL	Treble	WILLIAM CARNWELL ...	5
HAROLD HOUSON	2	JAMES WILLIAMS ...	6
MATTHEW R. BUCKLEY ...	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	7
RICHARD T. HOLDING ...	4	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOHN JACKSON	Treble	THOMAS HARRISON ...	5
THOMAS CALDERBANK ...	2	JOHN SINGLETON ...	6
HAROLD CLARK	3	FRANK COUPE	7
*JOHN TABERNER	4	E. ROGER MARTIN ...	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal. Ringers of 3, 4, 6 and 7 were re-elected previous to starting.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, AND
SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASS Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
* WILLIAM SHORT 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

* First peal in spliced methods. This peal contained 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate courses, with 111 changes of method.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At Christ Church, Upper Armley,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

THOS. H. STRANGEWAY Treble	JOSEPH TEACKRAY 5
SAM HELLIWELL 2	ARTHUR FIELDHOUSE 6
FRANK RAYMENT 3	HARRY LOFTHOUSE 7
MISS OLIVE RENTON 4	LEONARD DRAKE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

MIDDLETON'S.	
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILFRED EDWARDS 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
JESSE HARRISON 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
* REV. R. F. R. ROUTH 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal in the method.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
KEITH HART 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 3	FREDERICK W. PAGE 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

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

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	LUTHER J. HONESS 7
PHILIP HODGKIN 4	* WILLIAM H. DARTNALL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal on eight bells.

WAREHAM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of Lady St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

H. WALTER SAUNDERS Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 2	FREDERICK G. COLE 6
E. T. PAUL FIELD 3	FRANCIS G. BLAKE 7
* DR. ALAN M. CONNINGHAM ... 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER

* First peal.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

* ALFRED JORDAN Treble	BERTIE RIDGWAY 5
ARTHUR D. ALDHAM 2	GEORGE THOMPSON 6
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 3	ERNEST W. TIPLER 7
CYRIL ISON 4	PERCY W. MOORE Tenor

Transposed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by E. W. TIPLER

* First peal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. BATTIN Treble	JOHN MEDHURST 5
ALBERT WORSFOLD 2	BERNARD V. COLLISON ... 6
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
* ALEC E. RICHARDSON 4	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* 50th peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED BARKER Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ERNEST WARING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
RONALD G. JONES 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	EDWARD PRICE Tenor

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, City.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	JOSEPH ATKINSON 5
JAMES W. GODDARD 2	* H. JAMES CHAPMAN 6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 3	* GEORGE DOBBS 7
CHARLES W. TAYLOR 4	WALTER M. GODDARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

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

BLACKLANDS, HASTINGS.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 20½ cwt.

STANLEY ETHERIDGE Treble	† JACK E. PENNELLS 5
* JAMES G. POWELL 2	JOHN DOWNING 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT 7
† SYDNEY J. LEVETT 4	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. A. LEVETT.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KIRDFOUR, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*CHARLIE TOVEY Treble	GEORGE KILLNER 4
STEPHEN KILLNER 2	PERCY DUNTON 5
MESHACK SOFF 3	PERCY F. G. DUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by P. DUNTON.

* First peal.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

LIONEL H. PINK Treble	† PHILIP N. TOCOK 4
HAROLD E. WHITE 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
* WILLIAM C. GALE 3	FRANCIS BLAKE Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Minor.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Single Bob, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES H. TOMPRINS ... Treble	JOSEPH W. DOWNES 4
GEORGE T. COUSINS 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN 5
WALTER S. EVANS 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

First peal of Minor in three methods for all the band and on the bells.

LEA, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
AND THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob (called differently). Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

NORL B. THURLBY ... Treble	* JOSEPH A. LONN 4
RICHARD H. M. HARVEY ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
GEO. LESLIE A. LONN 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY

* First peal in five methods 'inside.' Quickest peal on the bells.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD NEWELL ... Treble	* STANLEY GOODWIN 4
KITTY WILLERS 2	ROGER ST. JOHN SMITH ... 5
VICTOR CHAPMAN 3	ARTHUR WILSON Tenor

Conducted by ROGER ST. JOHN SMITH.

* First peal 'inside.'

CORRINGHAM, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Single Court, two extents of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

* RAYMOND F. SMITH ... Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4
JACK VESSEY 2	NORL B. THURLBY 5
GEO. LESLIE A. LONN 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells in more than one method.

WESTON, BATH.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores with ten callings.

G. H. CROSS ... Treble	G. H. CROSS, SEN. 4
A. E. BAVERSTOCK 2	S. S. WOODBURN 5
W. J. PRESCOTT 3	* G. DREW Tenor

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

* First peal.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

R. LEWIS ... Treble	C. BOWERS 4
W. NUTT 2	D. W. HORNE 5
W. RANFORD 3	G. GORDON Tenor

Conducted by D. W. HORNE.

First peal on the bells after rehanging in a new steel frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

FRAMPTON, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, Bourne, Cambridge, Nethorseale, Morning Star, College Bob IV. and Old Oxford. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR YOUNG ... Treble	* C. H. JOHNSON 4
MISS LOIS M. NEAL 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON 5
JOHN R. KEMP 3	JOHN R. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods 'inside.'

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 5½ cwt.

* WILLIAM H. KEY ... Treble	† HENRY J. CORRY 4
† W. JOHN ANDREWS 2	* HENRY J. ROWE 5
* WALTER J. BAKER 3	REV. E. V. COX Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. V. COX.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal, 15 years of age the previous Sunday. † First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Minor on the bells by a local band.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

FREDERICK WATTS ... Treble	DOUGLAS ELLENDER 4
EDWARD H. JOHNSON 2	JOHN TAYLOR 5
CHARLES H. WEBB 3	FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

RAMPISHAM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of St. Vedast and New Doubles, four each of St. Dunstan's, St. Bartholomew, Reading, St. Simon, Stedman Slow Course, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, and 10 of Grandsire, with 42 callings. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

* THOMAS J. STANLEY ... Treble	† HAROLD C. R. VINE 3
HUBERT SMITH 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
ARTHUR G. CHUBB Tenor	

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal in 10 methods. † First peal in 10 methods 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of Single Court and two 720's each of Single Oxford, Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*A. CHILTON...	 Treble	*L. WILSON ...	 4
J. E. ALLEN...	 2	F. T. CARFORD ...	 5
*G. CREASEY ...	 3	G. S. COLLISHAW ...	 Tenor

Conducted by J. E. ALLEN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The band ring regularly for the services each Sunday at this church.

WHADDON, Bucks.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Bucks Branch.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED HOBBS ...	 Treble	*FRED DORMER ...	 4
*HUGH WILLETT ...	 2	WILLIAM H. JONES ...	 5
*REG SAVAGE ...	 3	*THOMAS ADAM ...	 Tenor

Conducted by W. H. JONES.

* First peal and first attempt. All are Sunday service ringers.

PAVENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

JOHN HILSON ...	 Treble	GEORGE SEETH ...	 3
*BRIAN F. SIMS ...	 2	PERCY AMOS ...	 4
DONALD L. COCKINGS ...	 Tenor		

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

* First peal 'inside.'

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE JOHNSON ...	 Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	 4
*AUSTIN WINGATE ...	 2	HARRY JOHNSON ...	 5
†CHARLES H. TOMPINS ...	 3	*WILLIAM YATES ...	 Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury and April Day and 12 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*REGINALD W. COLLIS ...	 Treble	GEORGE A. CHARLTON ...	 4
FRANK BAILESS ...	 2	JOHN H. BAILESS ...	 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD ...	 3	*FREDERICK WATSON ...	 Tenor

Conducted by F. BAILESS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles in five methods by ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5. Rung by the local band.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM UPTON ...	 Treble	*ALBERT ASH ...	 5
FRANK TAYLOR ...	 2	†CHRISTOPHER BARKER ...	 6
*FREDERICK WAKE ...	 3	ARTHUR DRAKE ...	 7
SIDNEY MOODY ...	 4	BERT SIBBICK ...	 Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Henry of Battenberg, Governor of the Isle of Wight.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

Following long established custom, the annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whitsun Monday and there was a large and representative gathering.

The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. W. E. R. Morrow. The lesson was read by the Master of the association (Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips), and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, of Wokingham, Berks, gave the address, in the course of which he referred to the importance of doing the small things first in order to understand the greater things later on. It applied to everything through life. Everyone, said the preacher, was stirred by the wonderful service and ceremonial of the Coronation, but it was only those people who love regular Communion and prayer who were most truly stirred and helped by that service. Continuing, the preacher said:—

'It is the same with the attitude of the general public to ringing; an attitude which I am afraid often proves annoying to us, as ringers. Nearly all people want and expect ringing on great occasions, and it is quite right that they should expect it. On great occasions, we, as ringers, are often told by members of the general public just how and when we ought to ring, and if we do not do all that is expected of us we are told we ought to have done better. But this same general public is often too ready to criticise us when we ring a peal, or when we hold our ordinary practices. They never realise, unless they try and take up ringing themselves, the immense amount of hard practice that is necessary before we are good enough to ring on great occasions. They never realise that if they want to hear us ring really well on occasions such as the Coronation they must endure our frequent Sunday ringing and our week-night practices.

'What of the attitude of ringers themselves to our art? Everyone who is worth calling a ringer at all is keen to come to a wonderful tower, like this one at Chelmsford, and to have the privilege of ringing fine bells. But if we are to produce expert ringers for our greater churches, we must help forward the ringing at our parish church, great or small. And to those who are beginners—who is not one?—I would say you may find it hard, and perhaps even dull at first, but do not mind that, keep it up. Accept willingly all the criticism and advice that better ringers give you, and never take offence. Good ringers always give their advice in a kindly spirit. You cannot become a good ringer without constant practice of mind and arm. If it were easy to become a good ringer it would not be worth while. If you do get rather bored with practising, think over what a wonderful and romantic exercise ringing is. Think of the age-long part that bells have played in our country's history. Think of all the romance and legend that clings to so many of our old bells. Think how, when you help to ring, you are helping to lift up the hearts of all those within hearing, helping to tell people of the good and righteous things of life, the things that really matter, the eternal joy of the knowledge and love of God.'

DECLINE IN PEALS.

The business meeting followed in the Cathedral Chapter House. Dr. Spencer Phillips was enthusiastically re-elected Master, Mr. L. J. Clark hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. L. W. Wiffen peal secretary.

The 58th annual report, presented by the Master, stated that the year had been one of steady work and some progress. The register of towers in affiliation had been revised, and now numbered 107, a decrease of seven, due to some towers having no ringers. The membership was: Honorary members 83, ringing members 774, and non-resident members 249, a decrease of two. The district meetings had been, on the whole, well attended. Once again there had been a sharp decline in the number of peals rung under the auspices of the association, but it was to be noted that more rang their first peals, and still more their first in the method, which was more important than that a larger number of peals should be recorded by a few old stagers. The standard of ringing had been well maintained, and Belgrave Surprise was rung for the first time for the association. Thirty-three members rang their first peal, and 76 their first in the method. Satisfactory restorations had been carried out at both North Weald and Great Waltham, and it was hoped in the near future to take in hand the ring at Belchamp Walter. Regret was expressed at the loss by death of an hon. member in Canon Macdonald; also of E. W. Lillywhite, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow; W. J. Schofield, St. Peter's, Colchester; H. W. Richardson, Great Bardfield; and A. Tarbun, sen., Widford. Each year they lost some valuable members by the Great Reaper, and it was satisfactory to note that their numbers were made up again by new members. The accounts were satisfactory, subscriptions being slightly greater than last year, so that, in spite of the subscription to the William Pye Memorial Fund of £15, their balance was only £13 less than last year, and they had been able to help substantially both the restorations at Great Waltham and North Weald, and also Fobbing. The Bell Restoration Fund showed a balance of £58 12s. 10½d. An effort had been made during the year to help start a young band of ringers at Purleigh, but had not yet met with much success, owing to lack of keenness on the part of the learners. Hope was still entertained of achieving the desired result. Dr. Spencer Phillips offered best thanks to the general secretary and district officers for the hard work they had put in during the year, and to whose efforts their success was due.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT STREATHAM.**

An enjoyable meeting of the Southern District was held at Streatham on Saturday, May 29th. Owing to a wedding, ringing at St. Leonard's did not commence until 3.45 p.m., but was continued until 5.30 p.m. Tea at the Manor Arms, to which 21 sat down, was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. H. Mance (District Master).

Messrs. E. L. Miles and G. W. Fogden, of Streatham and Beckenham respectively, were elected members, and Isleworth chosen for the next meeting on July 17th, subject to permission being granted.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicars of St. Leonard's and Immanuel Churches for their kindness in granting the use of the bells, and especially to Mr. J. W. Chapman, who very kindly allowed members to come after four previous applications to other towers had been unsuccessful.

After the meeting members went to Immanuel Church until 8.30 p.m. The methods rung at both towers included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative, but the striking was not up to the usual standard. But for the presence of six friends from Kent, the attendance would have been very poor.

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THE FINANCIAL POSITION.

The general account showed a credit of £30 14s. 7d., compared with a balance brought forward of £44 11s. 11d. The subscriptions amounted to £85 17s. 6d. The reserve fund showed an amount on deposit of £112 15s. 10d., interest £2 14s. 3d., and £150 Conversion Loan.

The report and accounts were adopted.

Messrs. W. Keeble, F. Dench, G. Green, G. R. Pye and H. T. Wilson were reappointed members of the General Committee; and Messrs. G. L. Joyce, G. R. Pye, W. Keeble and F. Dench were re-elected on the Peal Committee. Mr. G. W. Faulkner, one of the auditors, did not seek re-election, and he was cordially thanked for his services. Mr. J. Crampin was appointed in his place, and Mr. W. H. Theobald was re-elected.

It was agreed to make a grant of five guineas towards the restoration of the Belchamp Walter bells.

Canon S. L. Brown (Brentwood) and Mr. G. Dent (Potter Street) were elected life members of the association.

Subsequently the members had luncheon at the Golden Fleece Hotel.

Ringing took place during the day at the Cathedral and at ten other churches in the district, and ranged from Doubles to Cambridge Maximus.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**RETIREMENT OF NORTHERN BRANCH SECRETARY.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 22nd, when 59 members were present representing the following towers: Ashby-de-la-Launde, Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Blaukney, Lea, Lincoln Cathedral, Scunthorpe, Springthorpe, Ulceby, Upton and Willingham. There were also unattached members from Lincoln and Grimsby. Mr. R. Richardson (the Guild Ringing Master), Mrs. and Miss Enid Richardson and ringing friends from Surfleet and Retford also attended. The bells of the Parish Church were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon C. E. A. Whitworth), who gave a most interesting address. An excellent tea was provided in the Sun Hotel, presided over by the president of the branch (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry).

All the officers were re-elected with the exception of the hon. secretary (Mr. F. S. W. Butler), who wished to resign and hand over to a younger man. The President spoke of the great work Mr. Butler had done during 14 years in that office, and said how difficult it would be to replace him.—Mr. Butler, who was very warmly applauded, briefly replied.

Mr. J. Bray, of Burton-on-Stather, was unanimously elected to the office.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. H. Morgan (Gainsborough District secretary) and Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness, of Lincoln.

New members were elected as follows: Messrs. W. A. T. Brimacombe, H. Croft and M. Freeman, of Lincoln, and Mr. D. Houlthby, of Ulceby.

The next annual meeting was fixed to take place at Grimsby on Saturday, May 28th, 1938.

Mr. George Chester (Lincoln) made reference to the death of Mr. N. E. Snow, of Sleaford, an original member of the Guild, and suggested that a note of his death be placed on record.

A collection was taken towards the rehanging of Haxey bells, which amounted to £1 11s. 6d.

Votes of thanks to all who had contributed to its success brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

RINGING AT STEDMAN'S CHURCH.

Visitors to Cambridge are asked to note that service ringing takes place at St. Bene't's Church, associated with Fabian Stedman, at 10.30 a.m. on alternate Sundays—June 13th, 27th, etc.

Last Sunday morning 720 Bob Minor was rung: A. Rayner 1, E. G. Hibbens 2, S. Goodwin 3, A. Hurst (first 720 of Minor) 4, C. W. Cook (conductor) 5, H. L. Martin 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A faculty has been applied for to allow for the recasting and re-hanging of the peal of eight bells of St. Peter's, Parish Church of Bournemouth, to commemorate Coronation year, 1937. A Sanctus bell in memory of the late Archdeacon A. F. Dady, for 16 years Vicar of St. Peter's, will be installed at the same time.

The work of the restoration of the peal is made possible by two very generous gifts to the fund, one from a prominent Bournemouth resident and the other from a gentleman well known to the Exercise.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, wishes to thank all those who sent him telegrams and letters of congratulation on his 80th birthday.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Arthur R. Davis, formerly well known in London ringing circles. He passed away on May 17th at the age of 65 years.

A cousin of Mr. James E. Davis, deceased was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Waterloo and St. Margaret's, Westminster, Societies. Owing to business he had not taken part in ringing in recent years.

'Real Double Norwich,' upon which we commented recently, is not a new designation. A board in Woolwich tower records a peal of 'Real Double Norwich,' conducted by William Banister nearly a century ago. This peal had one reverse bob in each part. But we still think the title a misnomer.

Cyril E. Lanxon, of Truro Cathedral, is the first native of Cornwall to ring a Surprise peal.

Bro. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool, was prevented from taking part in the Masonic peal at Shoreditch owing to his sister being dangerously ill. His place was taken at short notice by Bro. R. Brough, to whom the thanks of the band are due. The composition was John Reeves' 19 courses with the 6th at home, arranged by Bro. G. R. Newton. It was the first peal of Bob Maximus rung by a band of Freemasons.

The Chesterfield veteran, Mr. Arthur Knights, rang the treble in a peal of Superlative at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, on Whit Monday, 1937. On Whit Monday, 1884, he rang the treble at the same church to his first peal of Stedman Triples. It was conducted by the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and rung by eight members of the College Youths. Mr. James Dixon, who also rang in the peal, is still a service ringer at St. Marie's.

A peal rung at Eckington on May 18th was the 58th anniversary of Mr. Knight's first peal, rung at Diss, Norfolk, in 1879, conducted by the late William Ireland.

We regret that many reports of peals and other matters are unavoidably held over.

VETERAN YORKSHIRE RINGER PASSES.

The many friends of Mr. Fred Scholefield, of Intake Lane, Ossett, Yorks, will regret to learn of his death on Saturday, May 22nd, at the age of 75 years. Although he had been in failing health for some years and had not done any active ringing for a long time, he had always taken a keen interest in the Yorkshire Association, of which he was one of the earlier life members. His passing severs another link with the old Ossett company.

The funeral took place at Holy Trinity Church, Ossett, on Tuesday, May 25th. Deceased leaves a widow, but no children.

COURT BOB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—At least once I have asked in your columns why the name Court Bob was first employed. In your column 'For Beginners' last week you supply the answer. At the time this name was first used a bob was a dodge, and 'court' was a fuller form of 'cut' or 'cut.' Now you say that Court Bob 'cuts out certain dodges' of the sister method, Oxford Bob. What could be a plainer meaning for the name? The reason for it is as simple as Treble Bob for a method in which the treble dodges all the time.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Woodbridge, Suffolk.

IPSWICH MEN'S JOURNEY TO LONDON.

On Saturday, May 22nd, St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, chartered a motor-coach and journeyed to London to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Giles', Cripplegate. The band was as follows: W. Tillet, G. J. Sedgley, W. J. G. Brown, E. H. Smith, H. R. Roper, L. W. Wiffen, G. A. Fleming, F. J. Smith, C. A. Catchpole, F. J. Tillet, G. E. Symonds, E. P. Duffield. After 1½ hours' ringing the 6th rope broke.

This attempt was made possible on the very nice suggestion of Mr. E. H. Lewis, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, conveyed to the ringers by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the hon. secretary.

The College Youths attempted a peal in the same method on the same day at Bow, Cheapside, and broke down at the same time.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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CO-OPERATION WITH ANTI-NOISE LEAGUE.

The report of the Towers and Belfries Committee was as follows: During the year the members of the committee have given advice in some dozen cases, applying the principles with which the Council are familiar. In several of the towers advice was asked about modification of sound near the church. Since the last meeting of the Council the Anti-Noise League have printed a pamphlet on this subject, being mainly the reprint of an article which appeared in the 'R.I.B.A. Journal.'

Your committee think it desirable to co-operate with the Anti-Noise League as far as possible, and, after reviewing this pamphlet, decided to send copies to all Archdeacons, with the following covering letter: 'For some years past the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has been advocating appropriate treatment of church towers in cases where the sound of bells is likely to be a source of annoyance to people living in the neighbourhood of a church.'

Recently the Anti-Noise League have had the same subject under consideration, and have issued a pamphlet of which we enclose a copy for your consideration, in case it has not already been brought to your notice.

The book by Sir Arthur Heywood, to which reference is made, was written while he was president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and with its support, and three of the present members of the Towers and Belfries Committee contributed chapters to that book.

The committee is, therefore, wholly in agreement with the pamphlet now enclosed, and recommend it to your serious consideration.

The members feel strongly that it is better that, where bells are unduly loud in the vicinity of a church, action should be taken before complaints are made, rather than as a result of representations from persons who have come to live in the vicinity.

The members of the committee are always ready to give further information and technical advice in any particular case.

As an addendum to the report for 1935-36, the committee said: At the Council meeting of 1935, a request was made that the committee should inquire about the so-called 'silencers' and make a recommendation as to their use.

The 'Davis silencers' have now been used over a considerable period in several towers with success, and your committee think that they are well worth a trial in towers where it is desired to reduce the volume of sound during practices and peals without taking any permanent steps such as blocking up louvres.

The silencers consist of a leather pad resembling a muffle, with a thin steel plate attached to the face. The result of their use is to give an effect rather like muffled ringing, while retaining a certain amount of metallic tap of the clapper. To get the best effect in each individual case, it is evident that experiments should be made with different thicknesses of leather. For this purpose the committee are obtaining samples of different thicknesses which can be lent to towers for this purpose at no cost other than postage both ways. These silencers are not expensive and have shown little wear after twelve months' use.

A REPLY TO CRITICS.

The President, in moving the adoption of the report, said he had heard, since he came to Canterbury, that there had been some slight criticism of the committee that they did not do very much good; that the bellfounders could get on very well without them and that it would be better to leave these matters to the foundries. He thought half the cases he had dealt with had been dealt with at the request of bellfounders, who had asked for his help in getting over snags with diocesan bodies or with architects. He hoped that answered the criticism.

A few of the jobs where they had helped were Boston Stump, Croydon, North Weald, Chiddingfold, Crondall, Shalford and others. In several cases they were of assistance in getting over the difficulty of the antiquarian architect. That brought him to the question of Thetford, where a restoration scheme was held up by the Chancellor of the Diocese. If on the Diocesan Committee, which dealt with these matters, there had been a representative of the ringing fraternity, this difficulty would probably not have arisen (hear, hear). He proposed to ask the Council later to take steps empowering them to obtain the names of Diocesan Committees where they had a representative who knew something about bells and of those who had not, so that the Council could take some steps to get a representative of ringers on every Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Recently, said the President, there was a letter in the Press referring to Saham Toney. He was called in with the late Mr. Powys, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and he was entirely in favour of keeping that old bell frame. It was unfit to carry the bells, but was an extraordinarily interesting old frame. They arranged that it should be offered to a museum, but neither South Kensington nor Norwich could take it. If it was to be kept elsewhere than in the tower it would have meant that the parish had to provide some sort of shed to house it, but they had it lifted higher in the tower and those interested could now see it. The bells had been rehung in a perfectly good teak frame, lower down in the tower, where they should be hung. He thought they were right in preserving that old frame (hear, hear).

Mr. A. L. Coleman (late secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association) said they had tried hard to get a representative on the Norwich Diocesan Committee. They had pointed out that there was nobody on the committee who knew anything about the technique of bells and bellhanging. Unfortunately, the reply was that they had quite sufficient members on the committee already and did not want any more, and they ignored the suggestion that they should have a representative of the association on the committee. With regard to Thetford, he thought, if only they had had a representative, the point raised there might have been put right. Their president, Archdeacon McDermott, agreed with him with regard to their representation, but the Bishop thought otherwise.

EFFECT OF LOWERING BELLS IN PEAL.

Mr. J. A. Trollope remarked that it had been said in several cases that if they had a weak tower and dropped the bells in peal, it was liable to endanger the safety of the structure. He asked the president if the committee could give any definite information on that point.

The President said that, as members probably knew, every tower had a natural period of oscillation of its own, which could not be altered, unless they altered the structure of the tower, or added or subtracted a large weight to some portion of the tower. Normally speaking, each tower had a natural period of oscillation, and it was a curious fact that the natural period of the forces set up in ringing a normal peal of bells nearly coincided with the average period of oscillation of the average tower. Therefore, they would find in nearly every case there was one particular speed of ringing which did get the two sets of oscillations in tune one with the other. He could quote a good example of that. If strangers went to ring the bells at St. Andrew's, Holborn, they nearly always found they had got a man's job, or even more than a man's job, because they rang the bells at what they considered the normal speed of bells of that weight. The local band rang the bells without any difficulty whatever, because they rang them a little bit quicker. St. Andrew's tower was rather tall for its width; there was a fairly big tower arch. One might call it a 'whippy' tower and its period was rather slow; therefore, if the bells were rung at normal speed for bells of that weight, they got the two forces in step. If they rang a little quicker all was well and there was no trouble about ringing. He could quite understand there were certain towers which had a rather quicker period, either short towers, or towers which were thick in comparison to their height. He could conceive that bells when part of the way down would get in step with the tower, and if they were to continue to ring the bells at that height it was possible it would do some damage to the tower, but they would have to do so for some considerable time, unless the tower was so weak that they ought not to ring at all.

Mr. Trollope said the tower he had specially in mind was Guildford Cathedral.

Mr. E. A. Young said they were progressing so rapidly that the thought had occurred to him that it might be possible in time for experts to find out the exact speed at which every individual peal of bells should be rung so that accentuation of oscillation could be prevented. One of these times they would, perhaps, have issued by every firm of bellfounders a statement showing in every instance what the speed of ringing should be, whether bells must not be lowered in peal, or, if lowered, not maintained in a certain position. The knowledge they were gaining emphasised the great value of the Towers and Belfries Committee.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said, with regard to Guildford Cathedral tower, after ringing on Coronation Day the bells were lowered in peal, and there was a bigger vibration when the bells were half-way down than he had ever known before. They were always warned not to lower them in peal by the late Mr. John Taylor. After their experiment the other night, he did not think they would try it again.

The President said Guildford Cathedral tower was of a distinctly 'whippy' type. Not only was it unbuttressed, but it was built of brick, with many courses of mortar and liable to more movement than a tower built of stone with fewer joints. What happened at Guildford was, probably, that when the bells were half-way down they got, not in tune with the tower, but in tune with the octave of the tower.

THE BELLS OF ALL HALLOWS', LOMBARD STREET.

Replying to Mr. E. C. S. Turner, who asked if the Council proposed to take any action with regard to the bells of All Hallows' Church, Lombard Street, which is to be demolished, the president said two societies, the College Youths and the Middlesex Association, had written to the Bishop of London requesting that when the bells were taken down they should be removed to some other church as a whole peal and not split up. He thought those representations would have some effect, in view of what happened in the case of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, but it might be a good thing if the Council also passed a resolution.

Mr. S. F. Palmer asked if anything further had been done or heard with reference to Chesterfield.

The President said the next move with regard to Chesterfield was with the Vicar. The Council could not very well butt in any more. They did as much as they could in the first instance, and the Vicar promised to write and report further, but he had never done so.

Mr. Palmer said he was sorry to say the ringers were not taking

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any active interest in it at all. They were waiting for the authorities to move.

The President said the committee suggested the Council might buy a set of Davis Silencers, which could be put on loan to people who wanted to try them, on payment of postage. The Standing Committee recommended that such purchase be authorised, and he proposed that the silencers be purchased and be loaned to any responsible person who asked for the loan of them, in order that they might be tried out.

This was agreed to.

With regard to the circulation to Archdeacons of the pamphlets issued by the Anti-Noise League, the President said these pamphlets were given to the Council by the League, although they normally made a charge. The Standing Committee thought it very desirable that the Council should keep closely in touch with the Anti-Noise League and to have the League on their side rather than against them. In order to show their goodwill in a practical form, he proposed that the Council send the League a donation of a guinea, partly in gratitude for the pamphlets they had had and partly in anticipation of favours to come (laughter).

The proposal was agreed to.

The President then moved that the Council send an appropriate letter to the Church authorities with regard to All Hallows', Lombard Street, asking that when the bells were moved, they be moved as a whole peal and not split up.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: And hung for ringing.

The President: Yes, we will put that in, and add 'in a proper tower.'

The motion was carried.

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The President next moved that the Council take steps through the local secretaries to find out which of the Diocesan Advisory Committees had got a member who knew anything about bells and bell-hanging, and which of them had not. They might then take steps, he said, to bring a little pressure to bear, so that on each Advisory Committee there was at least one member with a knowledge of bells; even if he were only elected an ad hoc member for cases in which bells were involved.

The President added that in his own diocese they had not got anyone directly on the committee, but he mentioned a case in which he had been consulted by the Archdeacon of Tonbridge. The Archdeacon wanted to know what he should do about a certain bell that had been welded three times and had once more cracked. The diocesan authorities were inclined to recommend that the bell be welded again. He (Mr. Lewis) promised to look into the matter and he went to see the bell. It was quite true that it had been welded three, if not more, times. About a year before he had heard a clock strike on it, and if it had struck on two or three feet of rusty iron girder it would have been much more musical than the welded bell (laughter). The bell was quite hopeless, and entirely devoid of tone. He doubted if it was ever a good bell. He told the Archdeacon it would be foolish to attempt to retain the bell. He pointed out that at the time of Stalschmidt's survey there were at least 70 other bells by the same founder in the county, so it was not a unique example, and the authorities at Rochester had, a few years before, destroyed at least one if not two bells by the same founder in their own Cathedral. The Archdeacon saw sense in the matter and was willing to have the bell recast. That showed what could be done if there was someone in touch with the diocesan authorities who could advise them. That was why he wanted to see someone in every diocese who could be sent for, even if he was not a member of the Advisory Committee, when questions concerning bells arose.

THE WELDING OF CRACKED BELLS.

The President continued that he did at one time think that welding might be worth a trial in cases where the Church authorities were prepared to risk welding, rather than have a bell recast, if it were definitely pointed out to them that welding was an experiment and might succeed, and if it did succeed the first time it might cost them less than recasting; but that they always had to face the possibility of several re-welds, and if it had to be done more than once the result would cost them more than recasting in the first place.

If authorities were prepared to face these risks and the cost of taking the bell down and replacing it more than once, he was at one time prepared to recommend it, but he was inclined now to say that welding at the sound bow was quite hopeless. The reason was this: He had seen a piece of a bell which was welded and where the weld had broken the metal had not gripped at all, except in odd spots. It was not a proper weld and he believed that was probably the case in most welds of old bells. Although they might look all right on the surface, the metal had not got a proper grip inside. To unite an alloy of copper and tin must be extraordinarily difficult, because tin rapidly oxidised and burned out. In welding they had to build up the metal, after having first opened the crack. Allowance would be made for a certain amount of burning out, but it must be very difficult to hit off the right amount of tin for the process and to get the new metal built up to resemble the old in its exact composition. He had come to the conclusion, therefore, after having seen the result of a broken welding, that only in very exceptional cases should welding be tried.

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KENT'S CENTENARIAN RINGER.

MR. CHARLES SLINGSBY'S ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY.

The oldest ringer, Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, Kent, celebrated his 100th birthday on May 26th, and on Saturday a meeting in his honour was held by the Ashford District of Kent County Association and the Romney Marsh Guild. There was a record attendance of over a hundred members, and Mr. Slingsby was the recipient of a host of congratulations. All the village joined in the celebrations.

Despite his years, Mr. Slingsby was able to mix with the many visitors and thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings. Ringers were present from over a wide area, extending to Tunbridge Wells, Gravesend, Canterbury and Dover, New Romney and Tenterden.

With the parishioners the church was filled to its capacity for the short service, conducted by the Rector, and at which the address was given by the Bishop of Dover.

Tea was served at the Rectory, over 200 being catered for. Mrs. Long, on behalf of the parishioners, presented to Mr. Slingsby a



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wallet containing Treasury notes, and Mr. Slingsby, in acknowledging the gift, said how much their kindness was appreciated.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, general secretary, had with him the Kent County Association peal book, which revealed that Mr. Slingsby rung in the second peal entered in the book, and his signature is now beneath the entry written by himself and without the aid of spectacles, as someone present remarked. All present were grouped on the lawn for the usual photographs.

Mr. Slingsby has been a ringer for nearly 80 years, for he started at a very early age and has been connected with the church all his life. On his 90th birthday he was presented with a small model of Aldington treble bell in recognition of his long service to the church. He has always taken the keenest interest in ringing and was a foundation member of the Kent County Association. He was also one of the ringers who formed the Romney Marsh and District Guild.

At the business meeting of the Guild it was decided to place a tablet in the tower to commemorate the centenarian's birthday.

RINGING FOR THE CORONATION.

PERFORMANCES AND PERSONALITIES.

Abbey Ringers Receive Coronation Medals.

Amongst those who have received the King's Coronation Medal are the members of the Westminster Abbey company of ringers.

They were received in the Jerusalem Chamber by the Dean, and each member was presented with the medal and a letter from Buckingham Palace expressing the King's Command.

The College Youths brought round two peals of Stedman Cinques in London last Saturday in honour of the Coronation—one at St. Paul's Cathedral and the other at Southwark Cathedral.

A peal of Bob Major attempted at St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Coronation Day, ended in 2 hours 55 minutes two and a half courses from home through a broken rope.

Ringers gave a 'send-off' to the official programme of the Coronation festivities at Bournemouth, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples starting at 9 a.m.: F. Frankland Rigby 1, R. Dear 2, W. Garrett 3, H. Roberts (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, C. R. Forfitt 5, P. W. Witham 6, A. V. Davis (conductor) 7, H. Osborne 8.

Mr. C. R. Forfitt, the 74-year-old veteran of St. Peter's band, has now rung for the accession of four Kings of England and three Coronations as well as for Queen's Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

A Coronation peal was attempted at Wimborne St. Giles' Church on Wednesday, May 19th. Unfortunately, the ringing came to grief within four minutes of completion owing to three successive trips occurring in the last two courses which ended in the treble losing itself. The excellence of the striking of Grandsire Triples, the method selected, probably contributed to the failure, the errors coming about when success seemed assured.

CORONATION DAY IN VANCOUVER.

In Vancouver, British Columbia, there was a gathering of ringers who celebrated the Coronation by ringing the bells of the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary in short touches for nearly three hours. Many of them came from a considerable distance.

Among the touches were 336 Grandsire Triples: A. B. Lomas 1, A. C. Limpus 2, R. Pitman 3, F. M. Bressey 4, G. W. Foster 5, Frank Dunaway 6, W. Sampson 7, R. Tapper 8, and a 504 in the same method: A. C. Limpus 1, A. B. Lomas 2, R. Pitman 3, F. M. Bressey 4, G. W. Foster 5, Arthur King 6, W. Sampson 7, R. Tapper 8. Also a further 336. All these were conducted by George W. Foster, who had come from Port Haney, 30 miles distant. Mr. Bond also 'covered' for several short touches, and rounds and 'queens' were rung and a royal salute of 21 'shots' was fired.

At 2 a.m. some of the ringers had heard the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, through the radio, and afterwards a few good rounds and plain hunting on the splendid peal in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, but this was cut off after two minutes as the programme of the Canadian B.C. was interrupted.

For 50 years Messrs. J. Jagger, J. Walker and J. Screen, who rang together at Christ Church, West Bromwich, for the Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth, have rung for all the principal royal events—Jubilees, Accessions and Coronations.

John Jagger, the senior member of the trio, had his first lesson in ringing on May 6th, 1867, when his father took him to St. Thomas' Church, Oxford. He has thus completed 70 years as a ringer.

These three veterans took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on May 29th, rung by H. Morton 1, J. Sheldon 2, J. Jagger 3, F. Horsfield 4, J. Walker 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, E. Parish 7, J. Reed 8. On Coronation Day only plain ringing and 'firing' was possible.

BAD LUCK IN GLAMORGANSHIRE.

It is 25 years ago since the last peal was rung on the bells at Radyr, Glamorganshire, owing to objection by residents adjacent to the church. Permission was, however, granted by the Vicar for an attempt for a Coronation peal on Saturday, May 22nd. All went splendidly until the middle of the 11th part of Parker's Twelve-Part peal of Grandsire, when the Vicar unlocked the belfry door and asked for the bells to be stopped at once. The ringers shouted only about 20 minutes to go, but he insisted on stopping and then explained that a woman was ill opposite the church suffering from blood pressure. The Vicar was as much disappointed as the ringers, but messengers to his house and the constant ringing of his telephone compelled him to stop the ringing. Those taking part were as follows: A. W. Heath 1, G. Talbot 2, J. W. Jones 3, E. Stitch 4, R. E. Coles 5, G. Poppell 6, J. Phillips (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

A run of bad luck in Coronation peals dogged Mr. E. Stitch, district secretary of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. He had five failures and no success.

A peal of Bob Minor came to grief at Cadoxton, near Neath, in the middle of the fourth 720 on Coronation Day: W. Lewis 1, E. Phillips 2, B. Devonald 3, E. Stitch 4, B. Williams 5, G. I. Lewis (conductor) 6.

The bells were rung at Aberavon, Glam., on Coronation Day, and a peal of Grandsire Triples attempted on Saturday, May 15th, but unfortunately came to grief in the seventh part through a shift course: G. Chappel 1, P. E. Stone 2, E. Phillips 3, J. T. Williams 4, G. I. Lewis 5, E. Stitch (conductor) 6, A. J. Pitman 7, T. M. Roderick 8.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles was arranged at Baglan, Glam., for Wednesday, May 19th, but the band met one short. With the help of Penarth ringers, who were on their outing, a few six-scores were rung. The bells were rung by the local band on Coronation Day.

The bells at Newton, Porthcawl, Glam., were rung by the local band on Coronation Day, and a peal of Grandsire Doubles attempted on Thursday, May 20th, but it came to grief in the 27th 120, through one of the ringers missing the sally: H. E. Carpenter 1, V. Smith 2, C. M. Davies 3, T. M. Roderick 4, E. Stitch (conductor) 5, A. E. Bacon 6.

CHURCH AND CIVIC EMPHASIS.

At Penwortham, Lancs, the ringing on Coronation Day was given official backing by resolutions passed both by the Parochial Church Council and the Parish Council. Thus church and civic emphasis was given to the ringers' own loyal intentions. The bells were rung to a 720 of Kent Treble Bob before an early celebration, and for an hour before the service at Westminster. This ringing included two 720's of Kent Treble Bob.

Two quarter-peals were rung at Donington, Lincolnshire. The first for Coronation service was the first on the bells since they were rehung in a new frame. It consisted of 720 and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob and 180 of Plain Bob by Gerald Short 1, Jesse Pearson 2, Fred C. Pearson (conductor) 3, Ernest Staples 4, Percy Markham 5, Cyril Wander 6. In the evening a quarter-peal comprising 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob and 180 of Plain Bob: H. Woods (conductor) 1, Jesse Pearson 2, Percy Markham 3, Ernest Staples 4, Cyril Wander 5, Stanley Woods 6.

Prior to the Coronation service at St. Mary's Church, Maisey Hampton, Glos., a date touch of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles (1,937 changes) in 1 hour 11 minutes: H. Prophet 1, L. W. Cuss 2, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 3, N. J. Pearce 4, G. Pearce 5, W. A. Godwin 6.

The first quarter-peal on the bells was rung to commemorate Coronation Day at Iwerne Minster, Dorset. It was 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, rung by F. W. Chant 1, Edward C. Chant (conductor) 2, A. Roberts 3, T. Wareham 4, W. G. Dawen 5, J. Kiddle 6. First quarter-peal for treble, 3rd and 4th ringers.

LOST PEALS.

Visiting Royston, Herts, for a Coronation peal on Thursday, May 13th, the following rang over two hours in an attempt for London Surprise Major: Miss V. Shorter 1, A. E. Pitstow 2, B. Wayman 3, C. W. Cook 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, R. L. Lathbury 6, F. Dench 7, P. Warrington (conductor) 8. It was a new composition for Mr. F. Dench and was lost with seven more courses to ring.

On Saturday, May 15th, at Eaton Socon, Beds, the conductor had more 'bobs' than 'sovereigns', and let the band down in the eighth course of a 15-course peal of Kent Treble, this also being a new composition by Mr. Deuch: H. L. Harlow 1, S. Goodwin 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, A. E. Austin 4, H. J. Parker 5, R. D. St. J. Smith 6, F. Warrington (conductor) 7, H. Fields 8.

A Coronation peal was attempted but lost at Moreton Corbet, Shropshire, on May 17th. Afterwards 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung: T. Leech 1, T. Price 2, W. J. Chester 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, F. Price 5, A. Pritchard (conductor) 6. First 720 of Surprise by ringers of 1 and 6.

A Coronation peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Bucklebury, Berks, on Saturday, May 8th, but unfortunately was lost after ringing two hours, up to which point there had not been a trip of any sort: Miss S. Davis 1, G. Hesketh 2, G. Fowler 3, H. Smith 4, G. Stocker 5, R. W. Rex 6, E. Humfrey (conductor) 7, P. Dyke 8.

A peal on Coronation Day at Dodderhill, Droitwich, had to be abandoned, as the conductor was suffering from tonsillitis. A quarter-peal was, however, accomplished with another conductor, but the invalid had recovered sufficiently to call a peal on the following Monday.

A FLOODLIT STEEPLE.

Ringers began at 6 a.m. at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, and to synchronise with the floodlighting of the steeple in the evening a quarter-peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung: Miss D. Vale 1, A. Bone 2, R. Gilbert 3, Mrs. R. Pacey 4, S. Pacey 5, C. Nichols 6, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. Afterwards a royal salute of 21 'shots' was fired.

Commencing at 7 a.m. on Coronation morning, a quarter-peal of Minor 720 of Cambridge Surprise, 360 New London Pleasure and 240 Woodbine was rung at Little Munden, Herts: W. Williams 1, A. Woolston 2, W. H. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, E. Overall 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6.

The first quarter-peal on the recast bells at Rishton, Lancs, was rung on Coronation Day. It was Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Atherton 1, J. Parr 2, E. Brunton 3, R. Balderstone 4, L. Williams 5, J. Clegg 6, F. Read 7, L. J. Williams (conductor) 8. The bells have just been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The official programme at Kington, Herefordshire, on Coronation Day, was opened by ringing on the church bells. This consisted of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles by Bert Price (first quarter-peal) 1, Percy Evans 2, Trevor Jones (conductor) 3, Tom Giddings 4, William Price (first quarter-peal 'inside') 5, Reg. Edwards 6.

At the Parish Church, Ickleton, Cambs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: W. Smoothery 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, L. Lilley 3, R. Clements 4, L. Flitton 5, G. Lilley 6, W. Flitton 7, A. G. Lilley 8.

At Great Totham, Essex, on Sunday, May 9th, for special morning Coronation service, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 Cambridge Surprise, 504 Kent Treble Bob and 36 Plain Bob: H. Seager 1, G. W. Barber 2, W. Mills 3, E. J. Shynn (conductor) 4, G. Hayward 5, P. C. Sayer 6. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Seager 1, G. W. Barber 2, H. Seager 3, S. Edwards 4, E. J. Shynn 5, P. C. Sayer (conductor) 6.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**CEFN COED'S PERFECT PERFORMANCE IN ANNUAL COMPETITION.**

The annual competition was held this year at St. Elli's Church, Llanelly, Breconshire, on May 22nd. Owing to the Coronation and Whitsun holidays, many ringers found it impossible to lose another day, with the result that only four teams entered, viz., Talgarth, Cefn Coed, St. Mary's, Brecon, and Llanelly, Breconshire. The competitors completed their tasks during the afternoon and then sat down to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the Rev. Perry Jones (Vicar of Llanelly) and a band of his parishioners. After tea the Vicar called upon Mr. W. H. Fussell, Slough, for his adjudication. Mr. Fussell said his task had been a simple one, due to the fact that the entries were small. Cefn Coed were outstanding; in fact, he could not penalise them at all, his only criticism being that their ringing was on the slow side.

Mrs. Parry Jones presented the shield to Mr. Bert Hunt (captain) and also handed a silver medal to each member of the winning team. Talgarth, the runners-up, with 12 faults, received a certificate. Brecon, 32 faults, and the home team were third and fourth respectively.

Mr. S. T. Rackham (Master of the Guild) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Fussell, and the Rev. Gurnos Davies, in seconding, mentioned that it was the 15th occasion upon which Mr. Fussell had obliged the Guild.—The vote was carried unanimously with three hearty cheers.

Mr. Fussell, responding, said it was a real pleasure for him to come to Wales to judge the Guild's competition, as it gave him an opportunity of meeting old friends as well as making new ones. He deplored the fact that we were passing through a period when Sunday sport and amusement seemed to have more adherents than the services of the Church. He made a strong appeal to the ringers to play their part in church life by keeping the bells going and by each ringer bringing along one new member to the tower.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. Parry Jones, Mrs. Parry Jones and her lady helpers for the excellent meal which had been provided.

The winning team was as follows: A. Hunt 1, Ray Chappell 2, V. Chappell 3, C. Chappell 4, E. Woolley 5, W. Thomas 6.

A PILGRIMAGE.

A party of Oxford Guild ringers recently made their annual pilgrimage to East Garston, the resting place of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. A 720 of Bob Minor, such as he would have loved to hear, was rung by a band, all of whom have happy memories of the late Master: Miss M. Field 1, R. T. Hibbert 2, R. Warwick 3, Miss S. Davis 4, W. Hibbert, jun. 5, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 6. The ringing was completed with 120 each of Stedman and Grand sire Doubles, with G. Woodley at the tenor.

LATE NOTICES.

BICKLEIGH, DEVON.—The ring of 6 bells (tenor 13 cwt.) restored and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Plymouth on Thursday, June 17th, at 3 p.m. The service will be followed by tea; ticket, adults 9d., children 6d.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Kirk Ella on Saturday, June 19th. Further particulars next week.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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Mr. A. Walker said that while the welding of iron or steel was a success, he agreed with the president that it must be very difficult to re-weld old bells, considering the constitution of the metal and the different fusing points. He agreed it should not be encouraged.

Mr. E. A. Young asked the president if his remarks referred only to welding in the sound bow and not necessarily in the crown of a bell?

The President said he did not know of any case where a bell welded in the sound bow had been finally successful without cracking again. He knew some bells had apparently been welded in the crown, and as far as one could say up to date had been more or less successful, but he still rather mistrusted it. If it were not for the expense he would like to see a bell carefully broken up to see what actually had happened.

NOTICES.

TO-MORROW (June 5th).—Birmingham Cathedral. Ringing 3 till 6 p.m. Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, at 7.30 until 'dark,' for social intercourse.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (grand peal of 8) ready at 3. Tea at 5 p.m. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Rector, at 5 p.m. at the Rectory. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Late Notice.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will take place at Leadenham (6 bells) on Saturday, June 5th. Fulbeck not available. Tea at George Hotel 1s. 3d. per head.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

ELSTREE (6 bells).—An opportunity to become a star (in ringing). Every facility to rise (or fall). To-morrow (Saturday). Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30.—C. H. Horton, Bushey, City 4270. Rail or coach service to village from all parts.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5.30, 9d. each. Meeting afterwards.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchborne on Saturday, June 5th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Racquet Court at 4.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, June 5th. For tea please notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Halsall, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. Maudesley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirk.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All visitors welcome. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., Albert Street, Bletchley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Gransden on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Hawkshead on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends to be present at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, June 5th, the occasion being the Ringers' Day. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. A service will be held in church at 4.30 p.m. Special preacher: Rev. A. Scott, M.A., President of the Association. To be followed by tea in the school at 5.30 p.m. — Stephen Lloyd Parry, Hon. Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for June: Service ringing, June 6th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10 a.m.; Bow, Cheapside, 27th, at 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', 7th and 21st, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, 29th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 8th; St. Magnus' on the 10th; St. Andrew's on the 17th; *St. Giles', Cripple-gate, on the 22nd; St. Magnus' on the 24th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Combined practices for June: Barkway, Thursday, June 10th; Great Wymondley, Friday, June 18th; Knebworth, Thursday, June 24th; Aston, Wednesday, June 30th. Don't forget these are for your benefit, so support them as well as you did last year.—Don Mears.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Meeting at Sunbury on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea in Church Hall. Quarterly business to follow. Excellent bells and attractive surroundings. Won't you come? — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 p.m. at Christ Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, by Thursday, June 10th. All ringers welcome.—F. G. Wooddiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Halewood, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Price 9d. each. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. W. Gardner, Church Road, Halewood.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, June 12th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, at Mrs. Settattrees' Tea Rooms. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Loddon on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Do not forget to notify me of names or numbers for tea, as it is very important this time.—J. G. W. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Summer meeting at Longdon (3 miles from Upton-on-Severn, west of river) on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6), recently rehung, from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea in the Schools 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Please advise me by Tuesday, June 8th. Midland Red bus (364) leaves Upton for Longdon at 2.58 p.m. The 2 p.m. bus from Worcester to Upton connects.—Geo. E. Large, Branch Sec., Hawford, near Worcester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter and Mid-Devon Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Teignmouth on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available: St. Michael's (8) and Bishopsteignton (6) from 3 p.m. Service at St. Michael's Church at 4.30. Tea at London Hotel at 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting of Exeter Branch. Numbers for tea to reach Mr. A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh, by first post Tuesday, June 8th.—W. H. Howe and A. L. Bennett, Branch Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Throwley on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. You are asked to send in your name for tea to Miss K. Hooker, Park Farm, Throwley, Faversham, not later than Wednesday, June 9th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Bardfield on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided for all those who send in their names to Mr. J. Jennings, Pant Place, Great Bardfield, near Braintree, not later than Wednesday, June 9th, or to me.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Kildwick, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea should advise Mr. C. Law, Main Street, Kildwick, near Keighley, before Monday, June 7th. — Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Headington, Oxford, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) for those who notify me by Wednesday, June 9th.—Miss M. Reynolds, Hon. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. T. Kitson, 39, Greaves Road, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, by June 10th. A hearty welcome to all. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Withyham on June 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service, if can be arranged. Tea and meeting to follow, 5 p.m. Half rail fares to members. All are welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday prior to meeting, please.—O. Sippetts, Div. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — The annual branch meeting will be held at Cuddington on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please send a card if you require tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL. — Ringers' opening, Saturday, June 12th. All ringers heartily welcome. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Further ringing 7 till 9. Names for teas, please, not later than Thursday, 10th, to H. Broughton, 18, Cooden Avenue, Leicester. Leicester District, M.C.A., meeting arranged for same day at Kibworth postponed until July 3rd.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Shildon, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 9th.—R. Jeff, 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 6 p.m., and a meeting will be held in tower at about 6.30. All who attend are welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Loughborough District will be held at Quorn on June 12th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Good 'hunting.' Let's have a record 'meet.'—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus service from Swindon Junction Station. — W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, June 12th. Christ Church and St. Peter's bells available. Ringers please meet at Christ Church 2.30. Tea 5, at Co-op. Café. Please advise Mr. H. Craig, 21, York Street, Jarrow, by p.c. if you require same. A good attendance requested and all ringers and friends welcome. — F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Royston, June 12th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Short service. Tea provided by the Vicar, the Rev. F. F. Grieg, The Vicarage, Royston. Send a card to the Vicar if you will be staying for tea.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanfrecfha on Saturday, June 12th. Afternoon ringing, service at 4.30 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Donington on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 7th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

BINEGAR, near Wells, Som.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Taunton on Sunday, June 13th, at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. The bells have been restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 19th. Tea at the Six Bells. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Vine, The Village Club, Newdigate?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Summer meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at Becham, near Reading. Ring of 6 rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Service at 4.30 by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 19th, at Bolsover, Derbyshire. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m., in Church Hall, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea *must* apply not later than June 15th to Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, Derbyshire.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea by the 16th. Usual travelling allowance paid at this meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above division will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 m. at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Whearcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by the 17th for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

WADENHOE, near Oundle, Northants.—The Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the bells on Sunday, June 20th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

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