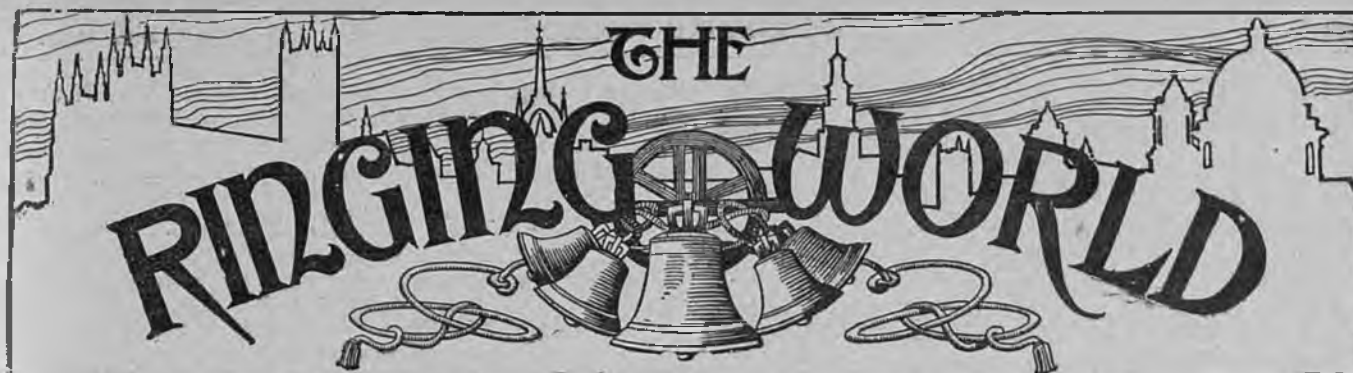




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AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

Among the general items which came before the Central Council, under the heading of 'Other business,' was one which was mentioned by the President and passed over without further comment. And yet, in regard to the practical side of ringing, it is by no means the least important subject which should concern us. We refer to the method by which bells are raised and lowered before and after ringing. At all too few towers is this matter given the attention it deserves. The correct way to begin and end ringing is by raising and falling the bells in peal and there is no other effective substitute. There are expedients which minimise the unpleasant effect of bells raised or lowered indiscriminately, such as pulling them up or dropping them singly and in order (which is probably the best method if it is not done in peal), or by doing it in chords. Too frequently, however, no attention is paid to these preliminaries, or finalities, often because ringers will not take trouble to practise.

In the old days, before the use of stays and sliders, raising and falling was necessary in connection with every bout of ringing, and was an essential preliminary of every ringer's training. To-day it seems to be one of the last things the majority of ringers learn. Yet raising and falling in peal, well done, not only, as the President pointed out, puts a polish to a performance, but is actually one of the best methods of teaching a beginner bell control. There are, of course, quite a number of bands who make it a practice to do this thing properly, and it is often the least accomplished change ringers who are most assiduous in their attention to it, indeed, the 'round' ringers of the West Country would not dream of doing anything but pull their bells up and down in peal.

We hope the President's remarks will receive the attention they deserve, and that, particularly for service ringing, ringers everywhere will improve their efforts in this direction. Raising and falling cannot be accomplished properly without practice, but for the sake of the general effect on the ears of the public it would be all to the good if the 'jangling' of bells indiscriminately before and after ringing were entirely avoided. If, because of the weight or for other reasons, all the bells in a tower cannot be raised or lowered in peal, the President's suggestions are those which cause the least offence to the ear; and particularly should it be made a practice, where raising and falling cannot be carried out, to get the bells up and down, one at a time and in order from treble to tenor. The effect of many a good touch has been spoiled by clashing bells in discord afterwards, but

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there are ringers who seem not to realise this. If they
do, but fail to mend their ways, their action is all the
more to be regretted. But the ideal aim should be rais-
ing and falling in peal, and that well done.

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LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

HENRY T. WILSON Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM 6
ERNEST J. KING 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr, 12 lb.

THOMAS E. DENYER Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 5
MAURICE SMITHER 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	COLIN A. HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD J. ROCHESTER Treble	ERNEST W. PYE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOSEPH MARKS 6
ERNEST J. BOTLER 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
LOUIS CORDELL 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells

WHITCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

O. J. SMART Treble	O. G. SMART 5
H. E. BALAAM 2	C. W. MONDAY 6
W. H. C. HUNT 3	J. CHESTERMAN 7
H. G. SMART 4	H. C. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by O. J. SMART.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthday of King George VI.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOSKINS 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY

Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. E. Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk, and Miss Jean Thompson, of Swanscombe.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, June 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 2	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIXSTOW. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of 7 and 8, who have previously rung Pudsey Royal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6050 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*THOMAS W. TOMLINSON ... Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 2	COLIN A. HOPPER ... 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

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

* First attempt for a peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... Treble	REGINALD PAYNE ... 5
SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 2	GEORGE S. LEE ... 6
JOHN TURLEY ... 3	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 7
ARTHUR GILL ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT ... Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 5
JAMES FEARNLEY ... 2	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
ALAN BROWN ... 3	KENNETH LEWIS ... 7
CHRIS. GUDGON ... 4	NORMAN HEAPS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Heaps.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*JOHN W. SANGWIN ... Treble	H. FREDERICK MYERS ... 5
WILLIAM G. HISCOCK ... 2	G. HARRY MYERS ... 6
ERNEST W. MARSH ... 3	A. WILLIAM MYERS ... 7
*FREDERICK SANGWIN ... 4	THOMAS G. MYERS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

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

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

DAVID VINCENT ... Treble	HERBERT MCKINNELL ... 5
*JOHN HASSALL ... 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN. ... 6
KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	ALAN J. BROWN ... 7
FRANK REYNOLDS ... 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by K. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major. The first peal on the bells.

WIGSTON MAGNA.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

SYDNEY O. CHERNEY ... Treble	DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 2	KENNETH A. ROE ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	RICHARD F. ROE ... 7
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

First peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM PLATT ... Treble	STANLEY COPLING ... 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... 2	*FREDERICK GUNTON ... 6
*FREDERICK MUNNINGS ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
ERNEST WHITING ... 4	CHARLES LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by CHARLES LOOME.

* First peal of Oxford.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH ... Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBBENHAM ... 7
JOHN E. ROOTES ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER (No. 16). Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of these bells.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*SIDNEY J. LEVETT ... Treble	HARRY BAKER ... 5
†CHARLES H. SONE ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
TOM SAUNDERS ... 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 7
JOHN A. W. DOWNING ... 4	LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Major. † 275th peal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells. The composition, No. 435, is rung for the first time.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 2	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 6
PETER CHARMAN ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 30th anniversary of the 2nd and tenor ringers' first peal together.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE LEE ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
JOHN HAYES ... 2	GILBERT GERRARD ... 6
HARRY LEWIS ... 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

Rung for the golden jubilee of the church. All the band are Sunday service ringers at the church.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR,
8056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER NICHOLS 1	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 5
R. ALLAN HICKYON 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 6
JACK BAILEY 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
FRANK BRADLEY 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

Peal No. 4,666. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

*ALBERT G. HARRISON 1	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
*ERIC G. BENNETT 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
*WILLIAM J. CLOVER 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	*NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the diocese since May 16th, 1914.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE 6
WILLIAM SPICE 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
ARTHUR S. BOAR 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 4, 5 and 7; also to Doris, daughter of E. J. Dobbie, and Betty, daughter of C. H. Dobbie. Mr. W. Spice at short notice kindly took the place of Miss D. G. Dobbie, who was indisposed.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 21, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (6th observation).

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT 1	ROBERT C. HEAZEL 5
*WILLIAM T. FORRESTER ... 2	JOHN H. SITCH 6
HARRY TURNER 3	ERNEST W. FORBANK 7
*CHARLES J. HARRINGTON ... 4	ALBERT E. PRYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal of Triples.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... 1	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 5
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 7
*JOHN W. EUSTON 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

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BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford, Plain, Cambridge Surprise and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MISS BERTHA REEVE 1	*JAMES W. JENNINGS ... 4
*MISS ELEANOR REEVE ... 2	CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... 5
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents with five different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 1	CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... 4
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
*FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 3	Cecil H. ALDOUS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY THELWELL 1	*STANLEY SUTTON 4
*HERBERT SUTTON 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	†THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

SEDLISCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*STANLEY ETHERIDGE 1	EDWARD BISHOP 4
*GEORGE MASKELL 2	†ALBERT KEMP 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 3	JAMES G. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3rd and 5th.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

DOUGLAS W. RANSOM 1	ARTHUR C. CHUBB 4
HUBERT SMITH 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
TREVOR E. MARES 3	GILBERT W. RENDELL ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

Rung after meeting one short for Triples.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Ipswich, Lightfoot, York, Durham, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALEC MUNDY 1	HARRY J. SANGER 4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
KENNETH FORD 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, one 720 each of Court Bob and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR MACKEARS Treble	SIDNEY WHATLEY 4
*LESLIE SQUIRES 2	ARTHUR DAVEY 5
JOHN H. HAYNES 3	HENRY SQUIRES Tenor

Conducted by HENRY SQUIRES.

* First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday of the ringer of the 2nd and the birthday of his younger brother.

MICHAEL ESKLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Morning Star, Old Doubles, Plain Bob and two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, 30 callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER 3
JAMES P. HYETT 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS 4
JOHN J. WEBB Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal in five methods on the bells and rung for evensong.

BINEGAR, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

KENNETH FORD Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 4
JOHN E. METCALFE 2	*REV. M. K. WARREN 5
MISS NORAH J. WILLIAMS ... 3	RONALD J. BECK Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

BRINDLE, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1937, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

ARTHUR HATCH Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... 4
*THOMAS BARKER 2	*F. G. BRADLEY 5
*ALFRED BLOGG 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT BLACKLIDGE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a token of mourning for the late Mr. H. Nelson, a ringer of this tower, who was interred the same day.

NEWINGTON, HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS MINNIE E. HARDEN ... Treble	FREDERICK T. HARDEN ... 4
FRANK A. SLINGSBY 2	LIONEL H. LEACH 5
CHARLES TURNER 3	*THOMAS J. WILSON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the centenary of Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, Kent.

RUSHDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JACK DEAR Treble	EDWIN C. BUCK 3
PERCY TOMPKINS 2	WALTER D. POOLEY 4
R. THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor	

Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

First peal and attempt by J. Dear (aged 14), and the first peal on the bells, which were all cast by John Briant in 1786 approx.

MAIDWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GUILDSBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*CECIL BROWN Treble	JACK BELL 4
†JOHN PLANE 2	*ARTHUR MILLWARD 5
WM. DRACON 3	SIDNEY MUMTON Tenor

Conducted by S. MUMTON.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal and first attempt. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Charles Dixon, a local ringer, who was married on the previous Saturday (June 12th) to Miss Dorothy Noble.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (2) St. Albans, Wragby and Charlwood Delight; (3) Chapel Treble Bob; (4) Sandal Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (6) Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM ATRINSON Treble	*ALBERT BANCROFT 4
*REV. FRANK BONNER 2	ERIC ELLISON 5
KENNETH LEWIS 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.

* First peal in nine methods. Nine changes of methods. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the installation of the present peal of bells.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN POWELL Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS 4
HARRY OWENS 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
THOMAS E. STEAD 3	ANDREW POWELL Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. P. A. H. Birley, who has been Vicar of Eardisland for 20 years. He was instituted on June 19th, 1917. All the ringers are local men with the exception of E. F. Salmon.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

GEORGE BELL Treble	DENNIS F. BELL 4
MISS JEAN BELL 2	ALFRED W. KING 5
JACK PUMFREY 3	W. C. MEDLER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 3-4	PETER LAFIN 7-8
*HARRY ASHTON 9-10	

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Royal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

IN THE BULFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
*DEREK M. SHARP 3-4	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7-8
†ALAN J. HOPPER 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. D. M. Sharp has now rung Bob Minor to Maximus 'in hand.'

'A HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.'

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

*To be published in September by
'The Ringing World'*

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

THE MASTER'S GARDEN PARTY AT BRASTED.

On Saturday last, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis entertained a number of the officers (past and present) and such other members of the society as were able to accept the general invitation extended to them. This being the festival year, it was hoped that many ladies would come with their manfolk. They formed about a fourth of the party, which mustered about 45 in all.

The London contingent mostly availed themselves of the private bus placed at their disposal by Mr. Lewis, and which left St. Paul's Churchyard at 1.30. Others arrived by car, and at 3 o'clock Mr. Lewis and family were welcoming quite a big assembly on the lawn and forecourt of Moorcocks (formerly the old Rectory) at Brasted. To those who do not know the lovely Westerham valley in which Brasted lies, it may suffice to say that it is Kent at its best and that the Pilgrims chose it in forming the 'Way' to Canterbury.

Reassembling, the party drove away over wooded hills and by winding lanes to Penshurst, a village known for its beauty even amongst Kentish villages. The bells had been kindly placed at the party's disposal and were rung to several 'touches.' Time did not allow of a visit to Penshurst Place adjoining. Our memories are, however, awakened by seeing this famous Elizabethan house, and we think of the Virgin Queen, of Leicester, Sir Philip Sydney (poet and hero of Zutphen) and others associated with Penshurst.

The return journey was by the main road through Sevenoaks, affording a glimpse of Knowle, another famous mansion (they seem to cluster in these parts), and so again to Brasted. We are late and there is Mrs. Lewis waiting for her guests to do justice to the temptingly spread tables. These old rectories! How easily they absorb a crowd and exhale hospitality.

Skirting the flower beds, the great cedar and the chestnuts, for Moorcocks is embowered on three sides by stately trees, we find two meadows, a brook, and there is Brasted Church. The massive old tower has six bells, and, the day being their anniversary, they are doubtless well satisfied at the way in which it was celebrated.

The ringers being thus employed, the ladies explore the gardens, now at their best, and which also supply two dozen beautiful bouquets for them and those others who were unable to be there. The last of these pleasant hours soon passes in refreshment and chatting on the lawns, with the tinkling handbells for musical background. Nine p.m. and all join in heartily thanking Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, with cheers for them and all their family. And so home.

Amongst the past and present officers of the society who attended were Messrs. Hughes, Dawe, Passmore, Groombridge, Young, Fenn, Porter and Waugh.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT'S BYE-MEETING.

A pleasant bye-meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Throwley on Saturday, June 12th.

Fifty members and friends attended, representing 13 towers and four districts of the association. There was also present a visitor from London.

Ringing took place on the eight bells, and the association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. B. Somerville), who also gave a short address.

Tea, kindly provided by local friends, was partaken of on the Vicarage lawn and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

One new member was elected, and the election of a member previous to a peal attempt was confirmed.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address, and also to the local people for providing the tea.

After 'snaps' had been taken by one of the younger members, a return was made to the tower and further ringing enjoyed until late in the evening, rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge being practised.

FOR BEGINNERS.

We regret the interruption of this series of articles, owing to the pressure on our space by the large number of peals rung in celebration of the Coronation. This week we take up the broken thread of Minor methods which are related in their construction. The last article appeared in our issue of May 26th.

HEREWARD AND LONDON BOB.

In preceding articles we dealt with double methods and method grouping—the real object of which has been to show that ringers, with the exercise of average intelligence, will find it perfectly easy to extend their practice from one to a number of methods—let us look at some other methods which come into the group of which Double Oxford and Double Court form part.

It has previously been pointed out that certain blocks of changes, forming plain courses, may have their constituent 'leads' united either by 2nd's place or 6th's, when the treble leads, thus forming two different methods. In addition, the same changes can be used to make other methods by the use or omission of 5th's place when the treble lies its whole pull behind. Thus the changes of a plain course can be knit together in one or other of the following ways:—

By 2nd's only, when treble leads.

By 6th's only, when treble leads.

By 5th's, when treble is behind, and 2nd's.

By 5th's, when treble is behind, and 6th's.

Strictly speaking, 6th's, in Minor, is not a 'place' 'within the meaning of the Act,' or, shall we say, within the meaning of the application of the word 'place.' It is only a necessary whole pull in one position to enable a bell, which has been hunting up, to reverse its course and hunt down. But as 4th's place at the lead head of a regular method is a bob, it follows that if 2nd's place is not made when the treble leads, the bell behind must of necessity lay a whole pull, and so we have our methods divided into 2nd's place and 6th's place methods.

Double Oxford, as we have explained, is, constructionally, Double Court, with the addition of 5th's place when the treble is behind and 2nd's place when the treble leads.

There are two other methods in this group which are obtained by the employment, in one case, of 2nd's only and, in the other, by the use of 5th's only. The former is Hereward Bob and the latter London Bob.

When you come to write out the methods you will find that London Bob is the same as Double Oxford, row for row, until the treble leads, and then 2nd's is omitted, and 6th's place is necessarily made by the bell behind.

Hereward Bob follows Double Court, row for row, until the treble leads, when 2nd's has to be inserted. In each half-lead of all these four methods places are made across the treble, 4th's and 3rd's as it passes up through 3-4; and 3rd's and 4th's as it comes down through 4-3. The difference in them all is the link that joins the half-leads.

Here is an interesting thing to do: Write out a full course of one of the methods, cut it into ten pieces by dividing it between the rows when the treble is behind and when it is leading. With these ten pieces you can reconstruct any one of the four methods.

The 'standard' callings as applied to Double Oxford and Double Court apply to these two other methods. Hereward, having 2nd's place, is called Wrong, Right, Wrong; and London Bob, having 6th's when the treble leads, In, Out, In.

This is when the 6th is observation bell and the tenors are brought up always the right way behind. If the 5th is to be used as the observation bell and you 'keep the tenors the right way'—as you should—the calling to be used is, 'Right, Wrong, Right in the 2nd's place methods; and Out, In, Out in methods without 2nd's place. This applies to all regular Minor methods.

In plain methods two singles are necessary to complete the extent, and they are called at what would otherwise be a 'plain' Right or a plain 'Out,' according to whether it is a 2nd or 6th's place method, if the 6th is the observation bell; and at a plain Wrong or plain In if the 5th is the observation bell. The first single may be called in either the first, second or third part of the first half, as long as the second single is called in the corresponding part of the second half.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION MEETING AT WASHINGTON.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Washington on Saturday, June 12th, when 40 members attended from Arundel, Angmering, Heene, Lynminster, Rudgwick, Shoreham, Twineham, West Tarring, West Grinstead and the local band. There were also two visitors from Hayes, Kent.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. O. Houseman). After tea the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. R. Burch, A. Blackman, H. Bentinck and H. Parsons.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Houseman, in replying, gave the ringers a cordial welcome, also remarking on the big attendance. Further ringing until 8 p.m. brought a very successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**NOT IDLE AT IDLE.**

On Saturday, June 19th, the Leeds and District Society visited Idle, near Bradford, for their June meeting. The weather was far from the 'Flaming June' of the poet's phrase, as it was raining most of the afternoon and evening, but this did not deter ringers attending from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Holbeck, Lindley, Leeds Parish Church, Headingley (St. Chad's), Rothwell, Shipley and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, with the president in the chair.

One new member was elected, viz., Miss Edith Mansbridge, of Drighlington.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. Lofthouse, and seconded by Mr. Rayment.—Mr. Thomas Hill, who is churchwarden as well as ringer, replied.

The next meeting is to be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 24th.

Discussion was invited on the question as to how the circulation of 'The Ringing World' could be increased.—Mr. Simpson (Shipley) suggested all new or young ringers should be advised to take a copy.—Another suggestion was that all towers be asked to inquire the number of copies taken, with a view to an increase in each tower.

LADIES' GUILD.**CENTRAL DISTRICT AT BEDDINGTON.**

An enjoyable meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Beddington and was very well attended, about 40 people being present. Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, and Mrs. Deal presided at the business meeting which followed.

Two new members were elected, i.e., Mrs. F. E. Collins, of Thornton Heath, and Miss M. Proxham.

St. Giles-in-the-Fields was chosen for the annual meeting on July 3rd. Braintree was selected for the September meeting. The next Wednesday meeting has been arranged for June 23rd at Sevenoaks.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher requested all those who require tickets for the Jubilee dinner of the Guild to send their names to her or their district secretary as soon as possible, as the number is limited.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the organist and Mrs. C. Kippin, who had to make such hasty arrangements for this meeting.

The ringing in the tower included a course of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and a touch of Double Norwich by members of the Guild. London and Cambridge Major and Cambridge Royal was also rung, three parts of the band in each case being composed of members. The ringing, on the whole, was of a very high standard.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**MEETING AT COSELEY.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Christ Church, Coseley, Staffs, on Saturday, June 5th, in ideal summer weather. The attendance of members was below the average. The bells were kept going in various methods, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. W. Watson), who gave a very interesting and homely address. After service the members adjourned to the schools, where a bountiful tea was in readiness, kindly provided by the Vicar, and it was regretted that there were not more present to partake of the good things provided. It is hoped that those who sent in their names and did not turn up will kindly make a note of this for future occasions.

The usual business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar, who welcomed the members to Coseley and said he hoped that they would enjoy their visit.

The secretary mentioned that since their last meeting they had lost by death one of their oldest and most respected members, a pioneer in the formation of this Guild—he referred to the late Mr. John Goodman, sen., 'father' of the Dudley Guild.—Mr. Isaac Evans, of Willenhall, was elected a member of the Guild. It was decided that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Coseley, and the next quarterly meeting held at Enville, Staffs, subject to the usual permission being obtained, failing which the secretary make other arrangements. The arrangements for the quarterly peal are left in the hands of Mr. W. Fisher.—Mr. C. Wallater proposed and Mr. S. J. Hughes seconded the best thanks of the meeting to the Vicar of Coseley for his kindness in regard to the meeting and service; to the organist, Mr. F. Flavell, and especially to the Vicar and Mrs. Watson for the splendid tea that they provided, and to the ladies who prepared and served the meal; also to Mr. Dennis Holden for making the necessary arrangements and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting an enjoyable and happy one.—Mr. Fisher, on behalf of the Vicar and Mrs. Watson and all concerned, thanked the members for their appreciation and thanks.

There was further ringing afterwards in various methods.

UNDERGRADUATES' FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

On Friday, June 18th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, Oxford, by members of the University Society, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Taylor (Kemble) 1, H. Miles (St. Catherine's) 2, S. Lester (Pembroke) 3, Rev. H. T. Wisdom (Exeter) 4, Rev. C. E. Wigg (Kemble) (conductor) 5, H. W. Horlock (Pembroke) 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 3 and 6, who are undergraduates.

APPRECIATION

TOWN HALL,
MANCHESTER, 2.

25th June, 1937.

"MESSRS. TAYLORS,

"BELLFOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH.

"DEAR SIRS,

At a meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on the 23rd instant, the Town Hall Superintendent reported that the work of installing the new bells in the Town Hall Belfry was now completed, and I am desired, on behalf of the Committee, to tender to you their sincere thanks for the very efficient manner in which the work has been carried out, and to ask you also to convey the thanks of the Committee to the workmen who were employed on your behalf.

Yours faithfully,

F. E. W. HOWELL,

Town Clerk."

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The claim of a band of the Essex Association to have rung the first peal on the bells of Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk, is not correct. According to a Suffolk correspondent, the first peal was rung on February 16th, 1803, when a band of the Ely Association rang a peal of Bob Minor, called by Mr. R. Gowers. 'These bells,' our correspondent adds, 'are a maiden peal and are just as they came out of the foundry, Osborn's, Downham, in 1788. They run the wrong way round.'

A successful week's ringing tour in Hampshire concluded on Friday, June 25th. Six of the eight peals rung were conducted by Mr. Frank Bennett, the others being called by Mr. George Williams and Mr. George R. Pye.

Twice the Rev. C. E. Wigg started to call a peal of Cambridge. At Hursley the rope of the fifth slipped after an hour's good ringing, and at Lymington somebody in the church below pulled the hammer that was used for service chiming right into the path of the tenor, which took it squarely with the inevitable result of stopping the peal. Fortunately the bell escaped injury, but the hammer was knocked clean out of its bolts.

We understand that the two historians of the party made their usual collection of notes on the backs of an apparently unlimited supply of envelopes. When these are deciphered, 'Ringing World' readers are promised a choice story!

The ringer of the fourth in the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs, reported in our last issue, was Frederick A. Forster.

The claim made for the first peal on the bells, at Marksbury, Somerset, on May 18th last, does not hold good. A peal of Minor had previously been rung there.

Three of the ringers who took part in the Coronation peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, at Wollaston on May 29th—Messrs. J. Bass, R. Matthews and W. Short—have now rung peals of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus, and Grandsire and Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The conductor of the peal of Treble Bob Royal at Isleworth on June 12th was Thomas H. Taffender and not as stated in our last issue.

A diary correction to hand. The joint meeting and social at Hillingdon between the Oxford Guild, Ladies' Guild and Middlesex Association will be held on October 16th and not October 9th.

VALUABLE BOOKS AT POPULAR PRICES.

CHEAPER EDITIONS OF 'BELLS THRO' THE AGES' AND 'HISTORY AND ART OF CHANGE RINGING.'

Ringers will welcome the announcement that Messrs. Chapman and Hall have published cheap editions of the two books, 'Bells Thro' the Ages,' by J. R. Nichols, and 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' by Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S. The new edition of each is now priced at 7s. 6d. and can be obtained through any bookseller.

The books, each in their particular sphere, when first published filled a place in bell bibliography which had long wanted filling. Neither subject had been really adequately covered in any one volume, and the student had, perforce, to glean his knowledge of bells and bellringing from many sources.

Mr. Nichols did a great service in bringing together within one volume the story of bells down the centuries, and, in the same way, Mr. Morris compiled an invaluable book of reference when he brought together the mass of information and records crowded into the nearly 700 pages of his history of ringing.

Equally Messrs. Chapman and Hall have now rendered a great service to ringers and the art of ringing by placing these volumes on the market at a price within the reach of a far larger circle of interested readers, both inside and outside the Exercise.

The volumes are complete reproductions, as far as contents are concerned, of the originals, and ringers who were unable to purchase the first editions will welcome the opportunity now presented of securing these books for their own shelves, for they are not only full of passing interest, but invaluable for reference.

BASINGSTOKE BELLRINGERS' FEAT!

STRANGE HAPPENINGS AT EAST HAGBOURNE.

We know that ringers do strange things at times, but until now we have never heard of them Morris dancing while they rang the church bells. But here is what a Berkshire newspaper printed the other day (the italics are ours):—

Members of the Basingstoke Bellringers' Society visited East Hagbourne on Saturday on their annual outing. At the tower of St. Andrew's they rang touches of Grandsire Triples and Cambridge Surprise. They were welcomed by the foreman of the tower (Mr. A. H. Webb). *During the ringing and after the visitors gave displays of country dancing and Morris dances round the Upper Cross.* The party danced under the direction of a special instructor, accompanied by their own music of violins and drums.

THE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AT WYMONDHAM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Coles' inquiry, the peal rung at Wymondham on May 12th was erroneously described as a 'spliced' peal. In the records of this association the peal is written down as 'a peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Worcester Variation,' and will appear in our report for the current year as such.

NOLAN GOLDEN.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 426.)

LEEDS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

When the Council was called upon to decide the place of the next meeting, the President said the Standing Committee recommended that the Council should visit Yorkshire.

Mr. P. J. Johnson (Leeds) said the matter had been discussed in the past by the Yorkshire Association, who would rather the Council visited Leeds. Leeds was in the centre of some of the finest scenery in the finest county of England (laughter and applause), with some of the finest bells in England and some of the finest-looking ringers (laughter). He proposed that the next meeting of the Council be held at Leeds.

Mr. S. F. Palmer (Sheffield) seconded. He did not agree with all Mr. Johnson had said (laughter), because they had some of the best scenery in England round Sheffield and they had some fine bells.

The Hon. Secretary said that at their meeting on the previous evening the Standing Committee received an invitation for the Council to visit Leicester.

Mr. J. Harris, who proposed that the meeting be held at Leicester, said that although there were good bells in Leeds, they claimed to have better bells in Leicester (laughter). They opened, on Coronation Day, what they considered the finest peal of twelve they had ever heard, and they were the only city in the world, outside London, that had two rings of twelve. In Leicester also they claimed to have three town halls—a Roman forum, a thirteenth or fourteenth century town hall and the present town hall. If the Council would go to Leicester they would be sure of a good welcome.

Mr. J. H. Swinfield seconded.

The Hon. Secretary said the last meeting in Yorkshire was in 1904 and the previous meeting to that in 1895. There were only two occasions since the formation of the Council when they had been north of a line from Liverpool to Sheffield—York in 1904 and Newcastle in 1913. The last meeting at Leicester was in 1911.

Mr. C. Mee asked if they had not promised the Irish Association that they would go to Dublin. He thought it was time they considered that, and proposed that the Council visit Dublin next year.—Mr. Crawley seconded.

The President pointed out that next year it was, according to the general rota followed, the turn of the North to have a meeting.

The places were put to the vote and Leeds was carried by a large majority.

Mr. S. H. Wood suggested that the Council should consider visiting Edinburgh in the not too distant future—possibly the next time they went North. Although Edinburgh was a rather long way, it would be the first time the Council had gone over the border. While he could no longer speak for the Scottish Association, he was sure the Council would get a warm welcome from that association.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Several minor matters were discussed under the heading of 'Other business.'

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher proposed that the Council send a letter to the Ancient Society of College Youths congratulating them upon attaining their tercentenary (applause).

Mr. J. A. Trollope, in seconding, said his qualification for doing so was because he was not a College Youth and because to some extent he represented the only other society which could, in antiquity and historical interest, equal the College Youths—he meant the Norwich Scholars. It was not the fact that the society was 300 years old that mattered, but the Exercise was indebted to the society because during its 300 years of existence it had preserved the continuity of the art and science of change ringing. Without it, or something of the sort, change ringing would undoubtedly have lapsed, even if it had been invented. He did not suppose that anyone inside or outside a lunatic asylum would invent it to-day, but, having been invented as it was, the only way in which it was possible to continue it and hand it on was by means of such a society as the College Youths. The society had had its ups and downs, but it had, until modern times, always stood at the top of the Exercise and had been, so to speak, the aristocracy of the art, taking the position which, in much the same way, that Council filled at the present time. The whole Exercise was really indebted to the society, to the men who were dead and gone, for the science and art which they had to-day, and it was only right that that Council should offer its congratulations.

The motion was carried with applause, and the president (who is also Master of the society) said he would convey the good wishes to the College Youths. He was sure they would be much appreciated.

Mr. F. W. Rogers said he thought they might also congratulate the Ladies' Guild on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee this year.

In putting this to the meeting, the President said he felt, in doing so, he was getting a little of his own back on Mrs. Fletcher (laughter).

The motion was agreed to.

'RADIO' BELLS.

The Hon. Secretary said that during the year he had received a letter asking for the opinion and criticism of the Council on the subject of 'radio' bells, which were to be installed in certain churches. He wished to give the members the opportunity of expressing their views on this subject, which was becoming very important.

Mr. S. H. Wood said that there had recently been an article in the 'Guardian' on a new kind of 'carillon,' electronic in character. The first public demonstration had been given, and it was described as a new departure in the art of campanology (laughter). Mr. Wood said he thought they had got to be careful about these things. It was no good 'going off the deep end' about it. Personally, if he heard of a church being built which was not going to have a tower, or any chance of ever having a tower which would carry a peal of bells, he would much rather it had something of this sort, or 'radio' bells, so that it could provide some good bell music on a Sunday morning, rather than use one single bell, or no bell at all. There was, of course, the danger about such remarks printed in the Press as to it being the beginning of a new era in the art of campanology. For one thing, that statement was not true. Such an instrument could not have anything to do with campanology because it had no bells. He thought, however, that they ought to work in conjunction with the builders of this new instrument rather than against them.

Mr. Trollope said this development was probably done for organ work in cinemas, although, no doubt, the makers would like to sell it elsewhere if they could.

Mr. Cave said that at St. Christopher's in Bristol they used records and an amplifier and they heard the bells quite clearly where he lived. Many people had been taken in and thought a peal of bells was ringing.

Mr. Wood said there were actually three such cases in Bristol.

Mr. L. J. Williams said there were already four or five installed in the Blackburn district.

No action was taken by the Council.

A QUESTION OF PROCEDURE.

The Hon. Secretary said a suggestion had been received regarding motions of major importance, particularly those relating to what should constitute a peal. It had been suggested that such notices should be in the hands of the secretary of the Council six months before the Council meeting. The idea was that they should be circulated to associations some time before the Council meeting to give an opportunity to associations to discuss them and give their representatives some idea of what the members wanted.

Mr. J. Harris, who was responsible for the suggestion, said there was only one object in view and that was to enable associations to discuss matters of importance at their annual meetings. If they looked through the issue of 'The Ringing World' which was published the week before Easter they would find that eight of the big associations had their annual meetings on Easter Monday. Unfortunately, the secretary could not get the Council's agenda through to the representatives in time for those meetings. He thought it would relieve the secretary of a good deal of stress at the last moment if notices were in his hands some time before, and it would be better for all concerned. It could not be said there was anything so urgent that it could not be got in six months before, and if it was not important enough for that it was not worth considering. If longer notice were given every member of the Council could learn the views of his own members and everyone would benefit. He suggested that the last date for notice be December 31st.

The President said the Council would sympathise with what Mr. Harris had said, but he did not think they could pass it as a resolution, because it involved the alteration of rules.

Mr. Harris said perhaps it could be kept in view for future action if nothing could be done that day.

Mrs. Fletcher pointed out that many of the associations held their annual meeting just after the meeting of the Council. Her own Guild was an example. Their annual meeting was in July, and if they were to have a chance of considering motions, these would have to be in the hands of the secretary of the Council within a fortnight after the last meeting.

DONATIONS TO MEMORIAL FUNDS.

The President said Mr. George Newton, had he been present at the meeting, wanted to mention the project of raising a memorial to the late Canon Elsee. It was to take the form of an alteration to the tower of St. George's, Bolton, and he (Mr. Newton) added that he thought the Council would be glad to subscribe to the memorial.

Mr. T. B. Worsley said the Lancashire Association had had an estimate for the work. It amounted to about £450, and he was afraid that would be rather too much to raise.

Replying to a question, Mr. Worsley said the matter would come to a head before the next meeting of the Council and the scheme accepted or rejected.

On the motion of the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, it was decided to vote the sum of three guineas to the scheme, if carried out.

The President said the Ely Diocesan Association had asked whether the Council contemplated providing any memorial to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (the Council's honorary librarian), and whether, if they were doing so, the co-operation of the Guild would be acceptable. The President said the Council could not undertake anything, but if the Ely Association were prepared to do so he had no doubt the Council would be ready to subscribe. If the Ely Association went on with the scheme he thought the Council might contribute three guineas.

This was agreed to.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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RAISING AND LOWERING OF BELLS.

The President said some time ago the Council passed a resolution that bells should preferably be raised in peal, but if not it was desirable they should be raised singly and in order. He was afraid, in spite of that, in parts of the country bells were still jangled up anyhow. Not very long ago he went to the opening of a new peal of bells, and, getting there early, sat in the church. The ringers began to pull the bells up, and the lady who was with him remarked, 'What dreadful bells.' The bells were all right, said the President, but the local ringers started by pulling up the second and seventh together. It did not give the bells the best chance. He suggested that members of the Council, where possible, should get the Council recommendation followed. These little things did count with the public. Another thing which might be done in many places where there were ten or twelve bells and they were not all lowered in peal, but were let down anyhow. It would be better if the back four were dropped singly and the front six in case of ten and the middle six in case of twelve let down in peal, finishing with chiming the bells round. It would put a little polish to it.

MEMBERSHIP LIST TO BE ISSUED.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that in the case of some societies changes were made in representation and the alteration was not notified to him according to the rules. He was getting out a little booklet which he proposed to issue to every member of the Council. It would contain the names and addresses of all representative members of the Council, and if alterations were made without notification the book would be out of date before it was issued. He appealed to all members to get the secretaries of their societies to send him full information as far as representation was concerned.

The Hon. Secretary then reported that at that meeting there were 83 representative and 12 honorary members present, a total attendance of 95. Fifty-one representative members and four honorary members were absent. Nineteen societies were fully represented, 20 partially represented and 11 were unrepresented.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The President proposed an omnibus vote of thanks expressing gratitude to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House, to the Kent County Association for the tea which they were going to provide for the members and their friends, to Mr. Mitchell, hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, and Mr. Luck and the committee of the association appointed to make the arrangements for the meeting; also to Mr. T. E. Sone for undertaking the peal arrangements at the various towers, to the various church authorities who had given them the use of the bells, and to the towerkeepers; also to Mr. Martin Pearce, who had conducted members round the Cathedral.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

Mr. W. Ayre proposed a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary for the tremendous amount of work he had done in connection with the meeting.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who seconded, referred to the work which Mrs. Fletcher also had done, particularly in typing all the reports of the committees, which had been of great assistance to the members.—The motion was carried with applause.

Canon Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to the president. They were deeply grateful to Mr. Lewis, he said, for the admirable manner in which he had conducted their proceedings (applause).

The President, in acknowledging the motion, which was carried by acclamation, said his task was greatly lightened by all that Mr. Fletcher did for them.

This concluded the business and the Council then rose.

Afterwards a large party were the guests at tea of the Kent County Association at the County Hotel, where, later, a social evening was spent. In the meantime there was ringing on bells at various Canterbury churches.

DEVON GUILD.

JOINT MEETING AT TEIGNMOUTH.

The Exeter and Mid-Devon Branches of the Devon Guild held a joint meeting at Teignmouth on Saturday, June 12th, when ringers were present from Exeter, Brampford Speke, Thorverton, Milverton, Ide, Kenn, Newton Abbott, Torquay, Buckfastleigh, Christow and Cockington, etc. Ringing commenced at St. Michael's Church soon after 3 o'clock, and a service was later held at St. Michael's, conducted by the Rev. H. S. Wyatt (Vicar), who based his address on the words, 'O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness.'

Tea afterwards followed at the London Hotel, and the Exeter Branch subsequently held a short business meeting.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of St. Michael's for the use of his bells and for conducting the service, to the organist for his assistance, and to Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, for making all the arrangements.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Dunsford and district on Saturday, September 4th.

The visitors afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing, some of the members also visiting the neighbouring parish of Bishopstoke. The methods rung during the afternoon included Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

THE MINOR RECORD.

CHESHIRE MEN RING 73 METHODS.

As we briefly mentioned last week, the Chester Guild band, who are such experts at ringing Spliced Minor, have now increased the record to 73 methods in seven extents, and finally has, it is believed, been reached in one direction at least. This peal, rung at Fairfield, Buxton, on June 12th, contains the maximum number of Treble Bob methods which can be spliced into seven extents. Altogether there were 142 changes of method.

One of the two new extents introduced was arranged by Mr. A. G. Driver and contains 13 methods (Treble Bob and 3rd's Place Delight), with a change of method every lead. The other new 720 consists entirely of Surprise methods and was arranged from Mr. Driver's tables. The other 720's comprising the peal have been rung and published previously.

720 IN 13 METHODS.

23456	Chelsea Delight
—35642	Barham Delight
42563	Waterford Treble Bob
26435	Kentish Delight
63254	Chelsea Delight
54326	Melandra Delight
—42635	Berwyn Treble Bob
—23564	Chelsea Delight
64352	Melandra Delight
52436	Berwyn Treble Bob
36245	Berkeley Delight
45623	Barham Delight
—52364	Berwyn Treble Bob
64235	Peveril Delight
35426	Barham Delight
26543	Berkeley Delight
43652	Chelsea Delight
—35264	Oswald Delight
56342	Edinburgh Delight
64523	Beaston Delight
—42356	Berwyn Treble Bob
56234	Pembroke Delight
34625	Beaston Delight
25463	Barham Delight
63542	Chelsea Delight
—34256	Leasowe Delight
56234	Pembroke Delight
23645	Chelsea Delight
45362	Barham Delight
62534	Berwyn Treble Bob
—23456	

720 IN 6 METHODS.

23456	Lightfoot Surprise
—35642	Wearmouth Surprise
42563	Rossendale Surprise
26435	Rossendale Surprise
63254	Lightfoot Surprise
54326	Lightfoot Surprise
—42635	Wearmouth Surprise
35264	Rossendale Surprise
56342	Rossendale Surprise
—64235	Annable's London Sur.
35426	Annable's London Sur.
26543	Annable's London Sur.
43652	Annable's London Sur.
52364	Annable's London Sur.
—64352	Rossendale Surprise
45623	Rossendale Surprise
52436	Rossendale Surprise
23564	Stamford Surprise
36245	Stamford Surprise
—64523	Stamford Surprise
—42356	Lightfoot Surprise
56234	Lightfoot Surprise
34625	Lightfoot Surprise
25463	Wearmouth Surprise
63542	Lightfoot Surprise
—34256	Netherseale Surprise
62534	Netherseale Surprise
45362	Netherseale Surprise
23645	Netherseale Surprise
56423	Netherseale Surprise
—23456	

The holding of the record in the number of methods incorporated into a peal has alternated between Cheshire and Lincolnshire. Before the peal at Buxton, the Algarkirk, Lines, band held it with 70 methods, rung on December 5th last. During 1936 the number of methods rose to 57, 60 and 61 in Lincolnshire, which the Cheshire band capped with 66 and then 68, to be followed by the Lincolnshire total of 70, all in one year. Now comes Cheshire's 73. What about it, Lincolnshire?

BRIDAL PARTY RING WEDDING TOUCH.

MARRIAGE OF MR. J. E. BAILEY AND MISS J. M. THOMPSON.

The wedding took place at Swanscombe Parish Church on Saturday, June 12th, of Mr. James E. Bailey, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk, and Miss Jean M. Thompson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson, of Swanscombe, Kent.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a dress of white satin beaute, with veil and wreath of orange blossom, and carried Madonna lilies.

Canon E. F. Campbell-Ward (Rector) officiated and Mr. N. Summerhayes acted as best man.

After the signing of the register, a bob-course of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells, in which the bride and bridegroom took part, together with their respective fathers, the best man and captains of Dartford, Swanscombe and Northfleet towers. The touch was conducted by the bridegroom.

Mr. J. E. Bailey, who is junior steward of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, is a member of the Dartford Parish Church and St. Martin-in-the-Fields companies of ringers, his father, Mr. James M. Bailey, being one of the famous 'Bailey brothers' of Leiston, Suffolk. The bride has been a member of the Swanscombe band for several years, and her father, Mr. A. J. Thompson, is also a member. The best man is the acting hon. secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

The reception was held in the Parish Room, about 30 guests being present.

In the evening, some of the guests took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Northfleet, Kent, in honour of the occasion, and on the following Monday a peal of Double Norwich was rung at Dartford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey have taken up residence at 20, Swaisland Road, Dartford.

PEAL NOTES.

The present year is a noteworthy one in the church history of St. Mary's, Slough, where a peal was rung on June 12th in connection with the centenary of the church, which was dedicated in 1837. Not only is it thus 100 years since the church was opened, but it is also just 1,000 years since the original mother church of Slough, St. Lawrence, Upton, was built.

Other interesting anniversaries: Fifty years since the present Bishop of Buckingham, once Rector of Slough, was ordained; sixty years since Mr. W. H. Fussell, who took part in the peal on July 12th, rang his first peal at St. Mary's.

He has rung at this church for every royal event since—the accession of four sovereigns, the funerals of three, three jubilees, and three coronations. You must be getting old, Master William!

A wedding peal was rung at Maidwell, Northants, on June 19th, as a compliment to one of the local ringers, Mr. Charles Dixon, who was married on June 12th to Miss Dorothy Noble. Afterwards the ringers enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Dixon's hospitality.

A number of birthdays were celebrated by a peal rung at Sittingbourne, Kent, on June 20th, those thus honoured including three of the ringers and two of their daughters. One of the latter, Miss Doris G. Dobbie, was unable to take part in the peal through indisposition, and Mr. W. Spice took the vacant rope at short notice. Four members of the Dobbie family, however, rang the four back bells.

The peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung at Diss, Norfolk, on Sunday, June 20th, was the first peal in the method in the diocese of Norwich since May 16th, 1914, when a 5,024 was rung at Quidenham, conducted by the late Mr. Edwin Whiting.

The golden jubilee of the Church of St. Mary-Without-the-Walls, Chester, was celebrated on June 19th by a peal. Mr. Gilbert Gerrard, who took part, rang for the opening of the bells in 1887.

The half-peal end of Mr. Nolan Golden's composition of Double Norwich, published last week, should read 24356.

The peal of Bob Major at Eastwood, Rotherham, on June 15th, was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of St. Stephen's (the Rev. P. Kennedy), who was inducted the previous week, and also to celebrate the engagement of Miss Frey Shimmin to Mr. David Cedric Switson, both of Melbourne, Australia, which was announced just over a month earlier. Miss Shimmin is the only Australian lady ever to ring a peal. She took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on Armistice Day, 1934, which was rung by six Australian and six English ringers.

The composition of the peal of Bob Major, which is believed to be rung for the first time, contains twelve 4-6-8 and twelve 6-4-8 courses, the rest being 4-7-8 or 6-7-8. It is by the late Mr. Arthur Craven.

Mr. R. T. Holding, of Crewe, rang in a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Acton, Cheshire, on June 12th, and thus completed peals of Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques in the method.

The first peal on the bells at Binegar, Somerset, was rung on June 14th. These bells, originally three, were increased to six, with a tenor of 9½ cwt., by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The first peal of Major on the bells at Bridgerule, Devon, was rung unexpectedly on June 16th. Originally the peal was arranged for Stratton, in Cornwall, where there is a Taylor eight, with 22 cwt. tenor.

When the band reached Stratton Church, however, they found workmen in possession, treating the roof for the death-watch beetle. Ringing is done from the ground floor of the tower, open to the church. To attempt a peal was out of the question. The fumes were overpowering and the workmen were using gas masks!

Straitway it was decided to try Bridgerule. The distance of about ten miles was covered in record time, permission was readily given, and a well nigh perfect peal was scored on this musical little product of the Croydon Foundry.

A peal of Double Norwich Major on Saturday, June 19th, at Oxhey, Herts, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells. The late Mr. E. P. Debenham, so long hon. treasurer of the Hertford County Association, rang in the first peal on the bells; his son, Mr. G. W. Debenham, took part in the jubilee peal.

Mr. Andrew Powell, of Eardisland, Herefordshire, rang his first peal for 27 years on June 19th, when he rang the tenor to a 5,040 Grandsire Doubles, which commemorated the 20th anniversary of the institution of the Vicar, the Rev. P. A. H. Birley.

Jack Dear rang his first peal at the first attempt at the age of 14 on June 19th at Rushden, Herts. There are five bells in the tower, all cast by John Briant, of Hertford, about the year 1786, and this is believed to be the first peal ever rung on them.

LATE NOTICE.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of the Sleaford Branch will be held at Ewerley, near Sleaford, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (10) of St. Andrew's Church will be open from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be served at the Hatton Arms. Will all those who require tea please notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The Grove, Sleaford?

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT ENTERTAINED AT KIRK ELLA.

By the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. Foord, M.A., and the Parochial Church Council, the June quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at the pleasantly situated village of Kirk Ella, near Hull, on Saturday, June 19th, and was attended by over 40 ringers from Beverley Minster, Campsall, Cottingham, Goole, Hemingbrough, Hessle, Hull, Market Weighton, Poutefract, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Selby Abbey, Sutton-on-Hull and the local company, and visiting ringers from Grimsby, Lincolnshire.

Apologies for absence were received from the York Minster ringers, who were holding their annual outing, Mr. M. Walker, of Ulceby, Lincolnshire, and Mr. R. H. Vigor, of Sherburn-in-Elmet.

A short service was held in church, at which the Vicar gave the address.

Tea, which was generously provided by the church authorities, was held in the Memorial Hall, and was followed by the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided.

Three new members were elected—Messrs. M. Terry, of Hemingbrough, J. R. Whitehouse, of Cottingham, and A. Davies, of Market Weighton.

An invitation to hold the September meeting at Campsall was accepted.

Mr. Crier proposed and Mr. Pearson seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar, who, in his reply, welcomed the association to Kirk Ella. He stressed the importance of ringers being punctual in beginning ringing for church services.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies who served at tea, special mention being made of Miss Fox, daughter of Mr. A. H. Fox, captain of the local ringers and organist of Kirk Ella Church, for her kindness in coming from London in order to organise the arrangements for tea. Thanks were also accorded to the local ringers, and Mr. Dan Meadly responded.

Mr. Fox very kindly conveyed those present by car from the Memorial Hall to the church after the meeting, a distance of nearly a mile, owing to the showery weather.

Further ringing till 9 o'clock concluded a very happy meeting.

A special practice meeting is to be held at Hedon on July 17th.

DEATH OF VETERAN GLOUCESTERSHIRE RINGER.

Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association have recently lost by death one of their oldest and most respected members in the person of Mr. William Dyer, leader of the Charlton Kings Society. He had taught many in the district to ring, and had rung a good many peals from Doubles to Cinques, including Treble Bob and Double Norwich, and had conducted Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters.

Many ringers were present at the funeral. The bells were rung muffled and a peal of Stedman was to have been attempted. One of the band, however, failed to turn up and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was, therefore, rung at St. Mary's Church: W. Townsend 1, H. Holford 2, W. Yeend 3, G. Walters 4, T. Dyer 5, T. Boreham 6, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 7, R. Hemming 8. The whole pull and stand was rung 75 times, corresponding with deceased's age. The many floral tributes included one in the form of a bell from the association.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

YOUNG RINGERS AT BARDFIELD.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Great Bardfield recently, it being the first meeting to be held in the parish since July, 1931. The following twelve towers were represented: Chelmsford, Halstead, Boreham, Sudbury, Little Waltham, Dunmow, Greenstead Green, Great Bardfield, Sible Hedingham, Earls Colne, Springfield and Bocking. The Vicar (the Rev. K. E. Cartwright) conducted a service in the Parish Church, Mrs. Jackson being at the organ. Before his address the Vicar, on behalf of the churchwardens and parishioners, extended a warm welcome to all the ringers.

An excellent tea was provided by the Vicar, and, the weather conditions being favourable, it was arranged on the Vicarage lawn, 35 participating.

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided, being supported by the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders), the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) and the general secretary (Mr. L. J. Clark).

Three new ringing members were elected, and Witham was chosen for the next meeting in August.

The District Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his excellent address and kind generosity in providing tea. Thanks were also accorded the organist for her services.

In reply, the Vicar said it was a pleasure to hear their secretary speak of the young ringers taking part. He agreed that it was always encouraging to see young ringers in the tower and sticking to it with a view to becoming efficient. He was glad and happy that they had young ringers in Bardfield.

Mrs. Jackson also briefly replied.

Handbell ringing on the lawn was much appreciated and the ringers subsequently returned to the tower, where the following methods were rung: Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise.

NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—The annual meeting will be held in Bath on July 3rd. Bells available: Abbey (10) 3 to 4 p.m. and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Twerton (8) 3 to 4 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Mark's (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Mark's. Tea and meeting to follow. Other towers could be open if required. Free copies of 'The Glossary' available.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.

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

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Mistley (8 bells) on July 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea provided by the Vicar at 5 p.m. Arrangements have been made for bells at Holbrook-Sutton and Harkstead to be available, which are on the Suffolk side. Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.

—Meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells from 2 p.m. Business at 6.45 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. — S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available: East Meon (8), Privett (8), Buriton (6) and Steep (5) from 1 to 3 p.m. and after the meeting, Petersfield (8) from 2 to 3.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service in St. Peter's at 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow in St. Peter's Hall. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kibworth on July 3rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. Martin, Kibworth.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 3rd.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LADIES GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Tottenham Court Road, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Express Dairy. Business meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. — M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. — S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—

The next meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea to follow. Tollesbury and Tolleshunt D'Arcy bells available during the evening. A special coach will leave the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, at 2 p.m. prompt, fare approximately 3s.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The

next meeting will be held at Norton Church on Saturday, July 3rd. For tea please notify Mr. Wm. Biggen, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats, Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION, SHERWOOD YOUTHS AND LADIES GUILD.—Northern District. —Joint meeting at Newark, July 3rd, at 3 p.m. For tea (1s.) please notify Mr. W. Thompson, 86, Hatton Gardens, Newark.—I. B. Thompson and R. Towler, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.

—A bye-meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For tea, notify S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne. — P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Brington on Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. United Counties bus 2 p.m. and 3.10 p.m.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Albury, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., West Clandon, Surrey.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Meetings for July: Service ringing, St. Clement Danes', Strand, July 4th, 10 a.m.; Bow, Cheapside, July 25th, 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', July 5th, at 6.45 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m.; July 19th, at 7.30 p.m.; Lambeth, July 27th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—That the quarterly meeting to be held on Monday, July 5th, to be a special quarterly meeting for purpose of altering Rule 26, of which due notice has already been given. — T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on July 6th; St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd; St. Andrew's on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 29th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SILVERTON, Nr. EXETER.—The bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Thursday, July 8th, at 7 p.m. The ring of six bells has been restored and augmented to eight, including new framework, by John Taylor and Co.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Stevington on Saturday, July 10th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half fare (maximum 2s.) will be paid to members attending this meeting. Please send your names in for tea to Mr. W. C. E. Goldup, Durlock, Ash, near Canterbury, not later than Thursday, July 8th.—B. T. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Epsom on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (10) of St. Martin's from 3 p.m. Ewell from 7 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Numbers for tea must be sent to Mr. G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford, not later than Tuesday, July 6th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Guild office 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A large gathering expected. Please advise for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Staplehurst (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 5. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by July 6th, to Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley, Hants.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Stansted on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye St., Bishop's Stortford

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Hendon on Saturday, July 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please send your advices by July 7th. Nearest station, Hendon, on Edgware tube. Cheap tickets from all tube stations. Special Method: Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. Practice at St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells) on Wednesday, July 14th, 7.30 p.m. Joint Herts and Middlesex meeting at Monken Hadley on July 24th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Rd., E.4. Tel: Larkwood 1959.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Leigh, the model village of Kent, with its interesting church, will, on Saturday, July 10th, be the meeting place of many ringers. You must come and join them. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 10th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m. in Wade Street School; to fully paid members 9d., to others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word not later than Tuesday, July 6th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harston on Saturday, July 10th, when the Vicar is extending a hearty invitation to all ringers to try the bells restored and augmented to a ring of six by J. Taylor and Co. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. As the Vicar is also entertaining us to tea, I must ask for names of all intending to be present to reach me by Wed. July 7th.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Adderbury on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8). Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Banbury (10), Deddington (6), and by kind permission King's Sutton (8) on the Peterborough border, are available for ringers attending at Adderbury. Please let me know for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual festival at Gorseinon, Saturday, July 10th. 12-2.30, tower open for ringing; 3, service at St. Catherine's; 4, tea; 4.30, business meeting. Let secretary know as soon as possible the number for tea.—L. T. Havard, 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—This branch meets at Kenninghall on Saturday, July 10th (not 3rd as previously arranged). Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. at the Red Lion, opposite the church, followed by business meeting. Also Quidenham (8 bells), 1 mile distant, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after meeting. A postcard with names or numbers for tea, please, by July 7th.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Branch Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please let me know if you need tea. A p.c. by July 8th will be enough. Methods to suit all comers.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Isham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Special business: Arrangements for branch outing. Please notify for tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Norton St. Philip on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, July 10th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall at 4.30. Bells available at 2.30. Sparsholt bells in the evening. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eaves on July 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Kent and Oxford T.B. specially requested.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. Ringing after tea until 9 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. P. Cave, 3, The Rooley, Huyton, as soon as possible.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual shield contest will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 10th. Draw 2.45 p.m. First band to commence ringing at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Broadhead, Church Street, Cawthorne, by July 8th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Will all who require tea please send their names to Mr. J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9, by Wednesday, July 7th?—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ambleside St. Mary's (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available at 2.30. Please notify Mr. T. B. Newton, Vicarage Road, Ambleside, for tea not later than Thursday, July 8th. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1937, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 17th. Service in Cathedral 11.15 a.m. Preacher: Bishop G. B. Allen, D.D. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. All applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 14th, after which date the business will be in the hands of caterers. Further particulars will be given on notices sent to guild towers.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in school 5.30. Business meeting after.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) from 3.30 and after tea. Tea, 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall. Buses 95 and 98 from Hayes and Hounslow pass the church.—F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The summer meeting will be held at Pinner on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.45 p.m. Travelling facilities: Metropolitan, Baker Street, etc., direct to Pinner on Bakerloo and L.M.S. Stations to Harrow, thence by 183 bus to Pinner. Please notify me for tea by 14th. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—July 17th. At Abbots Langley. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30.—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270.

JUST A REMINDER.—Book the date for the annual dinner of the Lancashire Association at the County Hall, adjoining the Palace Theatre, Promenade, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Flixton, on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival, Jubilee Service and opening of the augmented peal will be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, July 17th. Service at 3.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Chester. Tea at 4.30, price 1s. 6d. (tickets obtainable from the branch secretaries before July 15th) and annual meeting at 5.15.—Rev. M. H. Ridgway, Hon. Sec., Tarvin Vicarage, Chester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellington Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wiston (5 bells) on Sat., July 17th. Usual arrangements. Train to Castle Ashby or York's Easy Saloon from Wollaston 3.30 p.m. Names for tea important by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Staughton on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6.30. Please come and help to make this meeting a success.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer Festival at Soham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (10) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Ely. Tea in Vicarage garden, if fine, price 1s. each.—Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

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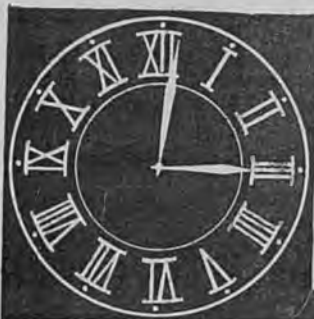
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