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CHESTER GUILD'S JUBILEE.

The Chester Diocesan Guild now joins the list of ringing organisations which have attained the honourable distinction of celebrating their jubilee, and they have marked it in a highly commendable way. The Guild have presented two new treble bells to the mother church of the diocese and no more fitting commemoration of the auspicious event could have been adopted. Moreover, the jubilee happily coincides with the year of the Coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth and the gift to the Cathedral has enabled this royal occasion also to be commemorated.

The enlargement of a ring of bells is always interesting, but it cannot always be said that an increase to ten or twelve bells adds to the satisfying qualities of a peal. In the case of Chester, however, the heavy bells, which have been in the Cathedral for just 70 years, have metal more than sufficient to justify the step that has been taken.

The Exercise will extend its congratulations to the Chester Guild upon reaching its jubilee and upon its method of commemorating it. When it was founded it filled a gap in a corner of the country bordered by the Midland Counties and the Lancashire Associations where no organisation existed, and took up the good work which, by that time, had spread nearly throughout the country. The advantages of this form of organisation among ringers was rapidly becoming realised among those who recognised the need for belfry reform, not altogether from the point of view of the conduct of ringers, but in order to link bell ringing with service to the Church. In the middle of last century very little of the ringing that was done was practised with the higher motives which it is the aim of the associations to foster—a point which to-day is sometimes lost sight of, because the ringer's part as a member of the church organisation is now largely taken for granted.

Ringing in those days was usually regarded as a pastime, or from a mercenary standpoint albeit the 'loaves and fishes' were small. It was the growing desire of those who felt that church bell ringing should stand on a higher plane, that led to the formation of the county and diocesan associations. The movement began from within the ranks of the ringers themselves, and it is to the credit of the 'reformers' of those days that the network of societies, which now covers the country, was established. The service which these associations and guilds have rendered to the Church and to the cause of ringing cannot be over-estimated. Much of what they set out to achieve has been accomplished,

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although, strangely enough, recognition by the clergy of the place which ringers should take in church organisation was one of the last things realised in some places. Ringers have to thank the pioneers of fifty or sixty years ago for the position they hold to-day and the facilities which they now enjoy for the furtherance of their art.

'A HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.'

By J ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

To be published in September by 'The Ringing World'

TEN BELL PEALS.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

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

On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ...	...*Treble*	FRED PRICE	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	THOMAS H. REEVES	7
ALBERT E. NORMAN	3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	8
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	A. PADDON SMITH	9
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	ALBERT WALKER	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES

First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells and in the county of Shropshire First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

GEORGE POPNELL ...	...*Treble*	JOHN W. JONES	6
ALBERT J. PITMAN	2	*HOWARD HOWELL	7
CHARLES H. PERRY	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	8
GEORGE TALBOT	4	ERNEST STITCH	9
FRANK ROWSELL	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY G. MILES. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung in honour of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth and on the day of their visit to Cardiff on the South Wales tour.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*MISS DORIS E. LIDBETTER	*Treble*	FRANK E. DARBY	6
HORACE BELCHER	2	†WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	3	ERNEST BRETT	8
HARRY HOSKINS...	4	JAMES H. RIDING	9
EDWIN F. PIKE	5	REUBEN SANDERS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT

* First peal of Royal and in the method. † 300th peal. Rung as a birthday peal to the ringer of the treble.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN	*Treble*	SYDNEY TAYLOR	5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	2	*ARTHUR H. EVERETT ...	6
*HERBERT DEVENISH	3	FRED CHALK	7
*HARRY WARN	4	*HARRY BRADLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged as a farewell peal for Mr. Sydney Taylor, who is shortly leaving Chelmsford for Horsham.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE LEE	*Treble*	RICHARD W. R. COATES ...	5
ARTHUR G. RING	2	CHARLES F. SAYER	6
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ...	3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN	7
R. WILLIAM BARBER	4	EDMUND G. RETT... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. EVERSFIELD. Conducted by EDMUND G. RETT.

First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent on the occasion of her visit to Lowestoft.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

WILLIAM DUDLEY ...	*Treble*	*ALBERT NORTH	5
GORDON BACON	2	STANLEY BAYBUT	6
*JOHN FOWLER	3	FRANK LUFKIN	7
ROBERT HEASEL	4	ERNEST FOREBANK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK LUFKIN.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells. Rung in honour of William Dudley, who has just completed 50 years' service as bellringer at the Parish Church, Prittlewell.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
MATTHEW'S TWELVE-PART, No. 2. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOSEPH WHITTAKER ...	*Treble*	*C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	JAMES A. MILNER	6
THOMAS POTTS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	4	WILFRED STEVENSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method.

LONGTON, STAFFS.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

MATTHEW R. BUCKLEY	*Treble*	EDWARD STEELE	5
HAROLD HOUSON	2	ALAN D. STEEL	6
HAROLD ROSE	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
CHARLES H. PAGE	4	*GEORGE SWYNERTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN D. STEEL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to miners, rescue-men and officials who lost their lives in the recent disaster at the Brymbo Colliery, Chesterton, Staffs.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	RALPH HARRIS	6
MRS. J. THOMAS...	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 2, 3 and 6 and on the bells.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST BISHOP	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
ARTHUR R. MILES	2	ALBERT RELFE	6
LESLIE W. JARVIS	3	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
*FRANK H. HICKS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* 25th peal together.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST J. KING	*Treble*	FRANK SKEVINGTON	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	NORMAN H. MANNING ...	6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ...	3	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ...	7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP	4	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by O. LANG. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ...	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
KEITH HART	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
EDWARD J. CHARMAN	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDWARD LANKESTER ...	*Treble*	ALLAN R. PINK	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	2	CECIL C. MAYNE	6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	3	HARRY KILBY	7
*J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	4	JAMES H. RIDING	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

* First Surprise peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY	*Treble*	HARRY BROUGHTON	5
JOHN SADDINGTON	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
JAMES FERNLEY	3	COLIN HARRISON	7
JOHN P. FIDLER	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

*BEWLEY WEAVER ...	...*Treble*	†JAMES CHALK	5
†ERNEST W. PYE	2	JOHN H. CRAMPION	6
FRANCIS W. CORNEY... ...	3	CHARLES R. MORSS	7
STANLEY F. WEBB	4	WILLIAM MORLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Neville Ison, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

SYDNEY FLINT	...*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
GEORGE MAYERS	2	HENRY TOOKE	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	CLIFFORD BIRD	7
PHILIP W. J. FYER	4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the association.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK...	...*Treble*	HARRY BOYCE	5
ALBERT J. PITMAN	2	ERNEST STITCH	6
FREDERICK E. STONE	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	GWYN I. LEWIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. STITCH.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ALAN J. HOPPER	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY... ...	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	DEREK M. SHARP	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	EDWIN A. BARNETT	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	HARRY HOVERD	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HERYWOOD. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

The first peal in the method (C.C. Collection No. 44). J. Bennett's 50th peal on the bells.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HERYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS	...*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ...	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	*CHARLES R. RAINE	7
JACK DAFTERS	4	EDMUND MOUNTER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal. This peal was arranged for Mr. C. R. Raine, of Edinburgh.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE GREEN.	...*Treble*	HARRY BRADLEY	5
HERBERT DEVONISH	2	HENRY WARN	6
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER	3	FRED CHALK	7
ARTHUR H. EVERETT	4	HORACE J. MANSFIELD	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST W. TIPLER ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	5
WILLIAM I. ROOT	2	†WILLIAM A. WOOD	6
KENNETH A. ROE	3	JOSEPH S. CARTER	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	RICHARD F. ROE... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. ROE.

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

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...*Treble*	LIONEL J. CULLUM	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
DEREK M. SHARP	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
JOHN WHEADON	4	*THOMAS MORTIMER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal. Rung after the wedding of Mr. James T. Stevens (a ringer at this church) to Miss Irene Eva Medhurst.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

*MISS PHYLLIS BAKER	...*Treble*	G. LESLIE A. LUNN	5
*MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ...	2	JOHN WALDEN	6
JOHN FREEMAN	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	4	†NOEL B. THURLBY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method and first peal on eight bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

POLTIMORE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

CECIL BREALY	...*Treble*	ERNEST RETTER	4
CHARLES R. LILLEY	2	JOSEPH BREALY	5
*LEONARD HOWARD	3	ALBERT COLLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in 1 wo Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 20 of Plain Bob and 10 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb.

*A. FRANK FOOT	...*Treble*	GILBERT W. RENDELL ...	4
MRS. G. W. RENDELL ...	2	WALTER H. POOLE	5
STANLEY GUPPY	3	LESLIE J. HAWKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.
* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Miss Dawson Campbell on the occasion of her marriage and to Mr. Douglas Ransom, one of the local band of ringers, for his recent 21st birthday; also for the first birthday of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rendell.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Monday, July 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

*RONALD STOCKALL	...*Treble*	HARRY V. PARDOW	4
P. GEORGE GOLDER	2	HOWARD HOWELL	5
BARNARD G. KEY	3	JOHN H. D. RADCLIFFE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. G. KEY.
* First peal and first attempt.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, four callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WILLIAM SYMONDS	...*Treble*	LAURIE WILTON	4
EDWARD BUCK	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	5
ARTHUR SYMONDS	3	FRANCIS BEAUMONT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS BEAUMONT.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR MULVEY	...*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
KENNETH MAYER	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
FRANK VERNON	3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.
Twenty-fifth peal on the bells.

BITTESWALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

FRANK K. MEASURES ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. BAILESS	4
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM	2	*ERNEST W. TIPLER	5
WILLIAM A. WOOD	3	*JOHN A. TIMSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Cambridge, Hull, Bourne and Netherseale. Tenor 11 cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.
First peal in seven Surprise methods by all the band.

SEALE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, July 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN W. CARTER	...*Treble*	CHARLES W. DENYER ...	4
†ERNEST GARDNER	2	‡EDGAR SHERWOOD	5
THOMAS E. DENYER	3	REGINALD J. WHITFORD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. DENYER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal. Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer, who is leaving the district for Coleman's Hatch, Sussex.

LLANFIHANGEL RHYDITHON, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, July 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 21 differently called 240's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES R. SADLER	...*Treble*	JAMES P. HYETT	4
ERNEST F. SALMONS	2	JOHN J. WEBB	5
AUSTIN WINGATE	3	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	..*Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.
First peal on the bells.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, July 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

GEORGE R. TOWNES	*Treble*	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ...	4
*VICTOR MORLEY	2	RALPH BIRD	5
ALEC M. GENERY	3	†RONALD SUCKLING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.
* First peal in six methods 'inside.' † 25th peal. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

GEORGE JOHN	...*Treble*	REV. G. J. RICHARDS	4
MISS GWYNETH M. SMITH ...	2	LESLIE BAINHAM	5
WILLIAM POWELL	3	ROBERT SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.
This peal was rung on the occasion of the Royal visit to Newport.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, July 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5-6
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ...	3-4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	7-8
JACK BRAY		9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 153). Conducted by J. BRAY.
Mrs. G. W. Fletcher's 300th peal.

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PEAL NOTES.

PERFORMANCES AND PERSONALITIES.

There were great rejoicings in Wales on the occasion of their Majesties' tour of the Principality last week. Two peals were rung in connection with the visit. One was Grandsire Caters at Cardiff, which not only celebrated the Royal visit, but also the King and Queen's Coronation, in honour of which latter event a previous attempt failed.

The Rev. G. J. Richards, Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, was one of the band who took part in a peal of Minor at Llanfrechfa, Mon., on July 14th, when the King and Queen visited Newport. Four of the ringers had helped earlier to ring the bells at All Saints' Church, Newport, at the coming of their Majesties to the borough.

Members of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham have rung the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in the county of Shropshire, at Coalbrookdale. The Guild has made quite an interesting 'collection' of 'firsts' in the past. Some that we can recall are the first Surprise peal rung out of England (at Bray, Ireland), the first Surprise peal in Wales, the first true peal of Treble Ten in Ireland, the first twelve-bell peal in Devon (at Exeter), and the first peal on the sea (crossing from Dublin to Holyhead).

A half-muffled memorial peal to the miners who lost their lives in the pit disaster at Brymbo Colliery, Chesterton, Staffs, has been rung at Longton.

Mr. James T. Stevens, a member of the band at St. John the Baptist's Church, Erith, was married on Saturday to Miss Irene Eva Medhurst and a peal of Stedman Triples was rung in honour of the event. The bride and bridegroom kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal, and a toast to their future health and happiness, coupled with good wishes, was drunk.

Mr. John W. Carter, no relation, by the way, to the inventor of the ringing machine, but an enthusiastic member of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, is leaving the district, much to the regret of his many friends. A farewell peal of Minor (Mr. Carter's first of Treble Bob) was rung at Seale, to which church he has been attached. Mr. Carter is going to Coleman's Hatch, Sussex.

Sussex will gain another ringer by the removal to Horsham of Mr. Sydney Taylor, who is shortly leaving Chelmsford. On July 7th a farewell peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Boreham, Essex.

At Crayford, Kent, the first peal of Painswick College Bob Major (No. 44 in the C.C. Collection) was rung on July 16th. There are many interesting plain methods in this collection and we would like to see more of them rung. By the way, Crayford has often been the tower for 'first peals,' and E. A. Barnett is following in Grandpa's footsteps in calling new things.

What is believed to be the first peal in seven Surprise methods in the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild rung by branch members was scored at Benington on July 10th. Two ladies took part and it was the first peal in seven Surprise methods by all the band.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Great Baddow, Essex, on July 17th, was specially arranged for Miss Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, one of the brilliant young lady ringers of St. Mary-le-Tower company, Ipswich.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston recently overhauled the bells at Llanfihangel Rhydithon, Radnorshire, and added a new treble to make a ring of six. The first peal was rung on them on Sunday, July 11th. The method was Grandsire Doubles.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Aberavon on July 16th was arranged for Mr. Howard Howell, who was on a visit to South Wales from Walsall, Staffs. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. F. E. Stone.

The Norwich Diocesan Association has peals in a great variety of methods in its records, but it was not until last week that a peal of Oxford Bob Major was added. It was rung at Wymondham and was the first peal in the method by all the band.

The peal of Bob Major at Mayfield, Sussex, on July 10th, was rung after an attempt, lasting 20 minutes, for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

REDEDICATION OF CRICKLADE BELLS.

ROPES AMONG THE CHOIR STALLS.

The bells of St. Sampson's Church, Cricklade, Wilts, have been recently restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and were rededicated by the Bishop of Bristol on July 5th. The bells, a 'left-handed' ring of five, with a tenor of about 15 cwt., have been rehung on ball bearings with all new fittings, and the 4th, which was badly cracked, has been recast and the other bells tuned.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. W. L. Richards), the lessons being read by Sir Percy Laurie. Immediately after the Bishop's prayer of rededication, the bells were chimed in rounds for a few minutes, it being impossible to ring owing to the ropes falling among the choir stalls. After the service the bells were raised in peal, and the opening touch, three courses of Bob Singles and 120 of Grandsire Doubles, was rung by C. J. Gardner 1, E. J. Berry 2, W. H. Trueman 3, H. W. Bishop 4, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 5. Other ringers from Cirencester and district afterwards had a pull, and the general opinion was that the bellhangers had done their work in an excellent manner, the bells being rung very easily despite the very long draught of over 90ft. of rope. Cricklade now possesses an easy going, pleasing little ring, which were reopened practically free from debt, only £6 being required.

FOR BEGINNERS.

GRANDSIRE IN THREE-LEAD COURSES.

Some of the earliest peals of Grandsire Triples were composed on what is known as the three-lead course plan, that is a plan by which the observation bell comes back to its plain course position every third lead. Such peals are not now much in favour, principally on the ground, we believe, that the observation bell never does the whole of the work included in a plain course.

There are only three positions in which it can fall, and these are Wrong (7-6 down), Middle (4-5 up) and Before (3rd's place). The observation bell never goes into the hunt or dodges in 5-4 down or 6-7 up, and many people, therefore, look upon such peals as lacking in interest.

Nevertheless, this short-course plan provides excellent music for touches, for it is possible for instance by this means to get the full extent of 6-7 together at course-ends in a touch of only 1,008 changes.

Peals on these lines have usually the 6th as the observation bell, but the 5th or 3rd is sometimes used. If you want to keep the 6-7 together throughout your touch you must keep both these bells fixed and you do it by calling a Single at the first lead (bringing the 6th into 4-5 up and the 7th to make the long 3rd's). A three-lead course also necessitates a call to bring 6-7 together behind—it is that, indeed, which makes the three-lead course.

It is easy to call from any bell. Note the course-end, call a Single the next lead; have a plain lead when the 6th comes Before (unless your composition, as it may, provides for a Bob), and call a Bob or Single next lead as required.

When written out the calls may be noted as M., B. W., or 1, 2, 3, the figures denoting the lead of the course. Thus a touch of 168 can be written in either of the following ways:—

234567	M	B	W
345267	S	—	
452367	S	—	
523467	S	—	
234567	S	—	

234567	1	2	3
345267	S	—	
452367	S	—	
523467	S	—	
234567	S	—	

This touch can be doubled in length by calling a Single for either of the Bobs, and lengethened again by calling a Single for one of the other Bobs in alternate parts.

You can make up a great variety of touches for yourself, and you can get the 1,008 to which we have referred by using the following:—

234567	1	3
435267	S	S
352467	S	—
524367	S	—
423567	S	S

Repeat this five times with a Bob for Single at the end of the third and sixth parts.

If you want a 504 with twelve 6-7's, call the four course three times exactly as set out.

A very symmetrical five-part peal on this plan was composed by Thomas Thurstans, of Birmingham, for ever famous for his Four-Part peal of Stedman Triples. It is based on these four-course blocks.

In the first block a Bob at 2 (the 6th Before) is called. The rest is like the touch of 1,008. It brings up the part-end 723465, and that is one-fifth of the peal.

TROWBRIDGE RINGERS' LONG DAY'S TRIP

The ringers of the Trowbridge Parish Church, accompanied by a few friends from Bath, had their annual outing on June 20th. Starting at 7.30 a.m., they proceeded by road to Winchester, where they were met by the Cathedral ringers, who pointed out many interesting and historical features in the ancient pile. The Trowbridge men had been granted permission to ring for the morning service, and Stedman Cinques was rung on the very fine peal of twelve recently installed. These bells are a revelation of what can be achieved by the bell-founder with a modest weight. They can best be described in one ward, 'Grand.'

The party afterwards proceeded to Portsmouth, staying at Cosham to take lunch. An enjoyable hour or two was spent on the sea front, and then, after tea, they arrived at St. Mary's, Portsea, where Messrs. Greenwood and Rogers were waiting to receive them. Here touches in various methods were rung for evening service on an excellent peal of eight. The splendid 'go' of the bells and the well-kept belfry were greatly admired by the visitors. The return journey was made via Southampton and Salisbury, Trowbridge being reached at 11.15 p.m. Everyone voted the long day a great success, thanks to the efficient organisation of Sam Hector and his able assistants. Thanks are also hereby accorded to all who contributed to the comfort of the party.

J. F. S.

ROYAL VISIT TO EDINBURGH.

In honour of the State Entry of their Majesties the King and Queen into the Scottish capital on Monday, July 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's Cathedral by J. Middlemass 1, M. A. K. Simpson 2, H. Chandler (Royal Navy) 3, A. G. Collinson (first quarter-peal of Caters) 4, W. C. S. Heathcote 5, B. F. Vernon 6, J. Marshall 7, G. Marshall 8, C. R. Raine (conductor) 9, J. H. B. Pryde 10.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A USEFUL PRACTICE MEETING AT HEDON.

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Hedon on Saturday, July 17th. The fine peal of eight and the large, cool belfry were much appreciated by everyone, and some well-struck touches were brought round. The warm and close weather made the tea at the Queen's Head Hotel doubly welcome.

Mr. R. H. Vigor informed the members that the next meeting had been arranged for Bridlington on August 14th, and hoped that they would do their best to attend, as it was some time since a meeting was held there. He mentioned that though there was a very fine peal of eight at Bridlington, the bells had been neglected and there would be a good chance of doing some 'missionary' work by endeavouring to get them overhauled and put in order.

The meeting at Hedon was held especially for the practice of methods which members are unable to obtain locally owing to the great size of the district and the sparsity of towers, and besides the standard methods for the less advanced, many rang their first touches of Double Norwich, Little Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Ringers were present from Hull, Selby, Sutton-on-Hull, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Hemingbrough, Headingley, Holbeck and Barton-upon-Humber.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A SIX-BELL MEETING.

The North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met at Hendon on Saturday, July 10th, and for a six-bell meeting there was quite a good attendance, some 32 ringers putting in an appearance.

At the business meeting Mr. A. W. Coles (Master of the association) took the chair in the absence of Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president), who was attending a meeting of the Ladies' Guild at Sheffield!

Five new members were elected, and the arrangements for the next meeting left to the hon. secretary.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. N. R. Boyd) and to Messrs. Barnard and Martin and the local ringers for arrangements made.

A number of Central Council publications were on sale, and quite good business was done.

Members attended divine service at 6 p.m. immediately after the business meeting.

Ringing, under the guidance of Mr. T. J. Lock, continued until about 8.30 p.m., with Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise, and the special method for the day, Double Stedman Slow Course!

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT NETHERTON.

The summer meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Netherton, when about 50 members were present, including Mr. William Short, Master of the association. Ringing, which took place in the afternoon and evening, ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major. The Surprise methods, however, did not go too well. The bells are a peal of eight with tenor about 13 cwt., recently recast by John Taylor and Co. from an earlier peal. They are of excellent tone and 'go,' which, combined with a well-appointed ringing room, provide ideal ringing conditions.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Warren) was away on holiday, but the Rev. Frank Carr, curate of Netherton and a member of the local band, took the service and made arrangements for an excellent tea in the adjoining schoolrooms.

A collection at tea, for the Belfry Repairs Fund, realised 12s., which result justified the departure from the usual practice of taking it in church during the service.

The Rev. Frank Carr presided over the business meeting which followed. The annual meeting of the branch will be at Bromsgrove in September, subject to permission being granted and the arrangements for the quarterly peal, to be rung at Netherton, were left in the hands of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. T. Hemming), the chairman giving permission on behalf of the Vicar.

Two performing members, Mr. Tom Parsons and Mr. William Parsons, of Cradley, were elected ringing members, and a churchwarden, of Netherton, Mr. Jordan, an honorary member.

The branch secretary (Mr. J. S. Mason) drew attention to the annual dinner, which would be held at Worcester on the last Saturday in September. Although it was looking ahead for several months, he urged members to book the date and give their support.

Discussion arose over the question of travelling, and the branch secretary intimated that he was quite willing to arrange facilities if a sufficient number would guarantee to give their support. He pointed out that arrangements could be made if all names were handed in not later than the September meeting.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman and to all who had contributed to the success of the occasion. To this the chairman suitably replied and the members left to revisit the tower for further ringing.

His many ringing friends will be pleased to hear that Mr. Albert Prestidge, the leader of the Netherton ringers, is able to be about once more after his recent illness, and although he is not sufficiently well to take a really active part in change ringing, his interest has in no way diminished.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Will all who intend visiting the Middlesex and Hertfordshire joint meeting on Saturday next kindly note that, owing to illness at Hadley, the meeting will be held at Barnet. Particulars are given in the usual columns.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, in his 80th year, has again accepted office, at the unanimous request of the members, as Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Recently Canon Coleridge had another accident and hurt his already damaged knee. Happily it responded to treatment and his leg is now better than it has been at any time since his first mishap. Getting downstairs is his greatest trouble.

New trebles are being added to the ring of eight at Poole to celebrate the Coronation, and it has been announced that they will be dedicated on September 25th.

Reference was made at the Central Council meeting to Leicester being the only city outside London with two rings of twelve bells. But Birmingham also has two—St. Martin's and Aston—to say nothing of others in the immediate vicinity of this Midland 'village.'

We are glad to say that Mr. Oliver Sippetts, of Crawley, who recently underwent a slight operation in hospital, is home again and making excellent progress towards recovery.

The attention of members of the Ancient Order of Foresters attending the High Court at Ipswich is directed to a notice in another column with regard to ringing at St. Mary-le-Tower Church.

Once a year a bellringers' festival is held at Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, when special sermons are preached and the offertories during the day are given to the bellringers' fund. This year's festival is fixed for Sunday next.

A party who visited Devon last week on a ringing holiday attempted one peal only each day. They rang five peals and lost one.

After ringing three hours and with only eight courses to go, an attempt on Saturday for the first peal of Stedman Cinques on the new bells at Manchester Town Hall was stopped in a peremptory manner by Lord Mayor O'Toole in person. We understand that the reason given was that a priest in a neighbouring Roman Catholic Church was unable to hear confessions, owing to the bells.

'CHANGE RINGING WITHOUT BELLS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I enclose an advertisement from the 'Church Times' which may well put ringers on their guard.

I doubt the veracity of the statement: 'A single operator can achieve elaborate change ringing without previous knowledge of campanology.' Nevertheless, many of the clergy reading this and not understanding ringing may think—

(a) The instrument a cheap way out;

(b) The instrument a thing of superior musical charm to badly rung bells;

(c) The instrument capable of achieving change ringing in a perfect way.

It, therefore, behoves all companologists to 'pull up their socks.'

Melton Mowbray. VERNON TAYLOR.

The advertisement referred to describes the instrument as 'a carillon without bells.' It claims as its merits that it requires but a few cubic feet of space, it imposes no strain on the fabric and its cost is only a fraction of the expense entailed by a set of bells.

The statement that 'a single operator can achieve elaborate change ringing without previous knowledge of campanology' is, however, obviously absurd.

LADIES' GUILD.

MEMBERSHIP NOW THREE HUNDRED.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 10th. There were 27 members present, representing all the districts with one exception.

Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening at the Parish Church, and a short service was conducted by the Rector, Canon Baker. Mrs. Baker presided at the organ.

Tea and the business meeting followed, at which the president, Miss E. Steel, took the chair. The accounts were presented and showed an excess of income over expenditure of 2½d., and the hon. treasurer pointed out that if subscriptions had all been paid up to date the excess would have been considerably larger.

Miss Steel was re-elected president and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Deal was appointed auditor.

As the membership of the Guild had now reached 300, it was decided to send a third representative to the Central Council, and Miss Steel was unanimously elected.

A lengthy discussion then took place on the working of the districts with a view to a possible rearrangement of the areas covered, to ensure that the whole country was adequately served. A scheme was suggested by the hon. secretary, and it was agreed that details of this scheme be sent to all district secretaries for further consideration under working conditions. If found satisfactory, the slight alteration necessary to the rules will be considered at the next annual meeting, which it was decided should be held in London.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

NEW BELLS AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL.

DIOCESAN GUILD'S JUBILEE GIFT.

Dedication at Festival Service.

The jubilee festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held in the ancient Cathedral on Saturday, July 17th. The festival service took place in the nave, and a large congregation of ringers, citizens and visitors was present to witness a ceremony which was unique in the long history of this beautiful House of God.

The office hymn, 'Swing them gently in our towers,' was followed by the 148th and 150th Psalms, and the lessons were read by the Dean (the Very Rev. F. S. M. Bennett, D.D.) and Canon A. E. Simpson, B.D. Purcell's delightful anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway,' was sung previous to an inspiring sermon by the Lord Bishop.

Following the concluding prayers, the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' was begun, and after the fourth verse a pause was made while the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. W. Milner) presented to the ringers.' They were Messrs. H. A. Heywood, J. Morgan, A. Smith, E. Breeze, S. Morton and I. Wood.

Mr. W. Wilcox, another original member, much regretted his inability to be present.

The business meeting followed, with the Master in the chair. The accounts were adopted. The hon. secretary's report showed that the membership of the Guild remained practically the same as in the previous year, 40 honorary members and 637 ringing members, but pointed out that several towers were still not in union. Peals numbered 77, with 163 members taking part, 18 ringing a peal for the first time. Congratulations were offered to the multi-method Minor band on their outstanding performances, and the same band was later congratulated by the meeting on their recent success, in which 73 methods were rung in a peal.

It was resolved that the first peal on the ten bells at the Cathedral should be attempted by a band representing all braflches of the Guild.



CHESTER'S ANCIENT CATHEDRAL,
In the Tower of which two additional bells have been placed to celebrate the Diocesan Guild's jubilee.

Dean ropes attached to the two new trebles. Holding the ropes in his hand, the Dean said that it gave him great pleasure on behalf of the Cathedral to accept the new bells as a gift from the Diocesan Guild. In monastic times a Dean was a person who had charge of ten men, and as a modern Dean he was glad to feel that he was now in charge of ten bells.

It was an impressive moment when, as the Dean and the Master walked back from beneath the tower to their seats, the ten bells rang out from above. Rounds were rung for two minutes, beautifully effective in the stillness of the Cathedral, and as the ringing ceased the notes of the great organ took the place of the bells and the hymn was concluded. The Bishop pronounced the Blessing before the kneeling congregation, and the Sevenfold Amen brought to a close a service which will remain long in the memory of those who were privileged to be present.

A cheerful gathering, 120 strong, sat down to tea in the Refectory, the Lord Bishop presiding, and a happy diversion was created when the Dean was asked to accept a silver inkstand, suitably inscribed, with the good wishes of the Chester Branch of the Guild and as a token of deep affection.

The Dean, who retires in a few weeks' time, has been chairman of the Chester Branch for 17 years, during which time his unfailing cheerfulness, sympathy and interest in the work of the branch has endeared him to the hearts of all its members. He takes with him to Taunton, in his native county of Somerset, the good wishes not only of the Chester Branch, but of the whole Guild.

In a charming reply, the Dean said that he could not promise to write to everyone present, but the inkstand, which would have a place on his study table, would serve to remind him—if any reminder were needed—of his associations with ringers in Chester.

It is interesting to record that six of the members present were also present at the Refectory on November 12th, 1887, when the Guild was formed following a resolution of the Diocesan Conference, 'That it is desirable to form a Diocesan Guild or Association of Church Bell-

It was decided to hold a jubilee dinner in November as near the foundation date (November 12th) as possible.

Several towers were open for ringing during the evening, but the main attraction naturally was the augmented ring at the Cathedral. An excellent splice has been made by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing the firm, was congratulated on all sides. The Cathedral, without doubt, now possesses a fine ring of ten bells, and the Guild feels that it has celebrated its jubilee in a manner worthy of the occasion.

The inscriptions of the new bells are:—

Treble.—Think and Thank. F. S. M. Bennett, Dean. Cast to celebrate the jubilee of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. 1887-1937.

2nd.—Benedictus Benedicat. Cast in the year of the Coronation of H.M. King George VI., 1937. God save the King.

On Tuesday evening there was a special broadcast of the bells in the Northern Regional programme, with a brief and well-planned talk by Mr. J. W. Clarke on ringing and bells in general, and Chester Cathedral bells in particular. The bells formed a background to the talk and were then opened up so that listeners heard the last lead of a course of Grandsire Caters and rounds and the Queen's change.

DEATH OF A BEENHAM RINGER.

The death occurred on Monday, July 5th, of Mr. Andrew James Churchill, who for about 40 years had been a member of the old Beenham band of bellringers and an ardent churchgoer. He was one who could always be relied upon to be in attendance at all Sunday services, until about eight years ago, when his health prevented him from attending.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, July 7th, after which a half-muffled 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the local band.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

PRESENTATION TO CLERICAL HON. SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 10th, when upwards of 70 members and friends put in an appearance. The bells of St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) were available during the afternoon and evening, but the members were not permitted to ring at the Cathedral this year. A sumptuous tea was prepared in the Wade Street Hall and was followed by the general meeting, at which the Venerable R. L. Hodson, Archdeacon of Stafford, presided. Apologies for absence were read from Mr. H. Boswell (retiring Ringing Master), Messrs. T. J. Elton and H. Butler.

The committee's report and the accounts were adopted, the latter showing a credit balance of £26 13s. 9d.

The joint hon. secretaries, auditor and committee (under Rule 6) were re-elected.

The names of two members were put up for Ringing Master—Messrs. B. Horton and B. G. Key—and on a show of hands Mr. Key was declared elected.

The following places were selected for meetings to be held during the coming year: Aldridge, September; Coseley, January; Wednesbury, April; and the annual meeting at Lichfield in June. Also bi-quarterly meetings for practice: All Saints', West Bromwich; Penkridge and Trysull, notice of which will be printed in 'The Ringing World.'



REV. C. H. BARKER, Clerical Secretary of the Society.

A suggestion that a memorial to the late Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, in the form of a brass or bell-metal tablet, to be placed in the belfry at Wednesbury, was favourably received, and a committee of three (Messrs. A. J. Hubble, A. Hingley and H. Smith, of the Wednesbury band) were elected to proceed with the project.

To mark the completion of 21 years' service as honorary clerical secretary and treasurer to the society, the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th., was the recipient of a fountain pen.

Mr. H. Knight (lay secretary), in making the presentation, spoke of the valuable service Mr. Barker had rendered to the society during that long period, and asked him to accept the small gift as a token of esteem in which he was held by the members.

Mr. Barker, in thanking the members for their kind thought and action, said the work had been a labour of love.

The President said he, too, would like to thank Mr. Barker for the good work he was doing amongst ringers in the Archdeaconry. Continuing, he said he was pleased to see present so many youngsters, to whom they had to look for the future welfare of the society. He added that he had read the book, 'The Nine Tailors,' and was very much struck with it. He suggested that a copy should be added to the library in every tower.

PRESIDENT OBJECTS TO 'GRAMOPHONE' BELLS.

The President, in conclusion, said he had a strong objection to the use of the loud speaker for gramophone records of bells, and advised all ringers to take every opportunity to check it.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

The committee, in their report, said meetings were held during the past year at Lichfield, Codsall, Tipton and Sedgley. All were moderately attended except the one at Tipton, where, owing to severe wintry weather, the attendance was not as good as might otherwise have been expected. In addition, two bi-quarterly meetings, for practice, were held at Shareshill and Wednesbury, the latter being well attended.

Since the last annual meeting, four bell restorations had been completed, viz., Coseley, King's Bromley, Longdon and Willenhall, with very satisfactory results.

The number of peals rung during the year was 27, as against 37 for the previous year. There was not much variety in the methods rung, but one peal was worth mentioning, viz., the peal of Staffordshire Surprise Major—the first in the method for the society and first in the county of Stafford—which gave a lead which the younger members might emulate. A peal of Doubles rung in five methods, at Patshull, was also noteworthy. Only one Coronation peal was accomplished, and that was one of Stedman Cinques at Walsall; other attempts were made, but were not successful. A peal of Stedman Caters at Wolverhampton was rung as a farewell to Bishop Kempthorne, who had

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PAULERSPURY BELLS.

YOUNG RINGERS' APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL TREBLE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the report, published some weeks ago, in 'The Ringing World' of a quarter-peal rung by the Paulerspury band, you incorrectly stated, 'E. Smart, conductor, 5, P. Foster 6.' It should have read, 'E. Smart 5, and P. Foster conducted.' We are all learners in our belfry and it is beyond our scope to ring and conduct more than one or two 120's yet.

We have been congratulated by friends on the quarter-peal and also upon the 6th bell, which, however, we have not yet got. But it has awakened a desire to try for a 6th, or, rather, a new treble bell, for which a space is prepared in the new steel frame, which was put in last year at a cost of about £300.

Our Rector (Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne) has given us permission to start a fund for this purpose, on condition that we do nothing to take money away from other urgent church repairs, such as a new heating apparatus, renewing beams and lead in the roof of the chapel and also repairs to the top of the tower—all very expensive items. We have already been promised £8, and, of course, should welcome any outside help which would ease the burden on the village people, who have done so well in the past and of whom so much is expected in the future.

B. L. SMART, Hon. Sec. of the Fund.

ANOTHER EIGHT FOR DEVON.

NEW TREBLES AT SILVERTON.

St. Mary's Church, Silverton, Devon, now possesses a ring of eight bells, two new trebles having been dedicated by the Bishop of Exeter on July 9th.

For many years the church has had a ring of six, and the octave has now been secured through the addition of bells commemorating the late Rev. G. E. F. Molineux and Commander K. E. Poyntz-Stewart, former parishioners. The bells have been hung in a new frame, and repairs have been carried out to the tower, the whole scheme costing about £500.

The church was crowded for the blessing ceremony, many former parishioners being among the congregation. The Bishop was accompanied by the Rev. L. G. Ketchley (Rector of Hemyock and Rural Dean) as his chaplain, and among the robed clergy present, in addition to the Rector (Preb. T. C. Walters), were the Revs. E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers), who read the lesson, and F. Carter (Withleigh, chairman of the North-Eastern Branch of the Devon Guild). The Bishop and clergy were accompanied to the ringing chamber by the churchwardens, Messrs. W. Ackland and C. Medland, and the eight bells were rung following the blessing.

In his sermon the Bishop said he had been in the diocese long enough to realise that Devon had the largest number of bells and the largest number of bellringers, and he was sure that Devon people loved their bells and were ready to give most generously when they needed attention. Although he had not a great knowledge of bells as yet, he judged that at Silverton they had a very beautiful peal.

Going on to remark that bells often uttered messages which could not be expressed in words, the Bishop said that on Sundays they announced the invitation, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' One of the truths which this generation needed to remember most of all was that men missed the very good things of life not because they were wicked, but because they were too busy thinking about other things.

'This is not a wicked generation,' said the Bishop. 'Far from it. But it is a very busy one. There are so many wonderful things to do, so many wonderful gifts of science—the wireless, motor-cars and cinemas—and the world has become such an interesting place that there are fewer to-day responding to the appeal of the bells.' He hoped the bells would say to those who were always intending to go to church, 'Do it now; time is passing.'

After the service the bells were rung by visitors from Exeter, Plymouth, Sidmouth, Broadclyst, Thorverton, Brampford Speke, Bampton, Bradninch, Rewe, Washfield and Cullompton.

The restoration of the peal, which has included the provision of modern fittings throughout and the supplying of the two new bells, has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tenor of the augmented peal weighs 16 cwt. 11 lb.

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retired from the See of Lichfield. The conducting of the several peals was shared by ten members. The peals were: Doubles (two methods) 4, Doubles (five methods) 1, Grandsire Doubles 2, Grandsire Triples 5, Stedman Triples 1, Stedman Caters 4, Stedman Cinques 4, Bob Minor 1, Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Minor 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Staffordshire Surprise Major 1, total 27.

Judging by the report of the Peals Analysis Committee, there were more twelve-bell peals rung during 1936 by this society than for any other in the country.

Regret was expressed at the loss, through death, of the following members: The Rev. E. H. Rogers, Vicar of Tamworth; the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, of Cambridge; Mr. Alfred Butler, of Tettenhall; Mr. H. Williams, of Tipton; and Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.

ALTERATIONS OF RULES.

Oxford still favoured as Meeting Place.

Once again the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild have in no uncertain way declared that they desire to hold their annual festival in Oxford itself. Nearly every year this practice is challenged, but it is a long time since the meeting has been held elsewhere. At the annual meeting on Saturday a majority recommendation of the committee that next year Reading should be chosen was defeated, and once again Oxford carried the day.

The meeting was attended by members from most parts of the diocese, which covers the three counties of Oxford, Berks and Bucks, and they first met in Christ Church Cathedral for their festival service, at which the preacher was Bishop G. B. Allen, the Archdeacon of Oxford, whose text was 'Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob' (Psalm 81, v. 1). The text, said the Bishop, described exactly what the bells did, and they did it in accordance with the natural human instinct, consecrated to the service of God. Having referred to the use of bells in distant ages, the preacher reviewed the subject of ringing as part of divine service. What a difference, he said, bells made, not only to our worship, but to the very life of town and country, and how painful and poignant was the contrast in countries where there were no bells. Bells were a true and integral part of English life. Although the bells of Christ Church were at present out of use, owing to repairs, no one in that city could ever forget the solemn and joyful functions of these ministers of God. Wolsey's great bell still tolled nightly over that House and city. Oxford was a city of bells, but not only the city, but the towns and villages of the diocese were gladdened and, he believed, inspired by this gracious ministry. Bells were something between the silent and the articulate spokesman. They conveyed their message through the ear and their sound was heard where the living voice of the preacher could not penetrate. The work of the ringers was an honourable ministry, and in so far as they were ministers of God, consecrated to Him, bellringers should be communicants and all ringers should attend the services for which they rang. As he went about to the country churches he could not help noticing where ringers went when the bells were rung down. He was glad to be able to say, as far as his observation went, during his nine months' happy work in the diocese, that as a rule the ringers went the right way, showing that they highly valued their office. Every time the bells sounded from tower or steeple throughout the land they bore their far-reaching message to the truth of the eternal God and the truth that the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are unseen are eternal.

The collection for the Restoration Fund amounted to £2 9s. 9d.

MASTER DEPLORES WEAKENING OF BRADFIELD BRANCH.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, the Master (Canon G. F. Coleridge) presiding over a gathering of about a hundred, supported by the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), the secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker).

The reports of the officers were first adopted. That of the Master referred to the meeting at Theale, in the Bradfield Deanery Branch, the outcome of which was the transfer of three towers to neighbouring branches. 'I deeply deplore this, as it results in the weakening of a branch, small already in towers and membership. The old proverb, "Unity is strength," holds true, everywhere and at every time—the strong helping the weak should be the rule throughout the Guild.'

The report continued: I am glad to know that advice I have given to various incumbents on bell restoration has in each case been followed with very satisfactory results. It is a great satisfaction to me that our general secretary, Mr. R. T. Hibbert, still holds office and that our finances are in the very capable hands of Mr. A. D. Barker, elected at the annual meeting in place of Mr. A. J. Wright, whose long term of office was ended by failing energies. Judging by the keenness of the General Committee, there is strong hope that the Guild will continue to prosper.

The Deputy Master, in his report, said: The year 1936 has been one of steady progress, both in new methods practised and in the conscientious carrying out of routine work; service ringing and the training of beginners. I am convinced that it is upon this latter part of its work that the Guild must concentrate increasingly. In an age when the attention of young men and women is so easily distracted from religious duties, any effort made to interest them in a specific piece of work for the Church is of great value. I have been present at meetings of all the branches during the past year, including one held at Thame by the South Oxon and Mid-Bucks Branch, which was of especial interest, as being the first public meeting held by this branch for several years. It has been a source of encouragement to me to notice the good attendances including a large proportion of the younger members at these meetings.

In the course of his report, the secretary said the Guild made steady progress during the year, the number of towers affiliated increasing by eight. The number of hon. members stood the same, 219. Ringing members, including non-resident life members, showed an increase of 64. The figures were: Towers 258, hon. members 219, ringing members 2,445. The number of peals rung showed a slight falling off, but several young ringers rang first peals, and first in method, and one or two names appeared as conductor for the first time.

At a special meeting of the Bradfield Deanery Branch, three towers made application to go to other branches. Aldermaston and Beenham to Newbury Branch, and Burghfield to Reading Branch. After discussion the Master regretfully gave his permission, hoping it would be to the benefit of all.

The secretary said he had made inspections and given advice at Tilehurst, Ufton Nervet and Stoke Poges, and had passed work as well done at Newton Longueville, Strentley, Tetsworth and Easthampstead. At the annual meetings of all the branches he found the spirit of brotherhood very much alive, and although the branch secretaries had their difficulties, they tackled them with an indomitable spirit and kept things going in a very fine manner. If all did their best during 1937 he saw no reason to be downhearted about the future of the Guild.

The hon. treasurer reported that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £275 2s. 2d., of which £84 1s. 7d. was in the Restoration Fund. As no percentage of hon. members' subscriptions had been transferred to the Restoration Fund since 1929, a recommendation from the General Committee was desirable. Branches failing to send their contributions to the hon. treasurer by December 28th would be too late for inclusion in the current year's accounts in future.

CANON COLERIDGE RE-ELECTED MASTER.

The Master said when he undertook office, at the time the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn died, and there seemed really to be no one else capable of undertaking the Mastership, he felt he was getting old, and he was older still now. The services of the Deputy Master had been invaluable and of enormous help to him in every possible way. When he (the Deputy Master) was appointed, he was what was called an 'assistant curate' and not his own master, so he could not very well undertake the duties of Master of the Guild. Now they could congratulate Mr. Wigg on having become Vicar of a Buckinghamshire parish and he was able to get about as he wished. If the Guild desired to elect Mr. Wigg as Master he (Canon Coleridge) would be perfectly ready to make way for him.

Mr. T. Trollope proposed that Canon Coleridge should remain as Master for another year. If, he added, he then wishes to get out, perhaps we will listen to him (laughter).—Mr. A. D. Barker seconded the motion, which was carried with applause.

Canon Coleridge, in acknowledging his election, said he was willing to serve the Guild to the best of his ability, but, as he had told them before, his parochial duties often prevented him from attending meetings on a Saturday. He was always at their disposal if they wanted his advice or help (applause).

The Rev. C. E. Wigg was unanimously re-elected Deputy Master, Mr. A. D. Barker was reappointed hon. treasurer, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert secretary, both of them unanimously.

The twelve elected members of the committee were re-elected en bloc, viz.: Miss V. Robinson, Miss S. Davis, Messrs. J. Evans, G. Caudwell, G. Holifield, W. Hibbert, sen., G. Martin, R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear, J. W. Wilkins and W. F. Judge.

On behalf of a committee appointed to revise the Guild service book, the Master said it was decided to await the appearance of the Hereford Diocesan Guild's new service book. That book had recently come into his hands and had been considered by the committee, who at once realised that it did not meet the needs of the Oxford Guild, although it contained certain features well worthy of their consideration. The committee, therefore, decided to proceed with a new service book on liturgical lines, embodying parts of the old form used by the Guild, with the addition of new prayers, hymns and so forth. They decided to include a dozen hymns, but the selection gave them considerable difficulty for what some members thought were good and suitable hymns others disliked.

After a short discussion, in the course of which the suggestion that a draft of the service should be submitted to the branches for consideration was rejected, the committee were empowered to proceed with the preparation and printing of the service books, Canon Coleridge remarking that any suggestions sent to him would be considered by the committee.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

Three alterations of rules came up for consideration. Rule 3 for Local Branches was altered to read as follows: 'The secretary of the branch shall collect and forward to the hon. treasurer on or before December 21st, in each year, the subscriptions of the members of the branch, retaining not more than one half for local needs. He shall also send a statement of the branch accounts to the hon. treasurer, and a correct list of members to the general secretary, with the provisional date of the annual meeting of the branch, to enable dates to be arranged to prevent two branch annual meetings coinciding. The list of dates to be printed in annual report.'

The most important effect of this is to ensure that the subscriptions shall be forwarded to the hon. treasurer on or before December 21st, instead of on or before the annual festival, and the Master asked for the co-operation of the members in this, to assist the officials.

The following alteration to Rule 10 stood in the name of Mr. T. Trollope:—

'The annual festival and general meeting shall be held in July at Oxford.

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COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION DEFEATED.

OXFORD GUILD ANNUAL MEETING IN OXFORD NEXT YEAR.

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'An additional ringing meeting shall be held in the autumn, at some other place to be selected by the members at the annual festival. Arrangements for both meetings to be left in the hands of the committee.'

At the suggestion of the Master, Mr. Trollope divided the motion into two parts and moved the first paragraph, which the Rev. St. George Edwards seconded. There was no discussion, and, on being put to the meeting, the Master declared it carried.

When Mr. Trollope moved the second part of the motion, several members raised objection to treating the motion as two independent resolutions, as, it was argued, one was dependent on the other. Mr. D. Boreham remarked that it robbed them of their fight every year to change the place of meeting from Oxford.

The Master agreed to the motion being treated as a whole, and an animated discussion turned on whether there should be an autumn meeting.

The Secretary said if the majority of the members attended as many branch annual meetings as he did, they would realise another Guild meeting was not necessary. If the idea was carried out, the hard-worked secretary would advertise the meeting in 'The Ringing World' and leave the officers of the branch in which it was to be held to do the work (laughter).

The view was expressed that a Guild meeting was of different standing to a district meeting, and Mr. W. J. Paice (Sonning branch secretary) suggested they might try joint branch meetings. What they wanted to do, he said, was to get rid of the feeling, which he thought some members had, that they were not welcome at the meetings of other branches.

The Rev. St. George Edwards said every year there was opposition to holding the annual meeting always in Oxford; this motion would meet this objection, by providing Guild meetings in other parts of the diocese.

There was some confusion when the voting took place, but the Master declared the motion lost.

The committee (by a majority of four votes) had recommended that the next annual meeting be held at Reading, and this was proposed by Mr. A. D. Barker and seconded by Mr. D. Boreham.

Mr. A. D. Cullam proposed Oxford as an amendment, and Mr. W. Hibbert, jun., seconded. On being put to the meeting Oxford was chosen by a large majority.

THE RESTORATION FUND.

The hon. treasurer moved that Rule 17 be altered as follows:—

'The Restoration Fund shall be augmented by (1) a collection taken during the service at the annual festival. (2) 25 per cent. of subscriptions received by the hon. treasurer from honorary members. (3) Interest on War Loan or such other investments as may be held by the Guild.'

Mr. Barker said the old rule was obsolete, no one understood exactly what it meant, and it had not been acted upon. What was proposed in the motion was what was actually done in practice.—The motion was carried unanimously.

The following grants, duplicating the amounts voted from the branches, were made for bell restoration funds: Tilehurst, £5 5s.; Stoke Poges, £5 5s.; Wroxton, £2 2s., or, if a more comprehensive scheme is undertaken, £5 5s.; and Beenham, £3 3s.

Mr. R. Post presented a report on the Central Council meeting, at which he was one of the representatives of the Oxford Guild.

Mr. W. Hibbert, jun., said a detailed report had already been published in 'The Ringing World,' and he thought these reports by a member were a waste of time. At the suggestion of the Deputy Master, Mr. Post's report was taken as read, and he was thanked for its preparation.

Mr. Trollope asked if copies of 'The Ringing World' were available if there were any members who had not read the report.

The Master said, as he had often remarked, he considered it the bounden duty of every ringer to be a weekly subscriber to 'The Ringing World.'

The meeting confirmed the election of 174 members elected since the last annual meeting, and Bishop Allen, Archdeacon of Oxford, who was an ex-officio vice-president under the rules, was also elected a member.

In view of the possibility of a difficulty during the year with regard to audit, it was agreed that if the present auditor resigned the Master and hon. treasurer be authorised to appoint an auditor.

The Master read a letter from the editor of the 'Oxford Times' offering, with a view to increasing local interest in the work of the Guild, to publish photographs of ringing teams, either present or past. The Master said he was very much gratified at receiving the letter and asked ringers who wished photographs of their teams published to communicate with the 'Oxford Times.'

LUNCH IN CHRIST CHURCH HALL.

This terminated the business meeting and a large company then took lunch in the magnificent dining hall of Christ Church. Canon Coleridge presided, and after the toast of 'Church and King' had been honoured, proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all concerned in the day's arrangements. He specially thanked the Dean and Chapter, the governing body of Christ Church, the organist and Bishop Allen. He said it was a very liberal thing indeed for the governing body of Christ Church to give them the use of that hall. There was not a guild or society in the country that would not rather come there than anywhere else for such an occasion, full, as it was, of historic interest. They thanked Bishop Allen most warmly for preaching to them and for the interest he was taking in the Guild. It was with great thankfulness they found Bishop Allen taking the place of Bishop Shaw. Canon Coleridge added that when he was an undergraduate in 1876 and they used to practise on Christ Church bells, the belfry door was opened for them by a man whom he, even then, looked upon as 'old.' He was the man who carried the 'holy poker' before the Dean in the Cathedral (laughter). He referred to Mr. Francis, who always took the greatest interest in the Guild. Mr. Francis was 97 that day (applause). He (the Master) suggested that the secretary should send him a line of congratulation and good wishes (applause).

Bishop Allen responded to the vote of thanks and extended a welcome to the Guild on behalf of all his colleagues. Mr. Francis, said the Bishop, had told him that morning that he was 'very well inside, but not so good about the legs' (laughter). Mr. Francis still went to church more often than most people, said the Bishop, and went to the 'flicks' three times a week (laughter and applause).

Canon Parham proposed 'Success to the Oxford Diocesan Guild.' The Guild, he said, showed what could be done by fellowship in church work. What the Guild owed to their chairman only ringers knew. There was not a belfry in England where the name of Canon Coleridge was not known, and there was no gathering of ringers where he would not be an honoured guest (applause). In honouring the Guild they were honouring their Master, and they wished him long years of continuance in his office (applause).

Canon Coleridge, in reply, said as long as he could be of help to the Guild he was at their service. He recalled an early festival at Abingdon when the Guild gave a free dinner. Something like 300 ringers turned up and the Guild nearly went bankrupt. He hoped the Guild would continue to flourish and that the healthful state of their funds would enable them to reduce the price of the dinner from 2s. to 1s. 6d. (laughter). They had had a happy year in the past and he hoped they would all try to do their best in the future both in the interests of change ringing and of the Church. He commended to the notice of the younger members the recent performance of a peal in 73 Minor methods rung in Cheshire. This was an example to them all, and although they might not all reach that standard, he urged them not to remain content merely with ringing Bob Minor.

Mr. W. Collett took the opportunity of urging on members the importance to the Exercise of supporting 'The Ringing World.' If they did not do so there might be grave danger of their being left without a paper. He hoped the day was far distant when the present Editor would relinquish his work, but if he did so the Exercise might be faced with a serious position. The solution lay in every ringer buying the paper, and in considering the cost he asked them to realise that it was equivalent to only one packet of cigarettes a month. They must agree, he thought, that ringing, which took such a great place in their life and interest, was certainly worth that amount of sacrifice. The way to pay for it was to place a weekly standing order with their newsagent. They would not then notice the amount when they paid their weekly bill. He asked them to act before it was too late.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg said he had another suggestion to make. He did not believe there was a single person in that room who did not take a copy of the paper weekly, and Mr. Collett was 'preaching to the converted.' He suggested, therefore, that each of them, during the year, should see to it that someone else bought a copy of 'The Ringing World' and that when they met in that hall next year they should have a show of hands to see how many had succeeded (applause).

At the close of the proceedings in the dining hall, the members dispersed to the many towers in the city, where ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening.

MOONRAKERS VISIT DEVONSHIRE.

The Swindon Parish Church Guild held their annual outing on June 19th. On reaching Torquay by excursion train, the company were soon bowling along for Buckfastleigh, where Mr. A. L. Bennett met the party and two short touches were enjoyed on this handy little ring. An excellent lunch was served at the King's Arms Hotel, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Bennett for his assistance in arranging the outing.

Permission had been secured to ring at Buckfast Abbey, and all were loud in their praises of this excellent peal, and some Stedman Caters was rung on the back ten, but only rounds was attempted on the twelve. Messrs. Charles and James Lilley joined the party here, also Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough. The next call was Ashburton, general disappointment being expressed both as to the tone and 'go' of the bells, Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major being rung. The last tower of the day was Wolborough, and was a fitting climax—good bells and no hard work for sore hands. After saying good-bye to our Devonshire friends, a return was made to Torquay. The return journey was started at 9.15 p.m. and was helped along by a little handbell ringing, Swindon being reached at 12.50 a.m., after a most enjoyable outing. Thanks are extended to all who helped towards such a successful day.

W. B. K.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m.—A. H. Smith, F. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea (by kind invitation of churchwardens) and business meeting to follow. Half fares will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. — E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Monken Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at Tunstall. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation, and business meeting.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at Woburn. This fine peal will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—F. J. Plummer, Hon. Dis. Sec., Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, July 24th, at which Cleveland and North Yorkshire members are especially invited to be present. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. A hearty invitation to all.—Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmore, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at Edenham (Billingborough bells not available). Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

CHURCH LAWFORD, RUGBY.—The new ring of 6 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Coventry on Saturday, July 24th, at 4 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, July 24th. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. House Smith, The Yews, Eckington, Sheffield?—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — The next district meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, taken by the Rector, at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 5 p.m. The Rector extends a hearty invitation to ringers to attend this meeting. Names, please, to Mr. E. A. Hall, Peckleton, near Leicester.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Amersham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Barnet (St. John-the-Baptist) on Saturday, July 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Frequent trains from King's Cross (L.N.E.) to High Barnet. All ringers welcomed. This meeting is in lieu of that arranged for Hadley.—C. T. Coles, W. Nash, Hon. Dis. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—The quarterly meeting fixed provisionally for July 24th at Froyle, will not take place until the end of August.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for evensong on July 25th at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. The usual monthly practice has been cancelled owing to its proximity to the Bank Holiday week-end.—N. Summerhayes, Act. Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

GREAT YARMOUTH. — The practice night at S. Nicholas' will be Wednesday on and after July 28th till end of September. Sunday ringing 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Gorleston-on-Sea, Monday, 7.30 p.m., practice. All visiting ringers welcome.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec. (St. Nicholas'), 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Stapleton on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advice for tea. — R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western Division will be held at Westbourne on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.15. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., allowed to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Kimpton on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS, High Court at Ipswich.—St. Mary-le-Tower (12 bells) will be available for a peal at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 31st. Service ringing on Sunday, Aug. 1st, commences at 9 a.m. for 10.30 Matins, also 5.30 p.m. Visitors, wishing to attempt the peal, kindly mention method to G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — On Saturday, July 31st, a meeting will be held at King's Walden. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made, but please realise that I must know by Wednesday, 28th inst., if you require tea. Book the date, and don't be late.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook and Sydney Forshaw, Secs.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 28th.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, nr. Doncaster.

DORCHESTER, ST. PETER'S.—Re-opening of the bells, Sunday, August 1st. Services 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. A ring of eight rehung by John Taylor and Co.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, Aug. 2nd, at Rotherham Parish Church. Bells (10) ready at 1 p.m. For tea, café close by church. All welcome. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Sunderland on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 2nd. Meet at St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, at 3 p.m. Tea will be served in St. Ignatius Institute, Burlington Road, at 5 p.m., to those informing Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland, by Friday, July 30th. — Roland Park, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church, St. Mary's (12 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends to come along and support us.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale, Lancs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, Aug. 7th. The bells, which have recently been overhauled by Taylor and Co., available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous.—T. E. Newman, The Cross, Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

CLAY CROSS, near Chesterfield.—The bells will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield on Sunday, Aug. 8th, at 6.30 p.m. A ring of six recast and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A souvenir invitation to the 300th dinner on November 6th has been prepared. Copies of this will be sent in due course, together with an admission ticket, to members who apply with remittances (10s. for members, 12s. 6d. for non-members) to any of the following :—Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, L. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young. Members are reminded that seating accommodation at the Cannon Street Hotel is limited to 400.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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