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## NO BENEVOLENT FUND FOR ESSEX.

After a long discussion, the Essex Association, at their annual meeting, rejected a proposal to establish a benevolent fund. It had been hoped by the advocates of the scheme that it would have been inaugurated to mark the diamond jubilee of the association, which has been celebrated this year, and certainly the occasion would have been an auspicious one, but the weight of opinion in a large and representative meeting was against the setting up of a fund of this kind. Unfortunately, the report of that meeting which has been supplied to us is a very scanty one upon this discussion, and it would have been interesting to have learned something more of the views expressed. One objection to the proposal seems to have been a doubt as to the practicability of administering such a scheme, but the experience of other associations which have tried the experiment has shown that a fund of limited scope can be worked smoothly and without difficulty. The essence of a scheme of this sort is the spirit of brotherly help and goodwill.

There is, of course, the larger issue whether, in these days, there is the need for voluntary effort of this kind in such a body as a bellringers' organisation. It is true that there are State Insurance and Friendly Society aids for those who make provision against the 'rainy day,' and, in the ordinary way, men can meet adversity from these sources. But there are cases—we have all met them—where a friend may come upon bad times; it may be from the effects of a long illness or from a cause which would give him no claim upon funds to which he has been contributing, and he finds himself and those dear to him in a state of adversity which he has no means of meeting. In such circumstances a friendly fund from which a grant can be given, as a welcome temporary help, is of great value. No one, of course, imagines that a benevolent fund organised by a ringing association can make grants on a scale which could entirely rehabilitate a man, but it is that little bit of help at the moment of sorest need that is so valuable, and some ringing associations, notably Kent and Sussex, have been able to offer this in quite a number of cases with much success and with no drain upon either the individual members or the resources of the associations.

Ringers usually prove themselves to be generous givers when the need arises. The existence of a benevolent fund enables them to give their help much more quickly than can otherwise be the case. The grants are made only in really hard cases, so that there is no fear of being unable to finance the fund if it is maintained with wholehearted support. That a fund can function successfully, one has

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only to turn to what has been done by the associations mentioned above. We cannot believe that the men of Essex are any less charitable in spirit than some of their neighbours; neither can we believe that they prefer to give their money to the mending of decrepit bell frames rather than to helping to restore the broken fortunes of their brothers. It may be that when the question is again under discussion other counsels will prevail.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, June 17, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 50 cwt. 20 lb.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM J. NUDDS | ...Treble | THOMAS H. FRANCIS | 7 |
| JOHN THOMAS | 2 | JAMES BENNETT | 8 |
| GEORGE R. PYE | 3 | CECIL J. MATTHEWS | 9 |
| CHARLES T. COLES | 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON | 10 |
| HERBERT E. THOMPSON | 5 | REUBEN SANDERS | 11 |
| THOMAS G. FOX | 6 | FRANK E. DARBY | ...Tenor |

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Saturday, June 17, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| *GEORGE T. MITCHISON | ...Treble | ARTHUR H. RAINEY | 7 |
| ALLAN SHORT | 2 | *WILLIAM PETTIGREW | 8 |
| *RONALD I. SHEPHERD | 3 | *FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH | 9 |
| *ALFRED J. ALLEN | 4 | PERCY N. G. RAINEY | 10 |
| FRED PRICE | 5 | WILLIAM DAVIES | 11 |
| *WILLIAM L. WHISTON | 6 | *ALBERT PETTIGREW | ...Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRED PRICE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor. All the band are regular service ringers at this church.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5027 CHANGES;**

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK A. SALTER | ...Treble | J. FREDERICK MILNER | 6 |
| LESLIE STEVENS | 2 | FRANK BRADLEY | 7 |
| GEO. EDWARD FOSTER | 3 | J. ALFRED BARRATT | 8 |
| COLIN HARRISON | 4 | RALPH NARBOROUGH | 9 |
| ALEX HUTCHISON | 5 | WALTER NICHOLS | ...Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE ASTBURY. Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of the Duke and Duchess of Portland, which event occurred on the 11th instant. First peal of Erin Caters by all the band, first in the City or County of Nottingham, and the first for the association.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 17, 1939, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5088 CHANGES;**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JOHN FOWLER | ...Treble | ERIC B. HARTLEY | 6 |
| FRANK B. LUFKIN | 2 | DENNIS T. BROCK | 7 |
| ERIC J. C^E | 3 | JOHN G. NASH | 8 |
| HARRY HOSKINS | 4 | HORACE J. MANSFIELD | 9 |
| ALBERT E. NORTH | 5 | JOHN H. CRAMPION | ...Tenor |

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by the whole band except the 4th ringer. Rung in honour of the silver jubilee of the diocese of Chelmsford.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 17, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**
Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

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|---|---|---|---|
| THOMAS W. HAMMOND | *Treble* | JAMES W. MELDRUM | 6 |
| EDWIN BREEZE | 2 | LESTER L. GRAY | 7 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON | 3 | ERNEST F. BENNETT | 8 |
| *SELWYN H. DEARDEN | 4 | PERCIVAL W. CAVE | 9 |
| †WILLIAM R. BURCHALL | 5 | RALPH G. EDWARDS | *Tenor* |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by P. W. CAVE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells. Specially arranged to mark the sailing of the Cunard-White Star liner 'Mauretania' from Liverpool landing stage on her maiden voyage.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.
*On Wednesday, June 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21¾ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| HARRY BAKER | *Treble* | WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD | 5 |
| TOM SAUNDERS | 2 | THOMAS E. SONE | 6 |
| *RALPH E. W. WENBAN | 3 | WILLIAM WENBAN | 7 |
| PERCY PAGE | 4 | JAMES W. SPILLETT | *Tenor* |

Conducted by T. E. SONE.
* First peal away from the treble.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 20 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| WALTER LICETT | *Treble* | WILLIAM J. CHESTER | 5 |
| WILLIAM SAUNDERS | 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST | 6 |
| THOMAS PRICE | 3 | *HARRY VICKERS | 7 |
| *HARRY THELWELL | 4 | ARTHUR PRITCHARD | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Bob Major. A birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Price, of Market Drayton.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

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| *JOCELYN B. GARDINER | *Treble* | WILLIAM FERNLEY | 5 |
| †JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER | 2 | †PETER LAFLIN | 6 |
| JAMES FERNLEY | 3 | †JAMES A. MILNER | 7 |
| †C. KENNETH LEWIS | 4 | JOHN WORTH | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. K. LEWIS Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Major with a Treble Bob bell. † First peal in the method.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

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| *MISS AUDREY M. LOOK | *Treble* | GEORGE M. KILBY | 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE | 2 | JAMES BENNETT | 6 |
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE | 3 | †THOMAS COLLINS | 7 |
| MRS. JOHN H. BOTHAM | 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. Rung to honour the memory and long service of Thomas Humphreys, for 50 years a ringer at this church, who died last month.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Tenor 30 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| MISS PHYLLIS HINE | *Treble* | *BRIAN F. SIMS | 5 |
| C. HENRY HARDING | 2 | FRANK W. LACK | 6 |
| WM. A. R. CHAMBERLAIN | 3 | HERBERT FIELDS | 7 |
| HARRY J. PARKER | 4 | FRANK WARRINGTON | *Tenor* |

Arranged from SHIPWAY. Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Major.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 18½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| THOMAS LINCOLN | *Treble* | HILDA G. SNOWDEN | 5 |
| CLAUDE SNOWDEN | 2 | RONALD SUCKLING | 6 |
| *HENRY W. SHADRACK | 3 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN | 7 |
| ERNEST J. RUNTER | 4 | ALBERT WIFFEN | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the silver jubilee of the formation of the Chelmsford Diocese.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
*On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,*
AT THE MEMORIAL CAMPANILE OF SS. ANDREW AND PETER,
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Tenor 17 cwt. in F

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|---|---|---|---|
| *WILLIAM J. LEE | *Treble* | WILLIAM E. BASON | 5 |
| EDWIN R. GOATE | 2 | HENRY TOOKE | 6 |
| J. G. WILLIAM HARWOOD | 3 | WILLIAM CLOVER | 7 |
| JOHN A. GODFREY | 4 | C. FREDERICK SAYER | *Tenor* |

Composed by WM. E. BASON. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.
* First peal in the method.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
*On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Tenor 18 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *ALBERT E. STEVENSON | *Treble* | CYRIL WANDER | 5 |
| ARTHUR YOUNG | 2 | ALBERT H. FIRTH | 6 |
| WILLIAM WILKINSON | 3 | †ALBERT H. BENNETT | 7 |
| HAROLD BARSLEY | 4 | ALBERT E. FLUTTERS | *Tenor* |

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by A. E. FLUTTERS.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sunday, June 11, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE & CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

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| KENNETH SNELLING | *Treble* | FRANK I. HAIRS | 5 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT | 2 | WILLIAM T. BERSON | 6 |
| FREDERICK W. ROGERS | 3 | CECIL NICE | 7 |
| C. ERNEST SMITH | 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS | *Tenor* |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
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SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Tuesday, June 13, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 11½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH | *Treble* | *HERBERT A. MCKINNELL | 5 |
| DAVID VINCENT | 2 | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD | 6 |
| JOHN HASSELL | 3 | ALAN J. BROWN | 7 |
| FRANK REYNOLDS | 4 | C. KENNETH LEWIS | *Tenor* |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by A. J BROWN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Tuesday, June 13, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY.
**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 10 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *ERIC B. HARTLEY | *Treble* | †REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS | 5 |
| *ALICK CUTLER | 2 | *MRS. J. H. BOTHAM | 6 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY | 3 | JOHN H. BOTHAM | 7 |
| *MISS JESSIE ANGWIN | 4 | ERNEST C. S. TURNER | *Tenor* |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
*On Thursday, June 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
**A PEAL OF MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**
Comprising Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| RONALD W. SWANN | *Treble* | WILLIAM BOTTRILL | 5 |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD | 2 | ERNEST MORRIS | 6 |
| W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON | 3 | RALPH NARBOROUGH | 7 |
| G. RONALD EDWARDS | 4 | ARTHUR DEBENHAM | *Tenor* |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
First peal in more than two Major methods by all except ringers of 2nd and 6th.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Thursday, June 15, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
Tenor 13⅝ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| RICHARD W. R. COATES | *Treble* | ALBERT E. COLEMAN | 5 |
| ROBERT A. WARMAN | 2 | *ERNEST F. NEWSON | 6 |
| MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS | 3 | WILLIAM E. BASON | 7 |
| EDWIN R. GOATE | 4 | C. FREDERICK SAYER | *Tenor* |

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.
* First peal, at first attempt.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Thursday, June 15, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| *EDWARD T. SITCH | *Treble* | HENRY T. WILSON | 5 |
| ERNEST W. FURBANK | 2 | HARRY TURNER | 6 |
| ALBERT E PRYKE | 3 | JOHN H. SITCH | 7 |
| ALBERT E. NORTH | 4 | PHILIP A. CORBY | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by H. TURNER.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the silver jubilee of the Diocese of Chelmsford.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Friday, June 16, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
**A PEAL OF CHELTENHAM BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| CYRIL BRETT-SMITH | *Treble* | EDWIN A. BARNETT | 5 |
| HARRY HOVERD | 2 | GEOFFREY V. MURPHY | 6 |
| DEREK M. SHARP | 3 | PHILIP A. CORBY | 7 |
| FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN | 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON | *Tenor* |

Arranged and Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
The first peal in the method.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)
*On Friday, June 16, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
Tenor 4¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRANCIS E. MAY | *Treble* | REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG | 5 |
| *GEORGE AYRES | 2 | WILLIAM C. PORTER | 6 |
| *GEORGE T. ROGERS | 3 | R. THOMAS NEWMAN | 7 |
| FRANCIS E. TAYLOR | 4 | RICHARD A. POST | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. A. POST.
* First peal in the method.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

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|---|---|---|---|
| TOWER R. TAYLOR | *Treble* | C. ERNEST SMITH | 5 |
| FREDERICK W. ROGERS | 2 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY | 6 |
| JAMES TOPP | 3 | WILLIAM T. BERSON | 7 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE | 4 | WILFRED WILLIAMS | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells. This peal contains 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol and 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 132 changes of method.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 17, 1939, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
Tenor 20 cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| EDWIN BARNETT | *Treble* | PHILIP A. CORBY | 5 |
| EDWIN A. BARNETT | 2 | STAFFORD H. GREEN | 6 |
| THOMAS E. SONE | 3 | FREDERICK WHITE | 7 |
| ERNEST C. S. TURNER | 4 | HARRY PARKES | *Tenor* |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, June 17, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

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|---|---|---|---|
| ROLAND BIGGS | *Treble* | JESSE HARRISON | 5 |
| FREDERICK G. BIGGS | 2 | PERCY NEWTON | 6 |
| GEORGE MARTIN | 3 | HARRY WINGROVE | 7 |
| KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER | 4 | F. DONALD BOREHAM | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Susan, granddaughter of Mr. J. Harrison, and as a compliment to Mr. R. A. Post, who was married at Oxford that day.

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# SIX BELL PEALS.

HARPFORD, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
*On Thursday, June 1, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Consisting of seven 720's called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

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| *JOSEPH BREALY ... ... ...*Treble* | JOHN L. GLANVILL ... ... 4 |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY ... ... 2 | EDWARD MARKS ... ... ... 5 |
| BRIAN PIDGEON ... ... ... 3 | LOUIS A. WILSON... ... ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
* First peal of Bob Minor.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Sunday, June 4, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being seven extents.

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| *GEOFFREY FRENCH ... ...*Treble* | GEOFFREY EVERARD ... ... 4 |
| *LILIAN LE BEAU ... ... 2 | RONALD SUCKLING ... ... 5 |
| RALPH BIRD ... ... ... 3 | VICTOR MORLEY ... ... ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.
* First peal.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Wednesday, June 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being seven 720's called differently.

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| ALFRED T. HOARE ... ...*Treble* | GERALD FROST ... ... ... 4 |
| FRANK W. SHYNN ... ... 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN ... ... 5 |
| HARRY JAY ... ... ... ... 3 | FRANK C. MAY ... ... ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.
Rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of the diocese of Chelmsford.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Thursday, June 8, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

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| HERBERT L. HARLOW... ...*Treble* | HARRY TYSOE ... ... ... 4 |
| CHARLES W. CLARKE ... ... 2 | HERBERT FROSSELL ... ... 5 |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL ... ... 3 | REGINALD WEST ... ... ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by R. WEST.
Rung for Miss E. Steel's 60th birthday.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
*On Friday, June 9, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Consisting of three six-scores each of Stedman and Union, and 12 each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

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| HUGH E. HARDING ... ...*Treble* | C. H. HARDING ... ... ... 4 |
| REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... 2 | BRIAN F. SIMS ... ... ... 5 |
| WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN ... 3 | HECTOR RAWLINS ... ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Ladds on reaching their golden wedding.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| EDGAR QUICKE ... ... ...*Treble* | JOHN SUMMERHAYES ... ... 4 |
| STANLEY BRISTOW ... ... 2 | CLAUDE TARR ... ... ... 5 |
| ALBERT TURNER ... ... ... 3 | SYDNEY SMITH ... ... ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by E. QUICKE.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Harry Purchase and Miss Kathleen Smith, of Chipstable.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)
*On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Seven extents in 32 methods: (1) Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate and College Bob IV. D. Treble Bob; (2) Cumberland, Ennerdale, Killarney and Horsmonden; (3) Frodsham and Windermere; (4) Lytham, London Bob, Childwall, St. Clement's, Waverlree, College Single, Thelwall and Double Oxford; (5) Double Bob, Fulbeck, Plain Bob, Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (6) Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Hereward; (7) Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob.

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| ROBERT C. LYON ... ... ...*Treble* | ALBERT L. DIXEY... ... ... 4 |
| VICTOR MORLEY ... ... ... 2 | ALEC M. GENERY ... ... 5 |
| REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3 | RALPH BIRD ... ... ... ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by R. BIRD.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| J. C. JENNINGS ... ...*Treble* | R. PORTWAY ... ... ... ... 4 |
| *MISS MAY MILLER ... ... 2 | D. C. JENNINGS ... ... ... 5 |
| D. N. JENNINGS ... ... ... 3 | G. SAUNDERS ... ... ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by J. C. JENNINGS.
* First peal and first attempt.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KINGTON DISTRICT.)
*On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Consisting of one 240 of Morris' and two 240's of Pitman's arrangements and 36 six-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| WALTER EVANS ... ... ...*Treble* | LESLIE EVANS ... ... ... 4 |
| TREVOR JONES ... ... ... 2 | ERNEST WILLIAMS ... ... 5 |
| BRIAN ELSMORE ... ... ... 3 | ERNEST SALMONS... ... ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

MORETON-ON-LUGG, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

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| *NORMAN J. PARRY ... ...*Treble* | A. JAMES YOUNG ... ... ... 4 |
| HARRY JOHNSON... ... ... 2 | GEORGE T. COUSINS ... ... 5 |
| TRACEY H. YOUNG ... ... 3 | GEORGE H. BROWN ... ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by GEORGE T. COUSINS.
* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Sunday, June 11, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

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| BERT STANDEN ... ... ...*Treble* | LESLIE W. JARVIS ... ... 4 |
| *RICHARD C. MITCHELL ... 2 | FRANK H. HICKS ... ... ... 5 |
| WILFRED BOOTH ... ... 3 | WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
* First peal and first attempt.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Wednesday, June 14, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Comprising one extent each of London, York, Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

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| GEORGE LEDSHAM ... ...*Treble* | FRANK VARTY ... ... ... 4 |
| LESTER L. GRAY ... ... 2 | HARRY ROGERS ... ... ... 5 |
| *JOHN LEDSHAM ... ... ... 3 | THOMAS ROGERS ... ... ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by THOMAS ROGERS.
* First peal.

# HANDBELL PEALS.

KELHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
*On Sunday, June 11, 1939, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,*
AT THE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE,
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Seven 720's called differently.

NORMAN TORRINGTON ... ... 1-2 | *JOHN LORD ... ... ... ... 3-4
ALBERT F. SARGENT ... ... 5-6

Conducted by A. F. SARGENT.

* First peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Friday, June 9, 1939, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*
AT 28, FIELD ROAD,
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

HENRY HODGETTS ... ... 1-2 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | EDWIN JENNINGS ... ... ... 7-8

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. W. Taylor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

## PARISH PROVIDES PEAL BOARD.

RECORD OF FIRST PEAL AT GRAYSHOTT.

The first peal on the bells at Grayshott, Hants, has been commemorated by a peal board erected in the porch near the entrance to the stairs leading up to the belfry. The peal of Superlative was rung on April 5th by members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and the board has been provided by local generosity. It is of polished oak with black lettering.

There was a considerable gathering of ringers for the dedication of the board on June 3rd, the proceedings beginning with an attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with local men on the treble and tenor. This, however, was lost after about 800 changes. There were about 40 present at the service, including, in addition to most of the peal band, ringers from Blackmoor, Liss, Petersfield, Portsmouth and elsewhere.

Tea was served by members of the Mothers' Union in the Village Hall, and a welcome was extended to the visitors by the Vicar and the local captain (Mr. Appleby). This was acknowledged by Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild) and Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary), who, in return, thanked those who had provided such a worthy record of the peal, and the ladies who had provided tea.

Ringing during the evening ranged from Grandsire to Spliced Surprise, and there was also ringing on the six bells at Milland.

## PEAL NOTES.

(Continued from next column.)

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, composed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, was rung for the first time on June 10th at Norbury, Cheshire. It has the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6 and is as follows:—

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| 53624 | — | — | 3 |
| 62534 | | — | — |
| 52436 | — | | 3 |
| 25634 | 2 | | 2 |
| 32654 | | — | 3 |
| 54326 | 2 | — | 3 |
| 25546 | | — | 3 |
| 23456 | | — | 2 |

Mr. W. E. Bason rang his 50th peal of Double Norwich on Saturday week at Elveden, Suffolk.

Great credit is due to the Aston company on ringing (at the second attempt) their first peal of Stedman Cinques, on Saturday, and the band regret that Mr. William Best, who was in the first attempt, was unable to stand in the peal.

It is approximately four years ago that the bells, after being silent for years, were recast and augmented to twelve, and in that time a new band, chiefly of young men, has been taught how to handle and strike a bell. To-day they ring Stedman Cinques morning and evening for Sunday service, and great credit is due to Messrs. F. Price and W. Davies for their part in training this young band, not only on tower bells, but on handbells also. Visitors are heartily welcomed at Aston, not only on Sundays, but on Friday nights, when good ringing in various methods can be had on tower and handbells.

In the report of the peal of Surprise Minor rung at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, on June 7th, the last method should read Cambridge and not Chester as printed.

In the peal of Cambridge Surprise at Writtle, on June 10th, rung in celebration of the diocesan jubilee, the ringers came from Bocking, Halstead, Springfield and Writtle.

## PEAL NOTES.

'GOD SPEED' TO 'MAURETANIA.'

The tower of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, overlooks the Mersey and has stood a silent sentinel at the departure of many a gallant ship. Last Saturday, however, the bells gave a 'God speed' to the new 'Mauretania' as she set out on her maiden voyage from Liverpool Landing Stage. A peal of Stedman Caters was specially arranged for the occasion and was concluded a few minutes after the great vessel's departure.

The peal of Double Norwich at Brentwood on June 15th was one of a series arranged by Mr. F. B. Lufkin, of Prittlewell, to commemorate the silver jubilee of the Diocese of Chelmsford. Unfortunately Mr. Lufkin, who was to have called the peal, was indisposed, and Mr. H. T. Wilson took his place at short notice, the peal being called by Mr. Harry Turner, of Brentwood.

The ringers who went to Leeds, Kent, on Saturday, met short for a peal of Royal, which was to have been conducted by Mr. E. A. Barnett. Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., kindly stood out and the others decided to ring Pitstow's Superlative as a relief from 'the inevitable.'

Mr. J. C. E. Simpson, who will shortly be leaving London to take up an appointment in Durham, called the first peal of Cheltenham Bob Major on June 16th at Crayford. It is one of the previously unrung methods in the Central Council's Collection.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Staplehurst on June 7th was especially arranged to enable Ralph Wenban (age 17) to ring his first away from the treble. After the peal he was congratulated by all the band and many outside the tower. An attempt was made for this peal on May 27th at Staplehurst, but after 1 hour 50 minutes' excellent ringing the conductor called the bells round owing to a shift course. Mr. C. H. Sone took part in this attempt.

The peal of Doubles at Tempsford, Beds, on June 9th, was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ladds. Mr. Ladds has been parish clerk and a ringer at this church for over 55 years. The conductor of the peal, Mr. C. H. Harding, has now 'completed the circle' at Tempsford.

A BACHELORS' PEAL.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, last Friday, was rung by a band of bachelors. It was the conductor's last chance to ring a peal in the single state, since his marriage took place on the following day. It is not a very common occurrence for the bridegroom, the best man and the officiating clergyman to score a peal together on the eve of the wedding, as was the case on this occasion.

In our report of a peal of Minor at Horsmonden on May 20th, 720 of Oxford Bob was omitted from the methods rung.

At Loughborough Bell Foundry on June 15th a peal of Major was rung in which Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob were used. It was a composition by Mr. A. J. Pitman.

The first peal of Erin Caters for the Midland Counties Association was achieved on June 10th at St. Mary's, Nottingham, where it was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Portland, which occurred on the following day.

Ringing the seventh to Kent Treble Bob Major at Lowestoft on June 15th, Mr. W. E. Bason has now rung every bell in St. Margaret's tower to a peal.

Messrs. George Ledsham and Frank Varty rang their 25th peal together on June 14th, when they took part in seven Surprise extents at Wallasey.

After many attempts a band of Hereford Guild ringers scored a peal at Old Radnor on June 10th. A peal here had, for many years, been an ambition of Mr. Trevor Jones and his friend, P.O. Chandler. The latter, however, was absent from the peal, as he is now on service in the East Indies.

Old Radnor Church is set on a hill and a beautiful view is obtained from it. The church is famous for its organ, the case of which is the oldest in Wales, also for its magnificent screen. The bells also happen to be one of the finest toned rings of six in the Hereford Diocese and, perhaps, one of the worst going peals. They need a bellhanger badly and, unlike some, would be worth doing. One man rushed down from Shrewsbury to ring in this peal, but owing to his late arrival a deputy was found. The conductor tenders apologies for this. Some of the previous attempts were abandoned after ringing about half a peal owing to the bad go of the bells, at other times a rope has broken and so forth to put an end to the attempt.

To celebrate the wedding of Mr. Harry Purchase and Miss Kathleen Smith, both of Chipstable, who were married at Ashbrittle, Somerset, on May 22nd, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the latter church on June 10th.

The memory of Mr. Thomas Humphreys, who died last month, after serving as a ringer for 50 years at St. John the Baptist's Church, Pinner, was honoured on Saturday week by a peal of Double Norwich Major at this Middlesex church.

Another student at Kelham Theological College has scored his first peal. On June 11th, Mr. John Lord rang 3-4 to a peal of Bob Minor.

Some of the Sunday afternoon band at St. Neots, Hunts, who ring for the 3 p.m. service, scored a peal of Bob Major on June 10th, Messrs. G. D. Coleman and E. Clarke giving up their ropes to C. H. Harding and B. E. Sims. Mr. F. Warrington, who called the peal, used an arrangement, by himself, of Shipway's composition. Mr. and Mrs. H. Fields kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

(Continued in previous column.)

## THE LATE MR. J. C. TRUSS.

As briefly reported in our issue of June 9th, Mr. John Clark Truss passed away peacefully at his home at Marlow on Friday, June 2nd.

'Jack' Truss was not only a great ringer himself, but it was always his aim to try and make other great ringers.

At Marlow, where he had been foreman since the retirement of the late Mr. Harry Collins in 1925, he always gave every help and encouragement to everyone.

In August, 1928, he had a 'stroke,' from which he never fully recovered, but notwithstanding the fact that he had practically lost the sight of one eye and had difficulty in walking, he was always present in the belfry twice on Sundays and 'on time,' the latter point being a splendid example to the younger ringers of to-day.

Moreover, 'Jack' was always willing to ring with his pupils for their first course or touch in a method, even when it was obvious that he was ringing under a severe handicap, and he was in the belfry only a fortnight before he died.

It was fortunate that Mr. Truss was able to see the restoration of the bells in June, 1934, and the first peal on the bells for over 30 years, which was rung for the Coronation in May, 1937.

He was laid to rest almost under the shadow of the belfry, where his presence will be so greatly missed.

## BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

### FIRST VISIT TO KIRKBURTON.

The June meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at Kirkburton on Saturday, June 10th, when nearly 30 members were present from Almondbury, Cawthorne, Eastwood, Felkirk, Meltham, New Mill, Penistone, Ripponden, Sandal, Shelley, Liversedge, Wath and the local company.

The bells were rung in the afternoon until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the Church Schools.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar (the Rev. A. Sephton) presided. Mr. Rhodes, of Rippendon, was elected a ringing member and the chairman as an honorary member.

The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect upon the death of two members, Mr. R. Thickett, of Horbury, and Mr. H. Biltcliffe, of New Mill.

The Vicar offered a very hearty welcome to the society upon their first visit to Kirkburton, and hoped to have further meetings there. Mr. Moxon moved the best thanks of the meeting to the Vicar for all he had done and said, and for the use of the bells.—Mr. Panther supported the vote, which was carried with acclamation.

The bells were then made further good use of in a variety of Minor methods, ranging from Plain Bob to York Surprise, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL CUP COMPETITION.

The contest for the Crawford Silver Cup was held at Cuckney on Saturday, June 10th. Four teams entered and this, apart from anything else, was most gratifying.

The draw for order of ringing was made by the committee at 2.45 p.m., and at the same time Southwell was elected an affiliated tower. It was regretted that this band was prevented from entering at the last moment.

The bells having been raised by non-participants, the test ringing began at 3.15. The result was as follows:—

| | Faults | Penalties | Total |
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| Shireoaks ... ... | 255 | 10 | 265 |
| Barlborough ... | 378 | 10 | 388 |
| Ordsall ... ... | 441 | 10 | 451 |
| Warsop ... ... | 216 | 40 | 256 |

The ropes were rather springy, and this, together with the fine set of the treble, did not help those who had not recently rung on the peal. However, the test was a good one and showed the merits (or demerits!) of the teams that entered.

Tea was served at 5.15, and afterwards the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, in the absence of the Vicar of Cuckney (the Rev. W. E. A. Lound), took the chair at the meeting held afterwards.

The secretary (Mr. R. Towler) announced that the next meeting would be held at Tuxford on July 8th.

The Chairman announced the result of the contest as above, and presented the cup to Mr. H. T. Rooke, the captain of the winning team, remarking that it was pleasing to see the cup go to a different tower, Warsop having now won it for the first time.

One of the judges, Mr. J. Flint, of Bolsover, who had had the assistance of Mr. J. Moss, of the same tower, said the ringing had been fairly good. When he arrived the ropes were too long and had consequently to be shortened.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the ladies who prepared tea, and not least to the judges for their services. Mr. Flint had not been well recently and the association was glad he had been able to come.

The members then returned to the tower, not without four of them trying two courses of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Minor on handbells. Back at the church the usual methods were rung and the striking was quite good in places.

The peal of six, with a tenor of 10½ cwt., are hung close together in a tower big enough, as far as rope space goes, for a peal of ten; the tone is quite good, and when once the correct handling of the bells has been obtained, ringing is very enjoyable, as most will agree who tried the peal that afternoon.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The North Lincolnshire Minor band (Messrs. G. E. Feirn, F. Lord, C. McGuiness, J. L. Millhouse and Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray) have broken all records in Spliced Minor ringing by scoring a peal in 100 methods in seven extents. It was rung at Bassingham on Friday.

The Parochial Church Council of St. George's, Doncaster, have now decided not to have the bells recast, but to have them rehung with new fittings. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Alex. Young have reached home again after their visit to South Africa, their absence from England having extended over about five months. Mr. Young's leg, injured when a gangway, over which he was passing, collapsed, is well on the way to recovery.

On the way home Mr. Young gave the ship's passengers an interesting talk on St. Paul's Cathedral, illustrating it with blackboard sketches.

The bells of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, on which so many peals have been rung, are to be rehung and the tenor recast. The work is to be carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

Mr H. A. Heywood, cousin of the late Sir A. Heywood and brother of the Bishop of Ely, celebrated his 80th birthday on Monday. Although not a ringer, he has always been keenly interested in the welfare of the Chester Guild and has regularly attended its meetings for half a century.

He was present at the inaugural meeting in the Cathedral in November, 1887, and became a life honorary member. Until his resignation three years ago he had held the office of vice-chairman of the Chester Branch for many years. Mr. Heywood still serves the Guild as one of its trustees and a member of the committee. His host of ringing friends will be anxious to congratulate him and wish him many happy returns.

There is no end to some people's enthusiasm. Mr. Francis Corney, of Woodford, Essex, cycled to Halesworth, Suffolk, and back on Whit Monday in order to attend the meeting of the Suffolk Guild. This was a 190 miles' ride, and to do it Mr. Corney started at 3 a.m.

## 'GATE CRASHERS.'

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was most disappointed to read of the action of the president of the Central Council in apologising for the presence of 'gate crashers' at the Abbey. Are we to assume from the text of the apology that members of the Council only are capable of ringing the Abbey bells? One wonders what will be said if a member of the Council is so careless as to break a stay there on a future occasion.

It must be very galling for those London ringers who go out of their way to give the Council a welcome to be excluded from one of their own towers, particularly one which is not often available.

I consider that the president has set us a most unfortunate example of the friendly spirit which should exist amongst ringers.

ALAN R. PINK.

## 'UNWORTHY.'

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' the letter re above from Mr. R. Dove. The letter, especially the third paragraph, is unworthy of the writer.

Birmingham. ALBERT WALKER.

## MEMBER OF AN OLD RINGING FAMILY.

### DEATH OF MR. WALTER TUCKER.

The death has occurred at Bishop's Stortford, of Mr. Walter William Tucker, who, had he lived until August 25th, would have been 70 years of age. Born at Bishop's Stortford, Mr. Tucker came of an old ringing family as shown by a tablet in St. Michael's Church, dated 1827. His father was Mr. William Henry Tucker, and his brother is Mr. Henry J. Tucker, who now lives at Chichester and whose name is well known from some popular compositions of which he is the author.

The late Mr. Walter Tucker began ringing at Bishop's Stortford about 1882. Removing to London, he joined St. Luke's Society, Chelsea. He returned to his native town in 1892 and in the following year rang his first peal, Oxford Bob Triples, at St. Michael's, the first peal ever rung by ringers who were also all members of the Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society.

Mr. Tucker never became a great peal ringer, but he was devoted to his duty as a Sunday service ringer. He could always be relied upon on Sundays and practice nights. His peals only numbered 15, viz., Grandsire Triples 4, Grandsire Caters 4, Darlaston Bob Triples 2, Oxford Bob Triples 5. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Hertford County Association. At St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, he was greatly missed during the three years of his last illness.

The funeral took place on June 10th, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled Mrs. T. Ward 1, W. Prior 2, H. J. Tucker 3, F. Bird (conductor) 4, W. T. Prior 5, H. J. White 6, E. Ansell 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

## A MEMORIAL WINDOW.

At St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, Middlesex, on a recent Sunday, a window was dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. T. H. Russell, for over 40 years Vicar. For the service, members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang 720 of Bob Minor: E. Bonfield 1, F. Bonfield 2, J. Payton 3, R. Newman 4, T. Bevan 5, A. Warren (conductor) 6. Mr. E. Bonfield has been a ringer for 52 years.

# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 386.)

## THE NEW SURPRISE BOOK.

The book on Surprise Major Methods led to two reports being presented to the Council. The Methods Committee majority report (signed by Messrs. J. A. Trollope and E. C. S. Turner) was as follows:—

During the last year the third edition of 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods' has been issued. It should be pointed out that this is not merely a reprint of the second edition. It is a new book with a considerable amount of new matter in it, and so should be purchased even by those who already possess the second edition.

The question of the publication of the new book on Surprise Major Methods will come before the Council. In connection with that we ask that conductors and secretaries of associations should forward to us the figures and particulars of any new Surprise Major methods as soon after performance as possible in order that the book may be corrected up to the minute before printing. As the book is fully indexed and cross-indexed this will mean the exercise of some amount of care and trouble, and we hope ringers will assist us in the matter.

We also ask any persons who have methods which they hope to ring and name in the future to send in the figures. If the methods are among those included in the book we will see that they have the names selected by those people, unless they are obviously unsuitable. If they are not in the book we will see that the selected names are not used for any methods in the book.

By obviously unsuitable names we mean those which are already applied to some Surprise method, those which contravene the general custom of the Exercise or some decision of the Council, names which are ridiculous, and the like.

There is, we believe, a reluctance among some ringers to part with their figures in the fear that if they do so they may be forestalled in the ringing. To meet this feeling we will promise that any information sent to us will be treated as confidential and that all papers sent will be destroyed as soon as they are compared with the manuscript of the new book, without being shown to any outsiders or any copies made.

At the Council meeting at Leeds in 1938 it was suggested that those methods in the book in which peals have not yet been rung should be numbered only and printed without names. To this we are unalterably opposed and for the following reasons:—

1. We tried the plan of issuing an unnamed collection when we first published 'Minor Methods,' and it proved a complete failure. Older members of the Council will not need to be reminded of the confusion which resulted. Ultimately the Council had to decide that the methods still unnamed should receive names without waiting until they had been rung.

2. We issued the 'Major Methods' named and the plan was a complete success. No single word of adverse criticism of our action has ever reached us from anyone.

3. We have learned from experience that an unnamed collection ceases after a short time to have any value. If the Surprise Major methods are published unnamed, in a few years' time the book will be out of date and of little value. The book has been prepared to be the standard work on the subject for many years to come, and we do not wish that the very large amount of work and care that has been expended on it should be thrown away so soon. Besides we consider that it would be bad business and unfair to purchasers to publish it in a form that we have every reason to believe will make it speedily out of date.

4. There is no force or point whatever in the argument that if the methods are named the exclusive rights of the bands who ring the first peals will be infringed. For one thing, the Exercise has never recognised any such exclusive rights, and such a thing would be contrary to the interests of ringers generally. For another thing, there are many thousands of methods not included in this collection, and any band which wishes to ring and name new methods will still have practically unlimited opportunities to indulge their fancy.

It should be recognised that names are only a convenient means of identification. It is quite as necessary for ringers to be able readily to identify a method before a peal of it is rung as afterwards, and in some cases more so. It has been suggested that numbering the methods will supply the necessary means of identification, but all experience shows that it is not so. Numbers are only useful when, as in the case of convicts, it is desirable to conceal the real identity.

Generally speaking, the success of the book and the interests of the Exercise demand that the methods should be named, and our considered opinion is that unless the methods are named it will be useless to proceed further with the book.

## MR. S. H. WOOD'S MINORITY REPORT.

The third member of the committee, Mr. Stephen H. Wood, did not sign the above, but presented the following minority report:—

I am in agreement with the majority of the above report; in particular, after further considering the question of the naming of methods which was raised last year at the Leeds meeting, and discussing it with the other members of the committee. I share their opinion that all the methods published in the Surprise Major Collection should be named. My main reason for reaching this conclusion is the desirability of making the book complete and a standard work of reference for many years to come, as set out in reason 3 of the majority report; and I would further emphasise that in view of the initial cost of printing the book it is imperative that sales should be maintained over a long period of years.

I do not, however, wish to associate myself with certain of the other arguments and statements included in the majority report, as I am not in agreement with their substance nor with the implications which they contain.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, in proposing the adoption of the report, prefaced his remarks by stating that that was the fortieth anniversary of his appointment to the Methods Committee. There were only two other members of the present Council who were members at that time, but there was another gentleman present that day, Mr. Joseph Griffin, who 40 years ago was already a 'veteran.' When the committee was appointed it was given the job to decide what methods should be rung and then to publish selections. He did not think anybody then recognised that, after 40 years, its work would still be incomplete, but he did not think anyone could say that the time had been wasted. If they did nothing else they published the Six-bell book, and that book had revolutionised Minor ringing and had a great influence on ringing in the six-bell towers. The last edition of that book had just been published. Everything that was new in that book was the work of Mr. Ernest Turner and he was entitled to the credit for it. He (Mr. Trollope) only rearranged the old matter in it.

Mr. S. H. Wood, who seconded the adoption of the report, said he had very little to add to the remarks that appeared over his signature. He disagreed with some of the reasons given by his colleagues in their report and in the manner of presenting them to the Council, but he was entirely in agreement with them on the main conclusion that the methods to be printed in the Surprise Major book should be named.

## THE QUESTION OF NAMES.

The President said he was asked specially to direct attention to the third paragraph of the report that ringers who have methods which they hoped to ring and name in the future should send in the figures and the names.

Replying to questions, Mr. Trollope said it was up to anybody who had any method that really had a name to it to submit that name, and if there was no reason why the name should not be given to the method, if it appeared in the book, the name would go in. But it was necessary that that option should only last for a limited period, say a month, because once the book was in the Press they could not go on altering it. In the book were 150 methods given in full: of that 150 about 60 had been rung and had a name. Of other methods that had been rung but not included most ran in certain groups and those groups were already well represented in the book. Other groups which had not been rung were already there and under a name. There would be no hardship as some people anticipated.

Replying to Mr. Groombridge, who raised the question of priority in claims to methods, Mr. Trollope said they had a complete chronological list of all the methods that had been rung.

The Rev. H. Drake said there seemed to be a sort of idea that every band that rang the first peal in a method had a right to name it, simply because they had rung it first. He would like to have some evidence of that. It had been a rule only since the Minor methods were brought up. He (Mr. Drake) was at the meeting when Mr. Law James brought the matter up and was most emphatic about it being a new thing. Instead of the person who composed the method giving the name to it, they published the methods without names in order, as a new departure, that whoever rang a method first should have the chance to name it. But that only applied to the methods published in the Minor Methods books; it did not apply anywhere else. That the persons who rang a new eight-bell method should name it was a matter of convenience, and there was no reason why they should not do so, but he did not think they ought to feel they had the right to do so under all circumstances.

Replying to a question, Mr. Trollope said if a band had rung a quarter-peal of a method or were practising for a peal and had a suitable name for the method, the committee were perfectly prepared to give it that name, if the method were in the book and if the name were received in time. It did not matter about them ringing a peal of it before they gave it a name.

The President said the name must be received within a month.

Mr. Cullum contended that the band that rang the first peal in a method should have the privilege of naming it. He did not see why the Methods Committee should dictate to the ringers what they should call it.

Mr. Hunt reminded the members of the position they got into over the six-bell methods. If they had exercised their authority and put the names in that book, they would have saved a great deal of trouble. 'I bought one of those books,' said Mr. Hunt, 'and where was I? A method was rung and it was reported in "The Ringing World." The next week someone else wrote in and said some other name had already been given to the method. My book got muddled up with names and I put it on the fire (laughter). You may laugh, but don't act so foolishly to-day. Let the Methods Committee name the methods and finish their work.'

Mr. S. H. Wood said for once, and perhaps for the first time, he found himself in entire agreement with Mr. Hunt (laughter). It was exactly the reason Mr. Hunt had given that led him (the speaker) to the conclusion that the methods should be named by the committee, where they had not already been given names. The committee—he thought he could speak for them all—had no particular desire to

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# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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choose the names themselves: their point was they thought it was in the interests of the Council and the Exercise that, when the book was published, the methods must be given names.

Mr. Hunt: I have in my time given Mr. Wood some good advice and I congratulate myself that I have at last been able to teach him something (laughter).

Mr. Walter Ayre formally moved that the names be printed in the book when published, and this, on being put, was carried with only one dissentient.

### ASSOCIATION'S RESPONSE.

The hon. secretary then reported upon the result of the invitation extended to the various affiliated societies to take up one half of the first issue of the book. The cost per copy of the book would be approximately, for 500 copies 3s. 6d., 750 2s. 6d., 1,000 2s. Basing the cost on 750 copies and to arrive at a selling price, 6d. per copy was added, to be divided equally between the Council and the associations; thus the cost to the associations would be 2s. 9d. and they would sell at 3s. Twenty-eight associations had undertaken to purchase their quota, which was three copies per representative on the Council. That accounted for 237 copies. Nine societies had offered to take more than their quota: Yorkshire (quota 12) had offered to take 36, Norwich (9) 30, Sussex (12) 30, Midland Counties (12) 24, Oxford (12) 24, St. Martin's Guild (3) 6, Warwick (6) 12, Lincoln (12) 18, Middlesex (12) 14, accounting for another 194 copies. Three societies would take less than their quota, accounting for 19, making a guarantee of 450 copies in all. Two societies were waiting for meetings before replying; Cambridge University Guild were in sympathy, but their resident members were not sufficiently advanced enough to be able to use the books, while the non-resident members would probably obtain their copies through other associations. Two societies, the East Grinstead and the Bedfordshire, had decided not to co-operate.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said that at the meeting on the previous day the Peterborough Guild had decided to take their quota of twelve copies.

The hon. secretary read a letter from Mr. J. W. Parker, apologising for his absence from the meeting, and, referring to the Collection of the Surprise methods, said some years ago he went into the question of extending the Surprise Minor methods and found that only two of them, apart from those already practised, would extend. These were Hexham and Surfleet, and he thought the collection would not be complete if these were not included.

The reappointment of the committee, Messrs. J. A. Trollope (convener), E. C. S. Turner and S. H. Wood, was agreed to amid applause, on the motion of Mr. W. A. Cave, seconded by Mr. J. Hunt, the latter referring to the vast amount of time which they must have devoted to the preparation of this book.

### ACCURACY IN PEAL REPORTS.

In presenting the report of the Peals Analysis and Records Committee, printed in 'The Ringing World' on April 7th, Mrs. Fletcher said a peal of Grandsire Triples, included under 'other societies,' should have been credited to the East Grinstead Guild. When the tables were prepared the committee did not know that the East Grinstead Guild had become affiliated to the Council.

The President, referring to the analysis generally, pointed out that the committee could not give correct information if the correct information was not sent in. The Editor of 'The Ringing World' had complained of a great number of peal reports being sent to him, more than there used to be, with incomplete information. It was essential that conductors should see that the information they sent for publication was complete.

Mr. T. Groombridge proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for the work they did and that they be re-elected. This was seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens and carried. The committee consists of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (convener), Messrs. W. Ayre, C. Dean, G. L. Grover and G. R. Pye.

### TOWERS AND BELLS.

The Towers and Belfries Committee reported that the members of the committee had given advice in 14 cases during the year. These covered rehanging, addition of bells to existing rings, safety of a tower, sound modification and the hanging of an old bell for chiming with a special arrangement of the clapper. Advice was also given in connection with a proposed reinforced concrete tower. The Davis silencers have been loaned during the year with satisfactory results.

In moving the adoption of the report, the President said Mr. Hunt gave advice on a five-bell tower and a six-bell tower and on a case of increasing the bells from six to eight. Major Hesse had given advice in six cases, on questions of rehanging and the addition of bells. He (Mr. Lewis) had dealt with five or six cases, and had had correspondence on one or two more. Last year he mentioned the case of the sound control at Harrow Weald. That had been carried out and was said to be very satisfactory. It was proposed to have a demonstration there before long and he was hoping to get a member of the Anti-Noise Committee to go with him to hear the demonstration, so that he might judge of the effects in different parts of the neighbourhood round the church. 'If,' said Mr. Lewis, 'we can get that committee over to our side it will be a great thing for the future.'

The President said there was one interesting case which he would like to mention, although it was not a case of ringing. It was a question of chiming, which was brought to their notice by the Rev. H. Drake. There was an ancient bell which was to be hung dead for chiming, not by the use of an Ellacombe hammer, but by pulling the clapper against the bell by a rope attached to a lever half-way down the clapper. Mr. Drake wanted advice as to whether it would be a good thing. He (Mr. Lewis) went into the whole question rather carefully, and the result would probably interest the Council. First, in the old form of clocking, he found that a pull equal to one-third of the weight of the clapper would hold the clapper definitely against the bell. In plain language it was very easy to hold the clapper dead against the bell. In the Ellacombe arrangement it took a pull on the rope approximately equal to the weight of the clapper to hold the hammer against the bell, but if the hammer were so adjusted as to be close to the bell, then only a slight pull was needed to hold it against the bell. Unless, therefore, the hammers were adjusted with a fair amount of slack, they were just as dangerous to the bell as the old form of clocking, theoretically. But in the case of the lever projecting from the clapper about half way down the shank, with a rope attached and carried down over the pulley wheel, provided the lever attached to the clapper was of the right length, it was absolutely impossible to hold the clapper against the bell and the bell was quite as safe as if it were chimed on the swing.

### CORROSION OF STEEL GIRDERS.

Mr. Lewis went on to say that although they had lost by death their old friend Mr. Powys, the secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, he was glad to say that he had been consulted in one case by the new secretary. Mr. Lewis also referred to a new type of silencer which is being developed in the Oxford district. Mr. Wigg, he believed, had got one which members could inspect in the hall outside the Council chamber. He (Mr. Lewis) had not had the opportunity of testing it, but from what he had heard he believed these silencers were quite satisfactory. Proceeding, Mr. Lewis recalled a case which he mentioned last year of an unpainted iron frame on steel girders which had got into a very bad condition. He handed round photographs of this, showing that after 30 years the steel girders were largely eaten away with rust. Their condition, he said, went a long way to justify those architects who insisted on the installation of wooden frames, which would do without painting, whereas steel frames required constant attention. An architect came to him not long ago, said Mr. Lewis, and asked him whether he approved of a suggestion for a tower entirely constructed of reinforced concrete. His advice was that, providing it was designed by a firm of reinforced concrete engineers and they were given the forces which the tower had to resist, the thing should be entirely satisfactory. It was a perfectly common practice to put moving machinery fairly high up in reinforced concrete buildings and it was perfectly sound.

Mr. Hunt said a bell ought not to be hung dead for chiming. If it was hung so that it could move there would be no fear of cracking it.

Major Hesse also supported the view that a bell to be chimed should be hung on gudgeons.

The Rev. H. Drake said that that was the very point arising in this matter. With the rope attached to a lever on the clapper it was argued on one side that it did not matter whether the bell hung dead or not; others said that it did.

Replying to a question, the President said there were now one or two more diocesan advisory committees on which ringers were represented. They had not had definite reports from some of the associations and they would be glad to get such reports.

In the course of discussion on the rusting of metal in bell frames, instances were quoted where cast iron had stood for years and had shown no sign of perishing.

The committee's report was adopted and the committee reappointed, viz.: Mr. E. H. Lewis (convener), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. J. Hunt and Mr. E. Alex. Young.

(To be continued.)

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, held at Surfleet on June 17th, was attended by between thirty and forty members representing belfries at Spalding, Pinchbeck, Long Sutton, Bourne, Lincoln, Donington, etc.

The service was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Gee, Vicar of Pinchbeck, who in the course of a thoughtful address stressed the connection between the use of bells in the service of the Church and the idea of holiness, especially as exemplified in the bells on the high priest's robe in the Ancient Jewish Church and the sacring and sanctus bells used in some churches to-day in the service of Holy Communion.

A most excellent meat tea was provided by Mrs. Rupert Richardson and served by her and other ladies, after which a short business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Gee, during which Mr. J. Dobney, the churchwarden of Surfleet, was elected an honorary member

The light ring of twelve bells in the church steeple was in use throughout the afternoon and evening, a variety of methods being practised from Cambridge Minor to Treble Bob Maximus.

# ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

## CELEBRATION AT CHELMSFORD.

### Proposal for Benevolent Fund Defeated.

The sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the Essex Association was celebrated on Whit Monday at Chelmsford, when nearly two hundred members assembled for the annual meeting, and there were visitors from many parts of the country, including London, Liverpool, Bristol and Portsmouth.

A service at the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. W. E. R. Morrow. The Master (Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips) read the lesson, and the preacher was the Venerable E. N. Gowing, Archdeacon of Southend, and a vice-president of the association. Special prayers were offered for the 'blessing of bellringing.'

Archdeacon Gowing expressed his pleasure at taking part in that diamond jubilee. 'It is a proud record that you have,' he declared. 'For 60 years you have been an association, and you have good reason to be proud. Although your association is only 60 years old, ringing associations are really older than that. I believe that the first real association was that of the Guild of Westminster, in 1255, and in 1637 there was formed the Ancient Society of College Youths. But in Essex you go back further than 1637, for one of the oldest of the associations is that of Saffron Walden, born in 1623. One of the earliest peals in Essex was rung from that tower. Then, 60 years ago, there were formed these local associations. This was indeed an epic.'

The preacher continued that among the aspects of ringing was that of recreation—less important, perhaps, than the other aspects. Actually, however, the old associations were formed as a kind of National Fitness Campaign—to keep youth fit and occupy their idle moments. To-day, they heard so much about National Fitness. Surely then, ringing had a great and important message. It was a steady, regular exercise, and, therefore, must be good for the fitness of man. To be a ringer, one must concentrate, and to do that was to develop the physical and the mental life. Again, it meant 'sticking to it.' It was physical, mental and, what was most important of all, spiritual recreation. Ringing was an act of service. It was of a two-fold nature—social and spiritual. When the bells rang out they reminded people that there is a God—mindful, anxious, loving—and that without His guidance conditions would be absolute chaos.

'I suggest,' the Archdeacon continued, 'that bellringers ring out a message to a world that in these days is inclined to forget and ignore God.' He urged the ringers in those places where bellringing was popular and flourishing to go out and stir up enthusiasm in the less enthusiastic parishes. 'From the point of view of service to the Church it is essential that no peal should be silent. Especially so is it in these days when people must more, perhaps, than ever before, be reminded of God. I congratulate your association, your Master, your secretary and the officials. God be with you in your work, realising that you are doing something which is of real value to the life of our country and the world. You are carrying the torch in our lives. Spread the good work. Strive to bring in the youth so that there may be others to carry on this splendid work in the service of God and your fellow-man.'

### A COMPARISON.

Luncheon was partaken of at the Corn Exchange, the Ven. E. N. Gowing presiding.

The Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips, in the 60th annual report, said: 'The first thing that strikes me is that our membership now stands at 1,101, made up as follows: Honorary 75, ringing 754 and non-resident 275, whereas in the report for 1929 the membership was 1,140, so that we have lost 39 members in the last ten years. This is rather serious, especially as there are now 103 towers affiliated, against 101 in 1929, and it probably means that there are fewer bells being rung for church services. Let us celebrate the diamond jubilee by a great effort to obtain more members; this can be done if every member does his best. Progress has, however, been made in peal ringing. The total of 124 compares well with 89 in 1929, and the 110 their first in the method with 67, but, again, the 26 who rang their first peal is not so good as 31 in 1929, but the number of conductors, 40, is better than the 30 in 1929. This all points to the lack of new members, but shows that the old ones are making good progress.'

The average attendance at district meetings was 37. The following restorations and augmentations had been completed: Great Bentley rehung. Dagenham 6 rehung and two added. Stanford-le-Hope 6 recast and rehung and two added. It is hoped that Stisted may be increased to eight in the near future.

The Master regretted to record the deaths of two honorary members, the Rev. F. A. Thurlow, of Widford, and the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, of Hornchurch, and five ringing members, Messrs. G. Wyatt, of Bentley, E. Hawkins, of Hornchurch, G. Carter, of Loughton, F. W. Haslam, of Rayleigh, and W. Dudley, of Prittlewell. Mr. E. J. Butler had retired from the post of secretary of the South-West District, Mr. J. Chalk had been elected Master and Mr. J. H. Crampion secretary. In the North-West District Mr. W. Wheeler had succeeded Mr. H. A. Wacey, retired. The accounts were very satisfactory, thanks to the careful work of the district secretaries, and also to the general secretary, and best thanks were offered to all the officers who had worked so well during the year.

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## DEATH OF MR. WILLIE ROUGHTON.

[Contributed.]

Ringing friends will regret to learn of the death of Willie Roughton, who passed away on June 14th. Although not an ardent peal ringer, he was a most excellent and accomplished striker, and what greater compliment can be paid to the memory of a ringer? This, coupled with his having been for some time associated with the St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, company, was no doubt due to the fact that as well as being a ringer he had a musical training, and was that rare combination of a ringer who could sing! Years ago, when living in Wales, he sang all the bass solos in Abergavenny Church choir for some two and a half years, and on coming to London he was received with open arms by the St. Paul's Cathedral band, where he acted as a deputy in the Sunday service ringing until his health gave way.

THE LATE MR. W. ROUGHTON.

During his ringing career he rang peals of Stedman Triples and Caters on handbells on inside pairs of bells. But he will be chiefly remembered by his many friends and by visitors to London for his charm of manner and good fellowship, and his infectious laugh, so beloved by Charles Dickens. As a chess player up to county championship form he represented the county of Middlesex on several occasions.

He will be remembered by the ringing Exercise throughout the country as speaking over the wireless on ringing matters, being the first person to give talks on this subject.

He was badly gassed in the Great War, and this was the ultimate cause of his death, for he was retired from the Army permanently unfit after being passed in as A.1.

And those of us who knew and loved him, and who came to him with all our joys and sorrows, are sad and sorrowful at the loss of a dear friend, and call to mind the words of Omar Khayyam:—

'Lo, some we loved, the loveliest and the best,
That time and tide of all their vintage prest,
Have drunk their cup a round or two before,
And one by one crept silently to rest.'

The cremation service took place at Marylebone Crematorium on Saturday, June 17th, and was attended by relatives and friends, Messrs. A. A. Hughes and G. N. Price representing the Ancient Society of College Youths.

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## WESTBURY-ON-TRYM PEAL BOARD.

A tablet was unveiled in the tower at Westbury-on-Trym, after morning service on June 4th, recording a peal rung there recently. The simple dedication was carried out by the Rev. A. J. Wyne, in the absence of the Vicar, and the tablet was unveiled by one of the choir ladies and sister of one of the ringers. The little ceremony ended with the ringing of a well-struck course of Grandsire Doubles.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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The statement of accounts showed a credit balance on December 31st last of £54 5s. 11d., against £45 18s. 8d. at the end of 1937. The Bell Restoration Fund, after donations of £5 5s. each to Dagenham and Stanford-le-Hope bells, showed a balance of £68 10s. 1½d.

Upon the appointment of Master, there were two nominations—that of the retiring Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, and that of Mr. E. J. Butler. Dr. Spencer Phillips was reappointed by 71 votes to 35. Messrs. F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), George Thompson (Harwich), William Keeble (Colchester) and J. Moule (Leytonstone) were elected life members. Mr. L. J. Clark (Chelmsford) was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. L. W. Wiffen peal secretary. Mr. E. J. Butler was elected to the General Committee to fill a vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Keeble. There was a similar vacancy in the Peal Committee, and Mr. Percy Green was appointed to it. Messrs. E. J. Butler, G. R. Pye, J. W. Cornford and Hirzel Edwards were appointed representatives upon the Central Council of Church Bellringers. Mr. Edwards and Mr. R. Heazel were appointed auditors.

Mr. J. Chalk proposed, and Mr. L. Cordell seconded, that a Benevolent Fund for the Essex Association of Change Ringers be inaugurated. After a long discussion, in which the practicability of the scheme was questioned by several speakers, the motion was lost.

During the day the bells of the following churches were rung: Cathedral (12), Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6) and Sandon (5).

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the Oxford City and District Branch will take place at Dorchester Abbey on Saturday, June 24th. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and ringing. All ringers from all parts cordially invited. For tea, please notify early to Mr. E. J. B. Morton, 11, Water Eaton Road, Summertown, Oxford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) from 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., at the Ferry Tea Rooms. Service 6 p.m. All ringers very welcome. Subscriptions for 1939 now due.—F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Burton District will hold its next meeting at Measham on Saturday, June 24th, and extends a cordial invitation to all ringers, especially friends from Birmingham and Nuneaton Districts. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting, and the peal (8 musical bells) available at 2.45.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—The ring of eight bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be reopened on Saturday, June 24th. Service 3 o'clock; preacher, the Archdeacon of Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, June 24th. Tower open for ringing at six o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service and tea. Methods for special attention are Double Oxford Bob Minor and London Surprise Minor. Other methods will be rung as required. Church within sight of St. Ann's Road Station, Seven Sisters Road.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Nailsea on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus 24B leaves centre 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.; stops at church.—N. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 24th. Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 14½ cwt.) available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Reports available. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow, Essex, on June 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 316th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The summer meeting of the Western Division will be held at the Church of Holy Trinity, Skipton, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Tea (1s. 6d.) at Castle Cafe (opposite church) at 4.30. Business meeting in vestry 5.30 approximately. All welcome.—F. Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Kimpton on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. and after tea. The fine ring of six at Wheathampstead will be available at 7 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Wraysbury (8 bells) on Saturday, June 24th, at 3 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitby on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (10, tenor 18 cwt.) available for ringing. All ringers and friends are welcome.—J. Reed, 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The next monthly practice will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, June 24th, at 7.30 p.m. The special method is Cambridge, up to Royal. All ringers will be welcome.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. per head. All ringers welcome.—T. J. Fisher, Hon. Sec., Arniston, Manor Lane, Newbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, June 24th next. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting at the Vine Hotel.—W. G. Goodchild, Hon. Dis. Sec., 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road (near Highbury Corner). Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained nearby.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 2, Thorncliffe Road, Clapham Park, S.W.2.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meetings for June: Southwark Cathedral, 27th; St. Clement Danes, 29th. Both at 7.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be a practice at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Thursday, June 29th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

MEDBOURNE, MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—The ring of five bells, which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated on Saturday, July 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Garden fete after service.

LADIES' GUILD (Southern District, Annual Meeting) AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A joint meeting will be held at Shere on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meetings. All members and visitors welcome.—Miss H. F. Mills and W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Secs.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Shelsley Beauchamp on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by the business meeting. Private bus will leave All Saints', Worcester, 2.30 p.m. Please notify me numbers for bus, and how many to expect for tea, not later than Tuesday, June 27th.—E. F. Cubberley, Branch Sec., Park Cottages, Kempsey, Worcester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bradninch on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. A large attendance is hoped for. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Monday, June 26th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than Thursday, 29th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual summer festival will be held on Saturday, July 1st, at Turvey. The bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends requiring tea please let me know by June 28th, or inform Mr. Wadsworth, Turvey.—F. J. Plummer, Gen. Sec., Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

LADIES' GUILD.—London District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells from 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea (1s. per head) at 6 o'clock in the historic old coaching house, The George, Borough High Street, the only galleried inn now left in London. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea to be sent to me without fail by Wednesday, June 28th.—I. R. Housden, 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, E.11. Tel. LEYtonstone 3850.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Clare on July 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Meeting and tea at Half Moon Hotel 5 p.m.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LADIES' GUILD.—North Midland Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Derby, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Anyone requiring tea must apply to Mr. A. H. Ward, 168, Normanton Road, Derby, not later than Wednesday, June 28th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Methods for special attention, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. A cordial invitation extended to all ringers to try this splendid peal.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. A. Rowley, 120a, Church Street, Stone, Staffs, not later than June 28th?—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) AND EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Horley (8 bells) on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All ringers are welcome. Those requiring tea should notify Mr. A. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey, not later than June 28th.—H. Hancock and B. Saunders, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Coaley, near Dursley, for July 1st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry (8 bells, recently rehung by John Taylor and Co.) on Saturday, July 1st. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, 5, William's Terrace, Daventry, Northants.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The special business meeting in connection with the proposed alterations to rules will next take place, and will be followed by the general meeting. The towers at East Coker (8), West Coker (8), Preston (6) and Hardington Mandeville (6) will be open to members after the meeting.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 60th annual meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 1.30 to 3.45, also Brading (8) from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. Service in All Saints', Ryde, at 4 p.m., with address by the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth. Tea, by invitation of the Guild, at 5 p.m., in the Oddfellows' Hall, High Street, only to those who inform me not later than Wednesday, June 28th. Business meeting afterwards. Both towers open for further ringing in the evening. A good attendance is requested, and all ringers will be welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—summer meeting will be held at Christleton on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Those intending to be present for tea should notify me not later than Thursday, June 29th.—J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Heywood, on July 1st. Bells available from 2.45 to 9 p.m. All welcome. Your presence will be appreciated.—I. Kay, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., meeting after. Subscriptions due. Would those requiring tea, please notify Mr. J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Walney?—N. M. Newby, Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hilgay on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please try to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge (12 bells) on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Advise me early how many will attend the tea.—W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Twineham on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 28th. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division).—A meeting will be held at Lower Beeding on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 3 p.m., service and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday prior to meeting, and owing to accommodation only those sending in names can be provided for. Come and try these Belgian bells.—O. Sippetts, Sec., 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District).—Please note that the next meeting is at Lockington on Saturday, July 1st (not June 24th as arranged). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon Sec., Penistone Street, Ibstock.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Northenden on Saturday, July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. F. Brickill, 25, Wythenshawe Road, Northenden. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coln St. Aldwyn, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please notify for tea by June 27th to Mr. G. Jones, Coln St. Aldwyn, Fairford, Glos.—W. H. Haywood, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at SS. James' and Basil's, Fenham, Newcastle. Bells available at 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., and those at St. John's, Grainger Street (8), at 6 p.m. until 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 5th. All are welcome.—Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A summer meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 8th. Both towers will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, by July 4th.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival meeting at Haslemere, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in the Schools at 5.15 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.m. It is essential that numbers for tea should be sent to Mr. E. J. Ayliffe, Woolmer Croft, Critchmere Hill, Haslemere, by July 4th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, July 8th. The following towers will be open from 2.30: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Matthew's (6), St. Clement's (6), and St. Lawrence (5). Service in St. Mary-le-Tower Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Oriental Cafe, Westgate Street, at 5.15 p.m. (1s. per head), followed by business meeting. It is particularly requested that all members and friends requiring tea should send their names to Miss Sylvia Bowyer, 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich, by Saturday, July 1st.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eastrington on Saturday, July 8th Bells (6) will be available from two o'clock. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, in Parochial Hall, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea, please advise Mr. W. N. Hains, Bennett Lodge, Eastrington, near Howden, East Yorkshire, by Wednesday, July 5th. All welcome.—H. S. Morley, Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caldicot on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 94, Alteryn View, Newport, Mon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. The presentation to the late district secretary will be made at this meeting, and it is hoped that every tower in the district will be represented. Will those intending to be present please advise me by Wednesday, July 5th?—J. H. Crampion, Dis. Sec., 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Half-yearly meeting at West Malling, Saturday, July 8th. Details next week.—R. G. Rayfield, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury District.—Annual meeting at Banbury on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at White Horse Hotel. Other towers open if required during the evening. Please notify for tea.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 15th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, Rev. J. K. E. O'Malley (Rector of Sandhurst, Berks). 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 12th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ringing Tour, August 5th. A half-day's outing, starting Shrewsbury, Wellington and Ironbridge, is proposed, to towers in Worcestershire and/or Herefordshire. Will any ringers wishing to take part communicate with me? Ladies invited. Approximate cost 5s. — W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

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