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'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The circulation of 'The Ringing World' has now reached the point where it becomes very difficult to meet the demand, and since there is sure to be a certain amount of disappointment to would-be purchasers, it is well that subscribers and readers and the Exercise generally should know how matters stand.

As everybody knows, soon after the war started there was a great shortage of paper due to increased demand and failing supplies. -It affected all newspapers and periodicals alike, but the matter was taken in hand, a paper control was set up, and a system of rationing was adopted which has operated quite fairly and given the same facilities to small and humble journals as to the great and wealthy newspapers. All alike had to be content with a definite percentage of their pre-war supplies and could please themselves whether they reduced the number of their pages or restricted their circulation.

So far as paper supplies are concerned, 'The Ringing World' has had nothing to complain of. It has been treated, not merely justly, but generously, for it has been allowed as high a percentage as any periodical. Its difficulties have been caused by other things. The outbreak of war, which put a sudden stop to the largest part of ringers' activities and turned men's minds to other things, had a twofold effect. The circulation of the paper dropped seriously and rapidly, and at the same time the supply of news copy almost entirely ceased. It looked for a time as if it would not be possible to carry on, not merely on account of financial reasons, but because there was nothing to fill the paper. A leading newspaper proprietor of a bygone generation used to say that a paper is like a baby; it is always crying for food. He might have added that you can just as easily kill it by cramming it with the wrong sort of food as starve it by giving it no food at all.

'The Ringing World' was faced with starvation. The trouble was not shortage of paper, but how to make use of the paper available. Something had to be done, and something was done. The fall in the circulation was checked after some months, and then gradually it began to improve. Slowly at first, for the ban on ringing made matters still more difficult; but when the ban was lifted, when the committee of the Central Council took over the responsibility for the journal, and when the general revival of interest in ringing began to take effect, the demand increased so much that, despite an extra allow-

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ance last autumn, the paper supply is not now large enough for all requirements.

What steps can be taken to meet the situation will be taken by the Managing Committee, 'who alone can decide what shall be done, and who may be trusted to act in the best interests of ringers generally. One point, however, must be made clear. Since a certain number of would-be subscribers must be left unsatisfied, it would seem only right and proper that the older subscribers should have the first chance and newcomers wait their turn. Unfortunately it is not possible to ensure this. After the paper leaves the hands of the printers it passes through the ordinary trade channels of distribution, and we have no control whatever. We have no means of ensuring that a man who has been having his copy for years past through a particular newsagent will continue to do so. Generally speaking, he will be able, but there are certain to be cases of disappointment.

What we can do is to give a reasonable guarantee that those subscribers who have their copies by post will continue to receive them regularly, but we are unable to add to the number indefinitely. New orders for delivery by post are placed on a waiting list, and will be executed as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile readers can help one another by passing on their copies. We have now reached the climax of the war, and some time must elapse before any improvement in the paper supplies may be expected. It will come, and there is at least the satisfaction of knowing that our present difficulties are due mainly to the success of the journal and its increased circulation.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1944, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents (three callings).

Tenor 9 cwt.

*GEOFFREY GAYTON Treble	†JOSEPH LINNITT 4
†GEORGE ALLARD 2	†RONALD NOON 5
*JOHN FITZHUGH 3	†GEORGE CARE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to J. Linnitt.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 2, 1944, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BEAVER Treble	ALBERT E. JONES 3
G. JAMES R. PRICE 2	LESLIE EVANS 4

DAVID H. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

Rung half-muffled for Mr. J. P. Hyett, late captain of the Clifford band.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 3, 1944, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Antelope, April Day, London Plain Bob, New Grandsire and 360 each of Old Doubles and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ARTHUR FITZHUGH Treble	GEORGE CARE 3
*EDDIE ROBINSON 2	RONALD NOON 4

PHILIP JONES Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

* First peal. Rung for the induction of the Rev. N. H. Phillips as Vicar.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

On Sat., July 1, 1944, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM LANCASTER Treble	ALFRED MOULD 5
*GEORGE H. PAULSON 2	*TPR. V. BOTTOMLEY 6
*BENJAMIN GREATORREX 3	ALEX. HUTCHINSON 7
*HERBERT TAYLOR 4	EDWARD E. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1944, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT Treble	*PTE. ERNEST THORLEY 5
JOHN CURRY 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 6
JOHN W. CARTER 3	ARTHUR J. FARR 7
W. ALLAN RICHARDSON 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., July 1, 1944, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROY GARTH Treble	JACK G. BROTHWELL 5
FREDERICK CARDWELL 2	HAROLD TAYLOR 6
HARRY WILSON 3	JAMES E. BAILEY 7
MRS. E. DORICE KELLY 4	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.

* First peal.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1944, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ROBERT W. BARBER Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
*MRS. W. T. MOORE 2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 6
*MISS PEARL GRAPES 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
*GEORGE ALLEN 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* First peal of Major.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1944, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 3, SANDROCK VILLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Five callings.

DOUGLAS M. BELLAMY 1-2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 3-4
CPL. WILLIAM FAMIMOND 5-6	

Conducted by WILLIAM GORRINGE.

Witness: Mrs. W. Gorringer.

First handbell peal by all.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., July 9, 1944, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JEAN A. SOUTHERST 1-2	*ALAN WHITE 5-6
JOHN E. SPICE 3-4	BETTY SPICE 7-8

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal on an inside pair.

SEVEN BELL METHODS.

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II. COURT BOB TRIPLES.

1234567	Continued.
2143657	4352617
2416375	4536271
4261357	5463721
4623175	5647312
6432715	6574132
6347251	6751423
3674521	7615243
3765412	7162534
7356142	1726543
7531624	1275634
5713264	2157364
5172346	2513746
1527364	5231764
1253746	5327146
	3572416
2135476	3754261
2314567	7345621
3241576	7437512
3425167	etc.

There is one other seven-bell methods as easy to ring as Oxford Bob, and, though not so good as the latter, fully worth occasional practice. This is Court Bob. At one time it had a certain amount of popularity, and a peal of it was rung as far back as 1886.

The method is simple in construction and really consists of the work which is added to Grandsire to make Oxford Bob. It has a bell-in-the-hunt, but does not contain the Third's place of Grandsire with its accompanying dodging.

The rules for ringing the method are few and easy. The bell which the treble turns from the lead, hunts up, makes Fifth's place over the treble, leads, makes a second Fifth's place, and leads again.

It then dodges in 6-7 down after passing the treble in 5-6 up; leads, and dodges in 6-7 up after passing the treble in 4-5.

A whole pull behind is followed by a dodge in 6-7 down; and after leading the bell dodges in 6-7 up.

The treble turns it from behind, and it hunts down to lead. The treble follows it and turns it from the lead, and the bell is ready to begin the work of the plain course over again.

All the place making and dodging are at handstroke. When the bell is below the treble it does nothing but plain hunt.

The bob is made as in Grandsire.

5713264
5172346
1573264
1752346
7125436

The bell which passes the treble in 2-3 up makes Third's place and goes into the hunt. The bells in 4-5 and 6-7 dodge. It must be remembered that the bell. Before in Court Bob does not make Third's place, and so at the bob there is only a single dodge, not a double dodge as in Grandsire. Only three bells are really affected; the bell which goes into the hunt, the bell which was in the hunt and now dodges in 4-5 down and takes the place of the bell which would have made

Fifth's had no bob been called; and the bell which was about to make Fifth's for the second time. This dodges in 4-5 up, then in 6-7 up and starts the place-making over again.

As in Oxford Bob, singles are not used in Court Bob except for the two necessary 'Holts' in a peal.

In Court Bob there are three calling positions where the bob does not affect the observation bell. They are: Before, when the observation is turned from the lead by the treble; Wrong; when the observation dodges in 6-7 down after passing the treble in 5-6 up; and Right or Home when the observation dodges in 6-7 up after passing the treble in 4-5 up. When the seventh is the observation, these are at the second, fourth and fifth lead-ends of the course.

A bob Before gives the course-end 634257. A bob Wrong gives the course-end 364527. A bob Right gives the course-end 532467. These are the same course-ends as are produced by the calls in Oxford Bob, and the touches we gave last week for that method are suitable for Court Bob if bobs at B., W. and R. only are used.

A bob at the first lead-end in the course will put the seventh into the hunt, and if it is called out again at the next lead-end a four-lead course will be produced. The course-end is 64523, and the calling will go five times, giving a touch of 280 changes.

If the seventh is called In and Out at 2 a five-lead course will be produced. The course-end is 42356, and the calling will go three times, giving a touch of 210 changes.

Here are two other useful touches:—

23456	420.	23456	840.
42356	In and out at 2.	35426	B.W.
25346	B.W.	43526	In and out at 2.
		54326	In and out at 2.
		42356	B.W.

Each twice repeated.

1260.
23456 B. W. R.

23645 — —
23564 — —
63254 — —
54326 — —
24536 — —
34256 — —

Twice repeated.

(To be continued.)

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—At the Church of St. Peter for the patronal festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Merritt 1, W. W. Wolstencroft 2, S. Thompson 3, R. Wimpenny 4, W. Hawke 5, A. Roberts 6, Rev. F. F. Rigby (conductor) 7, V. Turner 8.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Thursday, June 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Geoffrey Gayton (age 11 years) 1, John Fitzhugh 2, Phillip Jones 3, Joseph Linnitt 4, Ronald Noon 5, George Care (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 7th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Buckland 1, F. Hicks 2, R. Buckland 3, Rev. R. Routh 4, J. Harrison 5, C. A. Levett 6, W. Lee 7, H. Wingrove (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, June 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Wingrove 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, Rev. R. Routh 3, H. Wingrove 4, W. Lee 5, J. Harrison (conductor) 6, R. Buckland tenor.—On Sunday, June 18th, 1,260 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Buckland 1, Miss D. Fletcher 2, G. Gutteridge 3, Rev. R. Routh 4, F. G. Baldwin 5, J. Harrison 6, W. Lee 7, H. Wingrove (conductor) 8.

COOKHAM.—On Saturday, June 17th, on handbells, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove 1-2, Miss D. Fletcher 3-4, G. Martin (conductor) 5-6, W. Lee 7-8.

THE J. D. & C. M. 'CAMPANALOGIA.'

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The following is part of the epistle dedicatory to 'our honour'd and much esteem'd friends, the Society of London Scholars': 'Gentlemen, It being a thing much observ'd, and (as it were) made a general Rule by writers, to shelter their works under the wings of Protection of some ingenious Person whose knowledge is not only commonly esteem'd but likewise experimentally known to be universal in the matter they treat of, we cannot but think ourselves absolutely obliged to have you in the front of this small Treatise, not only because your knowledge in this art (from whence we have gain'd what our mean Capacities wou'd receive in the Knowledge and Experience of the same), together with your natural Reasons, is a sufficient Guard to defend it from the Assaults of ignorant and partial Persons, and may prove a Means to disprove or confute the malicious Sentiments of extrajudicious and illiterate Readers; but also in Regard it is the only Way we can produce, to let the World know the Happiness and Pleasure we enjoy in the Fraternity of such ingenious Persons, we mean yourselves.

'And now it wou'd be proper to particularize to the World wherein the said Happiness and Pleasure consist; but we are afraid we shall be censur'd and thought (though without a cause) guilty of Flattery and Self-Praise; nevertheless, to speak in general Terms, 'tis your Unanimity, Sobriety and Ingenuity (together with a strict observance and performance of the civil Orders and Constitutions whereby our Society is incorporated) which has been the cause of its being rendered meritorious and deserving of Fame.'

The first sentence contains no fewer than one hundred and sixty words, and the whole seems very ponderous and stilted, but such was the fashion of the times in penning epistles dedicatory, and considerable literary skill was needed to write like this. Long sentences are characteristic of the the authors' style. One describing muffled ringing has two hundred and twenty words, and that does mean rather heavy going for a modern reader. In style, the book falls a long way below the level reached by Duckworth and Stedman.

The book is modelled on Stedman's 'Campanalogia,' and in many ways the influence of the older work can be seen, but the authors are careful to point out that they are not merely copying Stedman, and, indeed, they make no more use of him than was perfectly legitimate and advisable. They are, however, not very generous in acknowledging the debt they did owe. 'Toward the latter end of the Reign of his late Majesty King Charles the Second was published a book intituled Campanalogia or the Art of Ringing, which name at the request and desire of the Bookseller we have given to this Treatise with such other Additions in the Title Page hereof as was Necessary for the same, but we hope and are assur'd that the Courteous Reader will not think that we have borrow'd any other thing but the name from so Unnecessary a Book as the same now is; tho' to speak with respect to all Ingenious Persons' works, the same might when writ be of use and necessary for all Ringers, though it does chiefly consist of plain or Single changes.'

That is hardly fair comment, for there are many things in the later book which came directly from the earlier, and without the one the other could hardly have existed, at least in its present form.

It is a remarkable tribute to the influence Stedman's book has had on the Exercise, that not only the J. D. and C. M. work and its reprints, but every text book on change ringing published down to the latter part of the nineteenth century was called by the same name.

'Multum in Parvo,' say J. D. and C. M., 'is a saying that may properly be applied in the case of this book, which, though short, contains full and methodical rules and instructions for a true perfection and knowledge in this Art of Ringing, the excellency whereof has but lately been found out by the laborious study of several ingenious persons who have had a particular respect or regard for the same.' The claim is a fair one, for the selection and arrangement of the methods are excellent; and as soon as the reader gets used to the somewhat ponderous style the directions are clear and accurate.

But before they tackle what is their real task, our authors feel themselves bound to defend ringers and ringing from their detractors, for, as they say, 'we are very well satisfied and assured that none are ignorant of the many scandalous and malicious Aspersions that have been cast upon this Art; more than a man without a great deal of deliberation is apprehensive of; and more than it has in Reason deserved.' The main charges brought against ringing were three. First 'it is objected against as mean and mechanical, because followed and practised by persons whose Course of Life as reported has been infamous; and also by persons whose subsistence for themselves and families is gained by painful and hard labour, and therefore not a fit and commendable Exercise and Recreation for one who has been genteely and handsomely brought up and educated.'

The second objection was, 'That it withdraws and alienates men's minds from the business by which they obtain and procure subsistence for themselves and families, making them Drunkards, neglective of their occupation and trades, and consequently the utter Ruin and Impoverishment of themselves and all who depend and receive a livelihood and maintenance from them.'

'The third objection made against Ringing is, That it is too laborious and painful to yield or afford any Pleasure or Diversion, and occasions so great Heats and Sweatings that a man subjects himself to catch great Colds whereby he endangers his Life.'

These objections the authors answer one by one at length, and then 'venture to say something in praise and commendation of this art, whereby it will further appear that the aspersions cast upon it are altogether malicious and uttered without the least consideration imaginable . . . because (as we have said, and hope made appear before) it is a very wholesome and healthful exercise; and though there are several other exercises and recreations, as bowling, tennis-ball, nine-pins, and such like (too tedious and long to be here inserted) that may work and stir the body and every one of its parts as much as this exercise does, yet they are not in the least to be compared to this, because not so artful, or requiring so thoughtful and ingenious a head piece to attain to the universal knowledge of them as this art does.'

It is thoroughly characteristic of the times that it never occurred to the authors to point out that bells were part of the church fittings and that ringing was work done in the service of the Church. The art had been far too completely secularised for that.

(To be continued.)

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**MEETING AT ROWLEY REGIS.**

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Rowley Regis on July 8th and was attended by 50 members. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Herbert Card, who gave an address. The members were the guests of the Rowley ringers, who provided a substantial tea.

A collection, which realised the sum of £1 7s. 6d., was given towards the Sunday School Festival to be held on the following day. Five new members were elected. Thanks were extended to the Vicar, organist, ladies and Rowley Regis ringers for their hospitality and kindly welcome.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Basingstoke on July 1st and was attended by members from the districts of Alton and Petersfield, Basingstoke, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, Southampton and Winchester. Among the visitors were Mr. R. T. Hibbert and his son.

The service in St. Michael's Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Chute, who gave an address.

Mr. George Williams, the Master, presided at the business meeting, held in the Church Cottage, and was supported by Mr. W. Linter, the hon. treasurer, and Mr. G. Pullinger, who acted as secretary in the absence of Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Owing to paper shortage the annual report was reduced to the smallest limit. It stated that a good number of meetings had been held in two or three districts, although in others there appeared to have been difficulties. Thanks were expressed to the officials of the Central Council for their action taken in connection with 'The Ringing World.'

The financial statement showed a balance of £271 18s. 10d. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

A recommendation of the Executive Committee dealing with the revival of interest in ringing was accepted, and it was decided to circulate it to all towers in the dioceses.

Mr. George Williams was re-elected Master, Mr. Fred W. Rogers general hon. secretary, Mr. W. Linter hon. treasurer, Mr. A. V. Davis peal recorder, and Mr. G. Smith hon. auditor.

Portsmouth was selected for the annual meeting of 1945.

A vote of thanks was given to the Vicar and the ladies who provided the tea. The ringing during afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Surprise Major.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT CRANFORD.**

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association, held at Cranford on July 8th, was attended by about 35 members and friends from Brentford, Cranford, Ealing (Christ Church, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Feltham, Harmondsworth, Hillingdon (St. John's), Isleworth, Kensington (St. Mary Abbot's), Madeley (Staffs), Pinner, Uxbridge, Wembley and Westminster (St. Margaret's). The pretty little peal of six were kept going at intervals from 3 o'clock till about half-past eight. The methods rung, under the supervision of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Ringing Master, and Mr. T. G. Bannister, Deputy Ringing Master, included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, London and Spliced Surprise Minor, and rounds. The visitors were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. Maurice Child. Choral evensong was conducted by the curate, the Rev. A. A. M. Sandeman, who was supported by the Liverymen, the lesson being read by the secretary (Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey).

A business meeting was held in the ringing chamber following the service, at which the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) expressed the thanks of those present to the Rector and curate. The following new members were elected: Mrs. W. Paton, on the proposition of Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, seconded by Mr. W. H. Coles; Messrs. M. E. Clibben and M. H. Dick, both of Harmondsworth, proposed by Miss E. Bedford, seconded by Mr. J. E. Churchill. On the proposition of the secretary, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Harmondsworth on August 12th. On the proposition of the vice-president, the secretary was requested to write to the Vicar of Christ Church, Ealing, expressing the deep sympathy of the association in the disaster which has befallen his beautiful church. On the proposition of the secretary, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, the best thanks of the association were accorded to the clergy and organist, to the Liverymen (Mr. Woodger and his colleague), and to Mrs. Woodger and her ladies, who generously provided tea.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT ECCLESFIELD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, held at Ecclesfield on June 17th, was attended by about thirty members.

Tea was at the Bull's Head Hotel and the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Pyke, who welcomed the association. Two new members were elected—R. Soresby, of Conisborough, and J. H. Myers, of Ecclesfield. It was decided to hold the next meeting in September at Handsworth.

A collection in aid of the Bell Repair Fund realised 16s. 6d.

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mittances are sent to Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsing-
ham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

Geoffrey Gayton, who rang the treble to the peal of Minor at
Piddington on July 1st, is eleven years old.

THE MONTH'S PEALS.

During the month of June 34 peals were rung, 28 of them on tower
bells and six on handbells.

The tower bell peals consisted of Grandsire Doubles 2, Triples 3,
Caters 1; Bob Minor 2, Major 3; Stedman Doubles 1, Triples 3, Caters
2; Kent Treble Bob Major 4; Little Bob Major 1; Double Norwich
Court Bob Major 2; Cambridge Surprise Royal 1; Bristol Surprise
Major 1; two methods of Doubles 1; three methods of Doubles 1.

The handbell peals consisted of Bob Major 1, Maximus 1; Grandsire
Cinquies 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1; Kidlington College
Major 1; Maidstone Bob Major 1.

The number of peals in January was 50, in February 34, in March
37, in April 48, and in May 41; making a total for the first half of
the year of 244.

The list of handbell peals for June, though small, is a notable one.
It includes Cinques and Maximus, Double Norwich Major, and two
Major methods which were rung to peals for the first time.

OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your article regarding Oxford Bob is good, and any
band of ringers that try it will find the method well worth ringing.
And this three pull dodge and 5th's makes good music not inferior to
Stedman Triples. J. W. WILKINS.

80, Whitelands Road, High Wycombe.

Dear Sir,—May I (like my brother of Weston Vicarage) ask a few
questions?

(a) Will not every method which has a plain hunt for the treble in
Minor be the same method in Triples, but in that case with a bell
in the hunt?

(b) If the method is true in the one case, and will produce the
extent, will it necessarily have the same qualities in the other?

(c) Is there a method which is like Oxford Bob Triples in Minor:
and if so, what is its name? It would have at each lead end (a)
make seconds, (b) dodge in three-four down, and return to lead. (c)
ditto up, (d) triple-dodge in five-six down, (e) ditto up.

(d) Should not 'fifths', on page 273, first column, last line but one
of the letterpress, be 'fourths'?

Ufford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

[The answers are: (a) Yes. (b) No. (c) Yes, Oxford Bob Minor.
The work is not correctly stated. (d) Yes.—The Editor.]

Huddersfield and District Society.

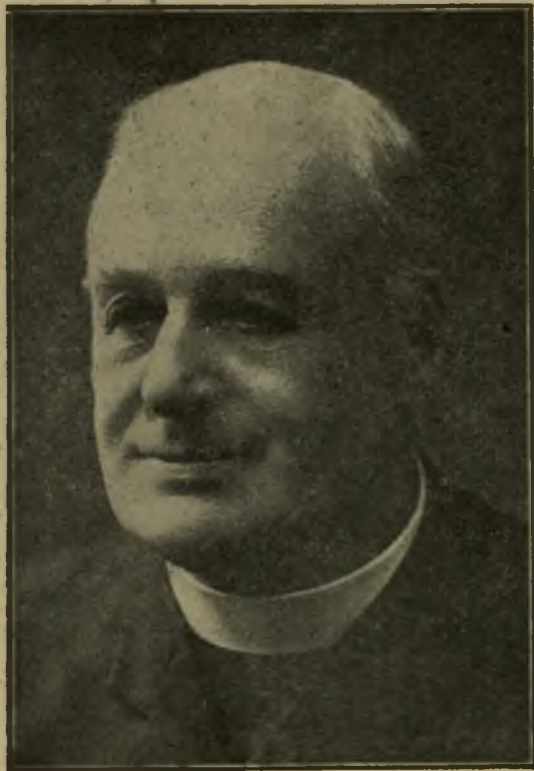
MEETING AT HEPTONSTALL.

A monthly meeting of the Huddersfield and District Society, held
at Heptonstall on June 24th, was well attended and several methods
were rung. The next meeting will be at Mirfield on Saturday, July
29th.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.**FIFTY YEARS VICAR OF CROWTHORNE.**

To mark the services rendered by Canon G. F. Coleridge during fifty years as Vicar of Crowthorne, a presentation has been made to him, which took the form of a cheque for £300 subscribed for by parishioners and friends outside the parish.

At a meeting held at the British Legion Hall, Crowthorne, on July 3rd, Miss F. M. Hunt, people's warden, presided, and was supported by the Bishop of Reading, Canon Winter, Vicar of Wargrave (Rural Dean), and several other clergymen.

**CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.**

Miss Hunt said that they were met to honour one who had served them faithfully for the past fifty years. They were pleased to have with them representatives of the Free Churches. Canon Coleridge had given them a splendid lead in their church life, and set them the highest example; no parish could be served by a more conscientious priest. He was not a parochial vicar, but had taught them to take their share in the work of the deanery and the diocese, and as a member of the standing committee of the S.P.G. had taken part in the selection of candidates for training for overseas work. He had other interests, such as bellringing, which he started when 10 years old. They offered their most sincere thanks to him for all he had done for them.

Canon Winter congratulated Crowthorne upon its possession of Canon Coleridge for so many years, and said he had set a high standard.

In making the presentation, the Bishop of Reading, who was present as Archdeacon of Berkshire, and was also representing the Bishop of the diocese, said he had happy memories of the Canon's work as Rural Dean of Sonning. He was a Freemason of the highest distinction and a fly-fisherman of extraordinary skill. In many ways he had won name and fame for himself, and above all by his geniality and kindness, to which was due in large measure his attractiveness as leader of a country parish with a public-spirited outlook. The Canon had shown himself a model of what a parish priest should be. It was with the greatest pleasure that he asked Canon Coleridge to accept the presentation, and with it the love of which he hoped he was in his heart aware.

Canon Coleridge, expressing his thanks, said that on the 25th anniversary of his advent to Crowthorne he was presented with an address and a cheque for £150, and now, 25 years later, they must needs repeat that kindness and double that cheque. He thanked them very much, and valued what lay behind it more than he could say. He had felt all through that they did not wish him to go, and had refused many opportunities to work elsewhere: offers of livings had come from the West of England, Cornwall, several from Devon, three

or four from Gloucestershire, Croydon and Lincoln. He mentioned that the living of Crowthorne was offered him by Bishop Stubbs, and that Bishop Gore appointed him Rural Dean, a position he held for 17 years, and in that time made him an Honorary Canon of Christ Church 'in recognition of all you have done for the diocese.' Later Bishop Gore asked him to accept the living of a town parish in Oxfordshire, which he refused. That the Bishop was not offended was shown when he inquired 'if it was any good asking him to leave Crowthorne and undertake the archdeaconry.'

The Canon said he had stayed because he felt it was not the will of God that he should leave Crowthorne, and, secondly, because Crowthorne had endeared itself to him, and few knew how much he loved it and its people. He would like to quote for himself the words of Queen Victoria on her jubilee: 'I thank you, my beloved people, from the bottom of my heart.'

No fewer than 621 names—husband and wife being counted as one—appeared in a booklet giving the list of the subscribers, and there is not a member of the ringing Exercise who will not join in congratulating one who is as widely known and as greatly beloved as any man in the long story of the art of change ringing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**MEETING AT KING'S NORTON.**

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at King's Norton on July 1st. It was not possible to hold the usual service, and as the bells were not available until 5 o'clock, the business meeting was at half-past three, at which the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, presided.

Mr. Walker made sympathetic reference to the death of Bryan Wayman, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet. A letter of condolence had already been sent by the secretary and a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques had been rung at St. Martin's. Mr. Walker mentioned the serious illness of Mr. F. B. Yates, of Burnt Green, a highly respected member, and it was decided to send a letter to Mrs. Yates expressing sympathy and best wishes.

Mr. Leonard C. Trevor, of Nuneaton, was elected a life member and the following tower elections were ratified: Mr. Edward Holt, of Northfield, as an ordinary member, and Messrs. Arthur Pritchard, of Hadley, Wellington, and James G. Prior, of Balham, as life members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sutton Coldfield on August 19th and the next quarterly meeting at Great Barr on Oct. 7th.

Reference was made to the removal of the bells from St. John's, Deritend, and the secretary was requested to communicate with the Bishop regarding a stone peal tablet erected in the belfry recording two peals, one the first on the bells, rung over 100 years ago. It was suggested that possibly the tablet might be erected in the tower where the bells are installed. St. John's Church was seriously damaged by enemy action and is scheduled for demolition to allow road widening.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar of King's Norton and to Mr. W. B. Cartwright concluded the business.

Thirty-seven sat down to tea, over which Mr. Walker presided. He welcomed Canon Davies, of Worcester Cathedral, and expressed the hope that before long it would be possible for the St. Martin's Guild to visit Worcester again and ring for evening service.

The methods rung during the evening were Stedman Caters, Cambridge Surprise Royal, Bristol, Cambridge and London Surprise and Double Norwich Major.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT SHREWTON.**

A meeting of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Shrewton on July 8th, was attended by 33 members from Britford, Amesbury, South Newton, Shrewton, Wishford, Wilton, Enford, Swallowcliffe, Coombe Bissett, and the city churches of St. Martin, St. Thomas and St. Paul.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Barnard, who gave an address. The ringers were the guests of Mr. J. Hawker at tea. The branch chairman (Mr. E. G. Caple) presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. G. Norton, vice-chairman, and the branch secretary, Mr. F. W. Romaine. Six new members were elected from South Newton (a new affiliation), two from Wilton and one from Amesbury. Seven ladies were admitted as associate members.

A practice meeting was announced at Amesbury on July 29th, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly gathering at Downton. Votes of thanks to Mr. Hawker for his hospitality, and to the Vicar, closed the business of the meeting. The bells were rung in various methods and rounds throughout the afternoon and evening.

MR. AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

Owing to advancing years and failing health, Mr. Ambrose W. Osborne has been compelled to resign the office of captain of the band at St. Giles', Reading, which he has held for forty years; and recently at a meeting of the ringers at the Rectory he was given a framed copy of a resolution passed by the Parochial Church Council and asked to accept a cheque from the Council in recognition of his services. The churchwardens gave another cheque.

Mr. Osborne was for many years secretary of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Sunday service ringing has been restarted at St. Giles', and it is hoped that Mr. Leonard Osborne will take over his father's duties.

ENGLISH CHURCH ARCHITECTURE.

By MAJOR J. HOWARD FREEBORN, M.A.

(Continued from page 285.)

THE PERPENDICULAR PERIOD (1350—1603), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THIRD POINTED OR XV. CENTURY.



WALPOLE ST. PETER.



FIG. 25.
Perp. Window.

this new form was in full flood throughout the land, and had a long course. The early phases exhibit an insistence upon verticality, with the stiffening of the flowing lines of tracery into those long straight mullions which give to the period its distinguishing name. The XV. century saw the perfection of this new constructive ideal, while, during the early years of the XVI. century, the



FIG. 26.
Perp. Doorway.

both domestic and ecclesiastical. The latter tended more and more to be financed by the laity rather than, as in former ages, by the bishops and monks. There is a marked increase in window surfaces, with clerestory win-

The Perpendicular had been gradually taking the place of the Decorated for two decades or more before the death of Edward III., particularly in the West, where the famous Gloucester School of Masons began, about the middle of the XIV. century, to demonstrate a new idea in church building. By the end of the Edwardian era,

the introduction of Continental detail, prompted by the Renaissance, now spreading its influence westward from Italy, was significant of the decline of the Gothic tradition.

The growing wealth of the trading classes, particularly that of the wool staplers, and the introduction of Craft Guilds encouraged an increase in building,

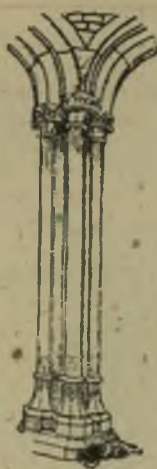


FIG. 27.
Perp. Column and Capital.



FIG. 28.
Flint Flushwork.

Carpenters' methods and joints had now replaced those of the mason in woodwork, resulting in a riot of elaborate and beautifully-done work in stalls, misericords, poppy-heads, screens,

pulpits, reredoses, chantries and roofs. The tie-beam was dispensed with in the hammer beam roof, its spandrels enriched with arcading, and its wall brackets with the spreading wings of angels. Structural ribs in vaulting disappear in favour of fan shapes, with carved pendants, perhaps the most distinguished and beautiful of all Perpendicular innovations (Fig. 30).

The plan tends to become rectangular, with aisles to chancel or quire as well as to nave, absorbing the transepts. Porches are highly ornamented, and often have an upper storey. Buttresses are less often pinnaced and more often

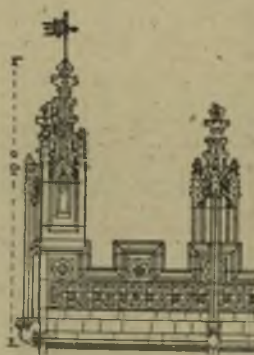


FIG. 29.
Parapet and Pinnacle.

dows continuous along the length of the church, which looks increasingly like a great stone lantern. Although the two-centred pointed arch persists throughout the period, particularly in doorways and nave arcades, the window-heads become flatter, with the arch struck from four centres, known later as the Tudor arch. The lofty mullions rendered necessary the stiffening transom, and the tracery has a series of subarches (Fig. 25), or is reticulated. Later, the windows are often squareheaded, with a dripstone or label terminating some way down each side with a carved boss. Doorways (Fig. 26) have similar hoods, and doors are sometimes panelled in linenfold, that attractive pattern representing folded linen, and have fine ironwork.

The slender pillars of the arcade have a diamond plan and attached shafts with tall moulded bases, small octagonal capitals, and a moulded abacus (Fig. 27). The carving is shallow and conventional, and the enrichment takes the form of miniature battlements, cresting, grotesques, and, from Henry VII., the Tudor rose. Sunk panels oust the wall-arcade, and in East Anglia are done in flint (flushwork) (Fig. 28), and diaper (see Fig. 23), particularly on porches and towers, a rich

and effective form of decoration. Towers are given increased elaboration in crenelled parapets and pinnacles (Fig. 29).

carved, and towers, while still crowned in the early years by spires, later have flat roofs richly embattled and pinnacled. In an age when few, apart from monks and clergy, could read, the carving, colouring and frescoes (wall paintings) of our churches constituted a veritable 'sermon in stone,' full of the meaning of the story of Christ, of Life and Death and retribution for sins, for a population untouched by modern education and inventions.



FIG. 30.
Fan Vault.

There are so many good churches in this age of greater wealth and comfort that any list of typical examples cannot but omit many as worthy of inclusion as those I have selected; Boston Stump, Cul-lompton, Cirencester, Hull (Holy Trinity), King's Lynn (St. Nicholas), Lavenham, Ludlow, Market Harborough, Newark, Norwich (St. Peter Mancroft), Terrington St. Clement, Taunton (St. Mary), Woolpitt and Wrexham.

GLOSSARY.

- CHantry. A chapel within or attached to a church, in which Masses were said for the soul of the testator.
 CRESTING. Continuous ornament above a canopy or screen.
 DIAPER. Leaf-pattern on a plain surface; chequer-pattern in stone and flint.
 DRIPSTONE. Projecting moulding above a door or window; a hood.
 GROTESQUES. Distorted carved heads of men or beasts; when used as rainwater heads are called Gargoyles.
 LABEL. A square dripstone.
 MISERICORDS (MISERERES). Hinged stall seats, with carved bracket beneath.
 MULLION. Vertical divisions in windows.
 POPPY-HEAD (POUPÉE-HEAD). Carved termination of a canopy or bench.
 REREDOS. Carved screen behind the altar.
 TRANSOM. The horizontal bar in tracery.

CENTRAL TOWERS.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

(Continued from page 286.)

Leicestershire has three five-bell towers which are central, and each entirely different in style and architecture, viz., Long Clawson, Somerby and Thurnby. At Long Clawson the ancient church is dedicated to St. Remigius, and consists of chancel, clerestoried nave, aisles, north and south porches, north chapel, and embattled central tower. Some massive pillars in the transept belonged to its Norman forerunner, but the sturdy tower was added in the 14th century.

Of the five bells, Nichols, the historian, says, 'The inhabitants have a tradition that one of the Bozons went into France (but whether with Edward III. or Henry V. they know not) and, among other spoils, brought thence four great bells, which he hung up in the church. The present 4th is an ancient one yet called the Bozon's bell. In 1631 the great bell of Grantham being cracked, the Burgesses of Grantham gave the men of Clauston their cracked bell and twenty pounds in money for Clauston great bell which was exactly the same note which they wanted: thus the biggest of Bozon's great bells went to Grantham. With the metal of Grantham cracked bell and the aforesaid £20, the inhabitants of Clauston procured two new bells, being the 1st and 2nd of their present peal, and thus they came to have five instead of four bells.'

With reference to this tradition it may be stated that the founder of the fourth bell was Johannes de Yorke. It is hardly probable that Bozon brought four great bells from France, but not improbable that he brought a quantity of spoil, and from the proceeds of a portion of that paid for four new bells for the church here. As they now stand, the five bells are: Treble and tenor by T. Hedderley, of Nottingham, 1782; 2nd by Hugh Watts, 1631; 3rd, H. Oldfield, 1608; 4th, Johannes de Yorke, c. 1400-1450. Weight of tenor, 17 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. They were rehung by J. Taylor and Co., 1890.

These heavy bells are very difficult to handle owing to the long draught of rope. Ringing is done from the ground floor in the centre of the church between chancel, nave and transepts, open on all sides, and without guides to the roof 40ft. above. Only one full peal of 5,040 Doubles has been rung here (on November 12th, 1927) by members of the Framland Society and conducted by the present writer. Before starting this peal I very reluctantly climbed the thin iron ladder, let down for the purpose from the roof to the floor, nowhere near a wall, to take off the inscriptions. The ascent was bad enough, but the descent was even a greater ordeal, happily performed without mishap.

Somerby, All Saints', formerly had three bells, but in 1891 two new ones were added and the old ones recast. The tenor is 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb., and all are by J. Taylor and Co. Here is a tower with spire placed between nave and chancel without transepts. Its style is peculiar, as the tower base is narrower than either the chancel or nave, and forms a sort of corridor between the two. The ringers ring from the ground floor, being thus between the congregation and choir. Several peals of Doubles have been rung here, the first in 1901, conducted by R. H. Bartram, of Melton Mowbray. One peal of Grand-sire Doubles, called by the writer, had each bell in turn

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ST. MICHAEL COSLANY, NORWICH.

This building is the finest example of panelled flintwork in the world.
(To be continued.)

BUXTON, BURBAGE.—On July 7th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: *D. Holmes 1, J. Pulett (conductor) 2, *H. Kirk 3, *J. Bagshaw 4, J. Marriot 5, J. Backhouse 6. * Longest length.

doing the 'whole hunt' with each 120 beginning from and ending with rounds. Only one or two other peals have been so rung, and this method—which is most interesting and somewhat 'tricky'—would prove a suitable addition in towers that have a difficulty in getting beyond the ordinary Grandsire stage.

SOUTH HARTING, SUSSEX.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was extremely interested in Mr. Morris' history of St. Mary's, South Harting, Sussex, in your issue of Friday, June 23rd. Well do I remember going there to try and teach the local band the first rudiments in change ringing.

This was during the time I was located at Bex Mill, Midhurst, 1887-1889, several years before the Rev. A. J. Roberts became Rector. I have quite lost the names of the locals of that time, but well remember ringing in the open church with the long draught of rope to be overcome. As far as I remember the band never got beyond the stage of plain hunting, and by the Rector's remarks to Mr. Morris the team never materialised into a change ringing company for Sunday services.

During my two years at Midhurst I had the good fortune to find a number of enthusiasts, and besides teaching the band officially connected to the Parish Church, I had the good fortune to meet with other gentlemen in the town, who came along and wanted to learn and whom we eventually called 'our amateur team,' which caused a certain amount of enjoyable rivalry, as to which team made the fastest progress.

On January 21st, 1889, myself and five others from the two teams visited Harting and rang in 25½ minutes the first 720 (Bob Minor) on the bells, tenor 12½ cwt.: W. Court 1, G. Williams (conductor) 2, Dr. W. H. George 3, C. Tribe 4, W. Selby 5, J. Lee tenor. No doubt this visit was made to show the local team that change ringing there was quite possible.

After I came across this old record it suddenly dawned on my memory that I had cycled from South Harting to Brighton after a 5,040 on the bells, and, on looking over my old peal books and 'The Bell News,' I find I had cycled from Brighton to a district meeting at Midhurst via Steyning, Storrington and under the north side of the South Downs, 36½ miles, in 3 hours 5 minutes. Amongst the many clergy present at that meeting was the Rev. A. J. Roberts, Rector of Harting, who invited Mr. A. B. Bennett to bring a team over and attempt a peal on the following Sunday afternoon. Mr. Bennett took charge of me for the night, and after ringing for morning service at Midhurst I cycled on to Harting, meeting the five other ringers for lunch on the road.

On arriving at the church we were welcomed by the Rector, who said tea would be ready immediately after the peal. The bells went off into changes at 1.25 p.m., and in 2 hours 56 minutes the first 5,040 on them was an accomplished fact: C. Soane 1, G. Williams (conductor) 2, E. J. Boxall 3, A. B. Bennett 4, T. Stroud 5, J. Lee tenor; the methods being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, Oxford Single and Plain Bob.

Three previous attempts for a peal here had been lost through the long draught of rope. Immediately the bells had ceased the Rector came into the church and congratulated us on our success and escorted us to the Rectory for tea. The Midhurst men drove back in time to ring for evening service, and the writer pedalled the 46 miles to Brighton over the Downs via Chichester, Brighton being reached in just over four hours.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

1, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, Hants.

DEATH OF MR. J. P. HYETT.

The death is announced of Mr. J. P. Hyett, J.P., which took place on June 23rd at his home in Hay, Herefordshire. He was 72 years old.

The funeral at the Parish Church on June 26th was conducted by the Vicar, the lesson was read by the Rev. E. D. Thomas, Vicar of Clifford, and the committal by Canon R. W. Lockyer, Vicar of Glasbury. The bearers were three railwaymen and three ringers, Messrs. W. Beaver, A. E. Jones and D. H. Bennett. Messrs. A. W. Davies, W. H. Symonds and E. W. Suddrick (Hereford Cathedral), C. L. Sadler (Ross) and W. Beaver and A. E. Jones (Clifford) represented the Hereford Guild, Canon R. W. Lockyer (vice-president), Mr. John Jones (Glasbury-on-Wye) and Mr. D. H. Bennett (Bronllys) represented the Swansea and Brecon Guild.

The floral tributes included one from the Hereford Guild, one from St. Peter's, Glasbury, and one from St. Mary's, Clifford.

Mr. Hyett had been a member of the Clifford band for over 35 years. He was also connected with Glasbury-on-Wye. He was a foundation member of the Swansea and Brecon Guild, hon. secretary of the Clifford District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and of the Northern Branch of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. He represented the Hereford Diocesan Guild on the Central Council and held the office of peal recorder. He had rung 267 peals, of which he conducted 158.

A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung to his memory at St. Mary's, Clifford, on July 2nd.

NOTICES.

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NOTICES must be received NOT LATER THAN MONDAY.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting at Bushey, July 15th, 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. 3d. Names for tea to A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Swaffham on Saturday, July 15th, 2 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and business meeting 5.15. — A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 52, The Close, Norwich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Summer meeting, Wingham, Saturday, July 15th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Hessle, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

BATH AND WELL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Meet at Baltonsborough, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Own tea arrangements.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice meeting at St. Giles', Reading, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Business meeting at Kimpton, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. It is hoped to arrange tea.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting Kingswinford, 3 p.m., Saturday, July 15th. Tea 5 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Ulverston, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at St. Swithin's, Sandy, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5.—E. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Amersham, Saturday, July 15th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Meeting at Wrenbury (6 bells) Saturday, July 15th, 2.30. Service followed by tea. Names to Mr. R. D. Langford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Boxley, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Names to Mr. W. Gosling, Boxley, Maidstone.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Flixton, Saturday, July 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea only, at 5 p.m. Business to follow.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Oxford, Saturday, July 22nd. Service in Cathedral at 11.30 a.m. Business meeting in Chapter House after service. Lunch in St. Aldate's Rectory Room at 1.30 p.m., tickets 2s. 6d. each. Application for tickets, with remittance, should reach secretary by Saturday, July 15th. Ringing will be announced at meeting.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—Meeting at Charlton Mackrell, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Number for tea by July 19th.—H. C. Lintern, Hon. Sec., Alhampton, Ditcheat, near Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Halewood, Saturday, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Service at 5. Business includes election and nomination of officers. Names for tea to W. Robinson, Mercer's Cottages, Halewood.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Knutsford, Saturday, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names to Mr. S. Hough, 12, Hayton Street, Knutsford, by July 18th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Western District).—Meeting at Dunstable, Saturday, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street, Dunstable, by Wednesday, July 19th.—W. Ayre.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Meeting at Chard, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Notify for tea by Tuesday, July 18th.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Taunton, Somerset.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—Meeting at Great Gransden, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Bring food. Tea provided.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting at New Radnor, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) 6 till 9. Tea and business 6.30. Names by July 18th.—J. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Hough-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Vicarage. Will those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday previous Mr. H. Squires, Gelston Grange, Grantham?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Meeting at Cheddar, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec., Sandford, Bristol.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice at St. Michael's, Southampton, July 22nd, 2.30 to 6 p.m. No tea.—G. Pullinger.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, July 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Frank Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Isham (6 bells), Saturday, July 22nd. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at Ripley, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Hutchison, Market Place, Ripley, by July 20th. Important business.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—Quarterly meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, July 29th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Notify for tea by Tuesday, July 25th.—T. Groombridge, jun., Hon. Dis. Sec., 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Hinckley, Saturday, July 29th, 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley, by July 27th.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Horwich Parish Church, Saturday, July 29th, 2.30 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Kilmersdon, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names by July 26th to E. W. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

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