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THE DEBATE

The debate concerning 'The Ringing World' at the Central Council meeting at Norwich which forms the main feature of this issue was expected. Apart from the Notice of Motion moved by two members of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, questions could have rightly been raised when the committee responsible for the publication of 'The Ringing World' presented its report. With the passing of 'The Ringing World' out of private ownership, in a sense each fully paid member of an affiliated association or guild becomes a shareholder in the publication and has the right of expressing his opinion through his elected representatives. The position is identical with other great societies owning their own journals. There is an Editorial Committee to see that the policy of the journal is in accord with the wishes of the members. In future, when the Central Council meets this committee will have to reply to the criticisms of the rank and file if the contents of 'The Ringing World' do not conform to their wishes.

Where does the function of an editor come in? As the servant of the Council, he has to interpret at the direction of the Editorial Committee the wishes of the members. An Editorial Committee is something new to the Exercise; it has to learn by experience, and it must be ready as a guide, philosopher and friend to help the editor over his difficulties in matters of policy. Ordinary matters of publication are in the editor's sphere, and he holds the scales between the different interests as directed.

From the debate two points emerged. The first was that 'The Ringing World' has found its feet—a matter for congratulation and thankfulness. For that the responsibility is two-fold. On the administrative side Mr. and Mrs. G. Fletcher have created order out of chaos, and there was a just recognition of their accomplishment. Editorially, 'The Ringing World' was fortunate during these days of transition in having Mr. J. A. Trollope as editor. For scholarship and technical knowledge of ringing there was no one his peer in the Exercise. He had his standard and he moulded the paper accordingly.

That Mr. Trollope had the confidence of the Council was evidenced by the decision 'to pass on to the next business.' There could have been no finer vindication. To accept the decision in any other way is to fail to comprehend the finer points of public life, and it can truly be

said that Mr. Trollope left the Council Chamber at Norwich without a reflection on his personal character or his ability.

There was another side to the debate which might be aptly summed up in the words of Ben Jonson, 'No man is so foolish but may give another good counsel sometimes.' The suggestions that arose from the debate did not escape the Editorial Committee. 'The Ringing World' was never intended by its founder to be something distant from the rank and file of the Exercise, but to have that warm, intimate touch in its pages to be, as someone described it, the soul of the Exercise. It is the link which joins the ringers of the 52 societies affiliated to the Central Council into one body. The freemasonry of the belfry is no idle phrase; it is the function of 'The Ringing World' to foster that spirit.

The Gospel for last Sunday was the story of Dives and Lazarus — the story of a great gulf, of an isolationist who kept himself to himself and had not a care for the wider world. This parable, given with all the picturesque colouring of the Eastern world, might have its application in the affairs of 'The Ringing World.' There is no desire to create a gulf between the editor and the Editorial Committee on one side and the ordinary reader on the other. They realise that 'The Ringing World' is your paper and, with the matter and facilities at their disposal, intend to give of their best. But the rank and file must help.

Let no quarrel nor no brawl to come
Taint the condition of this present hour.

—Shakespeare.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE ... <i>Treble</i>	‡ FREDERICK DENCH ... 7
* WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 2	‡ HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 8
† WALTER AYRE ... 3	‡ T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 9
‡ LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... 4	‡ RONALD H. BULLEN ... 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5	JOHN E. SPICE ... 11
ALAN WHITE ... 6	‡ RALPH G. EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. CARTER.
* First peal on twelve tower bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Cinques. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE <i>Treble</i>	* ROBERT A. WARD ... 6
GEORGE E. PADGETT ... 2	† REGINALD A. ALEY ... 7
HAROLD PAILING ... 3	FRANK BRADLEY ... 8
* A. EDMUND CLEMENCE ... 4	FRED A. SALTER ... 9
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 5	* RICHARD J. BOWLER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal on ten. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 13, 1946, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

* VERNON TAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i>	† FRANK BROWN ... 5
ERNEST BARTRAM ... 2	† T. VERNON JENNISON ... 6
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 4	FRED A. SALTER ... 9
† HAROLD PAILING ... 5	WALTER NICOLS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal on ten. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

* EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	† ALAN WHITE ... 5
LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 2	JOHN E. SPICE ... 6
FREDERICK WHITE ... 3	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 7
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method on tower bells.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 5
THOMAS E. SONE ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

* GORDON F. HURN ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES H. MOORE ... 5
ROBERT R. FISHER ... 2	WALTER R. FARROW ... 6
RUSSELL R. CURSON ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

* First peal.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PERCY JONES ... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH CRABR ... 5
FREDERICK G. ROBBINS ... 2	THOMAS COLLINS ... 6
FRANK BLONDELL ... 3	WILLIAM COLES ... 7
W. NORMAN GENNA ... 4	FRANK CORKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by F. CORKE.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION.	THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 5
CLEMENT GLENN ... <i>Treble</i>	† WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ... 6
JENNY PYM ... 2	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 7
* JEAN McDOWALL ... 3	LEONARD DERRICK ... <i>Tenor</i>
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 4	

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

BOMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
 AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK L. HARRIS 5
ROBERT E. TURNER 2	ALFRED MEARS 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
 * First peal of Major.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER CROOK, SEN. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
LUCILE M. HUBBERT 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	PHILIP A. CORBY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD HARRIS 5
FRANK L. HARRIS 2	JOHN H. HUNT 6
ROBERT E. TURNER 3	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 7
FREDERICK C. SMITH 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WM. A. THEOBALD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

DEXTER'S VARIATION.	
HAROLD A. MAY <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE GILBERT 5
C. W. R. GRIMWOOD 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
*ALFRED H. PULLING 4	†T. MARK WHITE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* 1,300th peal. † First peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER ... <i>Treble</i>	RUPERT RICHARDSON 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	FREDERICK SEAGER 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
*DENIS A. BAYLES 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
 * First peal of Surprise.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LESLIE WOODHEAD ... <i>Treble</i>	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5
RONALD H. DOVE 2	FRANK REED 6
HARRY BARNES 3	ERNEST J. PADGETT 7
ERNEST SHORT 4	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JAMES MCCLUSKEY.
 First peal as conductor.

SOUTHPORT, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

On Thurs., June 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES MARSH <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR MAUDESLEY 5
JOHN LUNHAM 2	NORMAN HEAPS 6
*MISS E. M. SUART 3	*THOMAS MARSHALL 7
*RONALD KENDRICK 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
 * First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*WM. H. B. WILKINS ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. PORTER 5
*MARGARET D. TELFORD ... 2	NEIL I. ALLNATT 6
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	*RICHARD A. POST 7
*VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 4	ALAN R. PINK <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
 * First peal in the method. First peal of Ashtead on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

EVERTON, NOTTS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

DEREK REED <i>Treble</i>	ROLAND HIRST 4
*J. MARTIN THORLEY 2	FRANK LAMB 5
RONALD LUNN 3	FRANK REED <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK REED.

* First peal.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC J. GILBERT 4
MISS JOAN WEBSTER 2	*THOMAS W. HESKETH 5
MISS MARJORIE WEBSTER ... 3	THOMAS ROGERS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS ROGERS.

* First peal in six methods.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*SIDNEY SABAN <i>Treble</i>	WALTER SPARROW 4
FRANCIS D. BISHOP 2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS 5
RICHARD E. PRICE 3	TONY PRICE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal.



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OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Kent, three of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob.
DONALD L. WALTON ... *Treble* *C. WILLIAM HALL ... 4
*ALAN JACOBS ... 2 HORACE MYATT ... 5
G. STANLEY BREWIN ... 3 G. RONALD EDWARDS... *Tenor*
Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

* First peal

CASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.
NELSON W. BANHAM ... *Treble* WALTER J. HOUGHTON ... 4
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM 2 ALBERT M. HOUGHTON ... 5
CYRIL J. BURNS ... 3 LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... *Tenor*
Conducted by L. W. HOUGHTON.

CORRESPONDENCE

BASINGSTOKE BELLS

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the discussion which took place at the Central Council I notice that two speakers, both men of some note, referred to Basingstoke bells as being in chromatic scale. If this were so the bells would be what we understand as a peal of six bells with every half-tone and one bell missing.

I suppose they meant nine bells in diatonic scale, that is an eight bell ring with an extra bell a tone higher than the treble. If such a peal was completed to a chromatic scale, surely six more half-toned bells would have to be added.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

THE BASINGSTOKE PEAL

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your report of the Central Council meeting published in last week's issue Mr. C. Dean is reported as saying that the secretary had received a letter from me asking for the peal of Grandsire Caters rung on February 16th, 1946, without a cover bell to be recognised as a peal by our Guild. This is not quite correct and it was never our intention to claim this as a peal without the consent of the Council. Perhaps you will be good enough to publish a copy of the resolution unanimously approved by the Guild's committee and forwarded to the secretary of the Council for reference to the Peals Analysis Committee.

In so far that peals of Caters without a cover bell are invalid according to the rules of the Central Council and such a peal has been published in its official organ, "The Ringing World," we as a Guild would like the Council to decide whether or not the Grandsire Caters rung at Basingstoke on February 16th, 1946, should be recognised as a peal by this Guild. It should be noted that the performance was rung in a tower with nine bells only.

It will be seen that, unless the Council gave a special ruling in so far as the last paragraph of the resolution may have decided, we as a Guild had no intention of claiming the peal. The Council has given its decision and we will loyally abide by it.

One other point arises. Mr. A. A. Hughes denied that the bells were in a chromatic scale and said that they were put in in two peals, the top eight for ringing on sad occasions and the bottom eight for ordinary ringing. I have a letter in my possession which Mr. Chesterman, of Basingstoke, recently received from Mears and Stainbank, in which they say that the bells are now the back nine of a peal of ten.

In conclusion, if I may say so, we shall all welcome the decision of the Standing Committee to bring the Rules and Decisions up to date, which, if achieved, may have made the Basingstoke 'peal' a landmark for the Exercise and perhaps worth while!

F. W. ROGERS, Hon. Sec.,
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Cosham.

PRESERVATION OF RECORDS

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I recently attended a lecture in Manchester on the aims and work of the National Register of Archives, which is a special branch of the Historical Manuscripts Commission. It is the function of this branch of the Commission to compile a register in the shape of a detailed card index of all historical documents in the country. I would suggest, for the sake of future historians, that the whereabouts of all documents bearing on our art be made available for this register. All the necessary information may be obtained from the Registrar, Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2.
F. F. RIGBY, President of the Lancashire Association.

OBITUARY

MR. LEWIS TYLDESLEY.

The death took place on Sunday, June 16th, of Lewis Tyldesley, of Christ Church, Southport, in his 79th year. He had been a Sunday service ringer for 60 years, ringing until about three weeks ago.

The funeral was on Thursday, June 20th, ringers being present from Liverpool, Aughton, Halsall and the local company. The bells of Christ Church, Southport, were rung half-muffled before and after the interment at Duke Street Cemetery. In the evening a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

MR. HARRY FRANKS.

The death is announced of Mr. Harry Franks, of the St. Mary Magdalene band, Holloway, N.7, after a short painful illness, in the Royal Northern Hospital, where he had been admitted for a major operation.

Born in Battle, Sussex, nearly 79 years ago, he lived in London many years, making many friends during his long life as a ringer. He was at the rope's end the day before admission to hospital. He was cremated at the Islington Crematorium, East Finchley, on Wednesday afternoon, June 19th, the ashes being scattered in the Garden of Remembrance. He will be greatly missed in the tower and by his friends generally.

MR. WILLIAM BOTSFORD.

By the passing in the early hours of Sunday, June 16th, of William Botsford, All Saints' belfry, Leighton Buzzard, lost a member whose connection extended for 53 years. He first began to ring at the age of 15 years. Soon after he had learned to handle a bell, the present foreman, Mr. J. Nicholls, was elected to take charge of the tower, and from that time onwards William Botsford was a regular member of the belfry until his health began to fail two or three years ago.

As a token of respect, the following associates completed a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 57 minutes, during the evening of Wednesday, June 19th, the day of the funeral: H. Conquest 1, F. Vickers 2, W. Insley 3, H. B. Whitney 4, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 5, E. R. Butcher 6, E. A. Belson 7, M. Conquest 8. Before concluding, the bells were fired half-muffled.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

VICTORY MEETING AT CANTERBURY.

No better choice of place and surroundings could have been made for the Kent Ringers' Victory meeting, which took place on Saturday, June 22nd, at Canterbury.

Favoured with grand weather, ringers from all parts of the county and numbering about 140 made their way to the mother Cathedral during the early afternoon where the bells rang out a welcome to 3 p.m. evensong. The Cathedral authorities had kindly arranged this service with a full choir to include the association's hymn and prayer for bellringers, and the Dean's inspiring and delightful address was all in keeping with bells, bellringers and the service they render in calling people to the House of God.

King's School gymnasium, adjoining the Cathedral, was placed at the disposal of the ringers for tea, which was provided by the association and served in grand style by the Canterbury district secretary, Mr. B. Luck, his wife and helpers.

Mr. George H. Spice, the general secretary, in his remarks, referred to ringers of the county who had made valuable contribution to victory by their service in H.M. Forces during the war. There were those who had made the supreme sacrifice and others who had given of their best in the nation's interests during the critical years just passed. To them all the Kent County Association of Change Ringers offered grateful thanks. Votes of thanks were accorded the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells as well as to the incumbents of St. Stephen's, St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's respectively for making the bells of their churches available from 5 p.m. onwards.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Northern District took place at Kelvedon on June 15th, when, despite the inclement weather, 31 ringers and friends attended. Towers represented were Braintree, Bocking, Halstead, Kelvedon, Black Notley, Earls Colne, Pebmarsh, Wickham St. Paul, Newmarket, Galleywood, Great Bardfield, Witham, Feering, Great Baddow and Springfield.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon R. W. Croft, and a collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 1s. Tea at the Vicarage was kindly arranged by Mrs. Croft. At the business meeting Mr. L. W. Wiffen (District Master) presided. Mr. H. Langstone, of Feering, was elected a ringing member. It was agreed that the next meeting be at Felstead on Sept. 14th next. Canon and Mrs. Croft were thanked for all they had done to make the meeting successful.

VICTORY RINGING

RUNG ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8th.

ASHFORD, KENT.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Campbell (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Cullingworth 2, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 3, W. A. Oldfield 4, Percy Page 5, H. S. Wickens 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, Dan Godden 8.

BLUNSDON.—At St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Capelin 1, W. Trueman (conductor) 2, I. Trueman 3, Miss M. Booker 4, J. Vincent 5, E. Portlock 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—At the Norman Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Stannard 1, W. Stannard, sen., 2, S. Sturgeon 3, H. E. Moore (conductor) 4, C. Stannard 5, F. Buckle 6, W. Goodship 7, J. W. Banks 8.

CAMBERLEY, SURREY.—At St. Michael's, Yorktown, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. C. Bath (first quarter) 1, F. J. Ewens 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, R. H. Bannister 4, F. Farr 5, H. Noakes 6, A. Hunt 7, 5.7 covering.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.—At All Saints', 1,946 Minor (506 Oxford, 720 Kent, 720 Bob Minor: C. Rusby 1, A. Rusby 2, A. McNaught 3, I. Crossland 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (conductor) 6.

CHURCH, LANCs.—1,260 Minor (720 Oxford, 360 Kent, 180 Plain Bob Minor): C. Clegg 1, F. Place 2, L. L. Williams 3, H. Holden 4, E. Brunton 5, L. J. Williams (conductor) 6.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Derek Gibbons (aged 12 years, first quarter-peal) 1, L. Trevor (conductor) 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, J. Gibbons 4, J. Draycott 5, H. Harris 6, J. F. Clarke 7, F. Moreton 8.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Harvey 1, R. W. Treasure 2, J. Pocock 3, L. B. Coles 4, F. C. Mogford (conductor) 5, L. Bates 6.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. R. Macleod 1, J. Colling 2, G. F. Newton (conductor) 3, R. Airey 4, T. Cooke 5, L. Venus 6.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, 1,235 Stedman Caters: H. S. Sargent 1, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 2, L. Boumphrey 3, R. M. Preston 4, R. J. G. Townsend 5, Sgt. A. Lancefield, R.A.F. 6, E. Boumphrey 7, T. C. Winderam 8, R.S.M. C. Barker, R.E. 9, E. A. Stafford 10. Rung when an attempt for a peal failed after two hours.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, C. W. Toyne 2, Miss Laura Mottishaw 3, L. G. Webb 4, R. Thompson 5, R. Willcocks (conductor) 6, H. Wagstaffe 7, F. Newsome 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—1,280 Bob Major: P. D. Beedie 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, H. G. Hart 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, H. D. Butler 5, F. A. Vincett 6, J. E. Rootes 7, W. Wenban (conductor) 8.

Sharnan (conductor) 8.

KEEVIL, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Grant (conductor) 1, R. W. Harris 2, S. Gingell 3, L. Waylen 4, L. Cave 5, S. Ludlow 6.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. P. Higgins 1, F. J. Cubberley 2, F. Salter 3, F. A. Rea 4, E. F. Cubberley (conductor) 5, G. Derrington 6.

OVERTON, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Scott (first quarter) 1, Margaret Wadley 2, A. Taylor 3, C. Taylor 4, B. Garrett (conductor) 5, A. G. Taylor 6.

OLD BOLINGBROKE, LINCs.—720 Canterbury Pleasure and 540 Plain Bob: A. Pearson 1, F. P. Harwood 2, F. Dewey 3, H. Barsley 4, H. Harper (conductor) 5, E. Barnes 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—1,456 Grandsire Triples: D. Broomfield 1, E. Hendley 2, J. Green 3, D. Reed 4, J. Hartless 5, C. Reed 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, H. Kerley 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

RODBOURNE CHENEY.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Capelin 1, Miss M. Booker 2, C. Watt 3, T. Holborrow 4, W. Trueman (conductor) 5, W. Greenaway 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Burnett 1, L. P. Cook 2, C. W. Philpotts 3, S. E. Cook 4, H. A. Nobes 5, E. A. Jurd 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8.

POOLSTOCK, LANCs.—At St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Parker 1, R. Forshaw 2, T. Grounds 3, S. Clough 4, J. Errington 5, S. Forshaw (conductor) 6, T. Marshall 7, W. C. Farri-mond 8.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At St. Margaret's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Kidd 1, D. T. Hills 2, F. Richardson 3, E. A. G. Allen 4, H. Springate 5, C. E. J. Norris 6, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 7, J. Raynor 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—1,344 Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, L. W. Fisher 3, H. W. Pratt, F. Warrington 4, F. Nicholls 5, G. L. Perkins 6, J. Perkins 7, M. Ginn (conductor) 8. Rung in two sections.

ST. ALBANS.—At St. Peter's, 1,260 Bob Royal: K. Jones 1, S. Jones 2, C. F. Sayer 3, L. Hansell 4, A. Dale 5, W. J. Southam 6, T. J. Southam 7, R. Darvill 8, F. Spicer 9, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 10.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Chaplin 1, G. H. Peers, jun. (conductor) 2, E. Elton 3, N. Pratt 4, G. H. Peers, sen. 5, C. Pratt 6, H. J. Dakin 7, S. Dunkley 8.

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IMPORTANT.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that sub-
scriptions for September quarter become due on
July 1st.

BELFRY GOSSIP

After forwarding peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Spalding on
June 8th to 'The Ringing World' there was a second check on the
time. Mr. John G. Ames, the conductor, informs us that it should
read 3 hours and 18 minutes and not 3 hours and 28 minutes as
published last issue.

Certain copies of last week's 'Ringing World' had the number of
changes omitted from the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Whiston
on June 8th. The number of changes was 5,152.

A Victory Day achievement comes from Wolverton, Hants, where
the whole band rang their first quarter. Now for the first peal
together!

A new ring of eight is being installed by Messrs. Gillett and
Johnston at Guiseley, Yorks. The Western Division of the Yorkshire
Association hope to try out the bells for the September meeting.

To celebrate the engagement of Mr. E. W. Pye and Miss Madeline
O. Broyd, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Sible Heding-
ham, Essex, last Saturday.

During a peal in a Cheshire tower last Saturday a local ringer
appeared in the belfry about three courses from home with rather
an unsettling effect on the ringers. He walked through the circle of
ropes, looked at the watch in the middle of the floor and, sitting
down by the conductor, said, 'I hope you get it.' Fortunately they
did. The moral is obvious: Lock the belfry door.

Pressure of space necessitates the holding over of 31 peals this
week. Among them are some of special interest, including one of Bob
Minor on handbells at Meiktila Camp, Kalyan, India. As a clue to
impatient readers, it was rung for the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

Two Farnham ringers, Mr. R. Hasted and Mr. T. Upshall, both
of whom are suffering a period of ill-health, were specially remem-
bered at the Farnham District meeting at Frensham on June 15th.
Messages containing wishes for their recovery were sent. The captain
of the Frensham ringers (Mr. A. J. Chuter) had the pleasure of
nominating two members of his tower—Messrs. P. and D. Shepherd—
for Guild membership.

Ringing outings are coming back in the news. St. Peter's, St.
Albans, travelled 150 miles for theirs on June 15th, and rang at
Bicester, Chipping Norton, Great Tew, Aynho, Banbury, Adderbury
and Buckingham. The ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge
Royal.

For three Saturdays in succession a noted company of Guildford
ringers has lost its peals. A record of 1,300 peals includes its dis-
appointments.

Mr. John Woods, who rang in the Victory peal at Morecambe,
rang in the first peal on the original six at Holy Trinity Church,
Morecambe.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AT NORWICH

'RINGING WORLD' PROFIT TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. G. W. FLETCHER TREATMENT OF YOUNG RINGERS MR. TROLLOPE'S DEFENCE & VINDICATION EXETER NEXT MEETING

The second half of the Central Council meeting at Norwich on Whit Tuesday was devoted largely to affairs of 'The Ringing World.'

BIOGRAPHIES.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden said it would be recalled that last year at the Birmingham meeting, as the result of the war and the death of two active members of the committee, he found himself with the legacy of the papers those two people (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. W. A. Cave) had collected. They had proceeded with the collection of information. Every week 'The Ringing World' contained some vital information and they had made plans to codify that information. Furthermore, plans for more permanent records were being considered. He would like to acknowledge the help given by a gentleman outside the Council, Mr. Viggers, of Aldershot, who was an expert in this matter and his advice they were going to act upon. He appealed to people to give them information when circularised.

Mrs. Fletcher seconded and the report was adopted.

ALTERATION OF RULES.

The Hon. Secretary said at the last meeting at Birmingham, under any other business, Mr. C. T. Coles gave notice of a proposed alteration of rules. Unfortunately by his death they had no formal notice before the Council. They might consider before the next triennial session whether any alteration of rules was necessary.

The first was in determining the membership of the Council. At the present time they had 75 members to make an association eligible for one member and 150 for two. Now it had been found in the last two years that association records were very incomplete. Some did not know whether they were entitled to three or four members. Should non-resident life members be taken into consideration? The second point was whether membership for representation should be considered annually or at the beginning of a triennial period.

The next point was in regard to honorary members. At present an honorary member on election took his seat at the end of the meeting. In his own personal case he moved away from Middlesex and took up his abode in Norfolk. At the moment he represented the Middlesex Association. If he resigned from the Middlesex Association and the Norwich Diocesan Guild did not want him, then the only way, if the Council still required his services, was to appoint him an honorary member. At the first meeting of the transfer the agenda would have to be the election of president and then the election of honorary members. He asked members to consider the points raised.

NOTATIONS IN FRONT.

Mr. Charles J. Sedgley moved that in future all publications issued by the Central Council have the compositions printed correctly, i.e., with the notation in front of the resulting course end.

He said he brought the motion forward for the sake of clarity and accuracy. It should be their endeavour to have everything connected with the Exercise as clear and as accurate as possible, and it could not be said in setting out their compositions in the way they did that they were clear. They could not have a course end before they had a call. It would be all right if they read from right to left, but as most people read from left to right it seemed obvious that notations should be in front of the resulting course end.

Mr. F. Nolan Golden, seconding, said the only opposition could be on the bond of tradition, but that tradition had already been broken.

Mr. H. Cashmore said he would support the motion if there was any evidence of confusion by this system of notation, but at the present time he had not seen any. He suggested that there would be greater confusion by the two systems running side by side than at present. He did not agree with the suggestion of Mr. Sedgley that his proposed system was correct.

Mr. J. A. Trollope considered the Council could not pass the motion as it stood for the reason that the question of copyright came in. At the present time 'The Ringing World' was publishing a series of articles on Double Norwich Caters by Mr. Shepherd. 'The Ringing World' published them, but the copyright belonged to Mr. Shepherd, and he could put in the notation as he desired. They could not lay down the rule that a book must be in some form unless they were prepared to decline to publish some work of value to the Exercise.

Mr. F. C. S. Turner pointed out that the Peal Committee had done a lot of work and it would have to be scrapped.

Mr. H. J. Poole urged the Council not to waste more time on the matter. The motion was then put and defeated, only seven members voting for it.

'RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS.

The Hon. Secretary presented the accounts of 'The Ringing World' for the year ending September 3rd, 1945. He said the income for the year was £1,743 13s. 8d., expenditure was £1,395 12s. 2d., and the net profit £348 1s. 6d. Assets amounted to £1,611 3s. 9d., made up of goodwill £200, debtors £260 16s. 5d., and cash £1,150 7s. 4d. Liabilities total £564 8s. 10d., being loan from general funds of the Council £200.

creditors £137 8s. 8d., payment in advance £227 0s. 2d. The balance on capital account was £1,046 14s. 11d. The accounts were subject to audit. He moved their adoption.

Mr. F. W. Perrens seconded and suggested that each association should have a copy of the accounts.

The accounts were adopted, subject to audit, and Mr. Perrens' suggestion adopted.

THANKS TO MR. AND MRS. G. W. FLETCHER.

Canon C. O. Marshall said he felt that, having received that very happy report on the position of 'The Ringing World,' members of the Council would not want to let that presentation go by without saying something. He felt that they owed a tremendous debt of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for all the work they had done to bring this happy work to this end. There were very few people who knew of the vast amount of work in bringing order out of chaos and rescuing from shipwreck something which they hoped would go on its voyage for many years. To that end a very great deal of hard and self-sacrificing work had been done by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher.

He was quite certain that Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher had no thought of reward for the work they had done. It had been done for the sake of the art they loved so much. He thought something more was due to them. 'The Ringing World' had been put on its feet and was ready to go forward. It had this balance in hand and they felt that to a very great extent was due to the self-sacrifice and assiduous work put into it by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher. He moved that out of the funds of 'The Ringing World' they made a grant of, say, £200 to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher as a token of their appreciation for all they had done and at the same time express to them their most grateful thanks for the work that had been achieved.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, in seconding, said he had known the Fletcher family as long as most people in the room. 'I observed them before they were married at quarterly meetings. I saw the bond of affection between the two. That affection grew until eventually they sought my aid in making them one. All through their lives Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher have devoted themselves to the good of the Exercise. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher have in the last four years brought order out of chaos, and to-day 'The Ringing World' is on a sound footing as the result of their labours.

Mr. George Williams said as an old member and friend he would like to heartily support the resolution.

The motion was carried amid applause.

Mr. George Fletcher: You really must spare my blushes. You have said a lot of flattering things. You have to go back to when we stood at the graveside of J. S. Goldsmith. Some went away, some stayed and that marked the turning point in the fortunes of this paper, because when we stayed we had to face difficulties and give personal undertakings so that the executors would not suffer. From what we could find out at the time the paper was making a big loss. So far as my work and that of my wife's was concerned, it was purely a matter of accounts. I want you to remember that because there are other sides connected with the paper. We were fortunate. We weathered the storm and we have now some little nest egg to see us through the difficulties ahead. That does not mean that the money you have in hand should be squandered in the way you suggested to-day. We did not work so that we should gain. Without being ungrateful I want to have the liberty of considering how the money can be applied, not for my personal benefit or my wife's, but for the work we have at heart. I thank you for your generosity. I look upon it as a personal gift. I come and ask you to do a personal thing for me, then I shall expect you to do it as you have done for me to-day.

The Chairman: Mr. Fletcher would be the last to claim any credit for the work on the editorial side. I want to keep those two sides apart.

'RINGING WORLD' DEBATE.

Item 11 on the agenda was then considered a motion in the following terms:—

That for some time past the contents of 'The Ringing World' have not been conducive to the fostering of our art, especially among the younger generation of ringers. In their interest it is suggested that more space be made available for current affairs by the exclusion of irrelevant matter, by setting the leader in smaller type; also the notice of officials of the paper could be condensed or only inserted in alternative weeks.

Mr. George W. Steere: I rise to propose this resolution because there has been quite a lot of dissatisfaction in the manner certain things are published in 'The Ringing World,' especially as regards young ringers. They never have their names in the newspaper as they used to and like they ought. They have been treated rather roughly; they should be encouraged. We have heard a lot that once has something to do with it, but it may be overcome by setting some of the articles in smaller type.

Another point is that reports of meetings have been seriously curtailed and in some cases ignored altogether, and certain other things have never been included. I have a copy of something South-West Essex people circulated to all their members concerning the Crusaders. A request was made that it should be published in its entirety in the paper. It was sent back as not being of the appropriate style. The Editor thought it should be treated differently, which did not set out the things the Crusaders intended to do.

Mr. G. H. Cross, seconding, said when he was young if he rang a peal he liked to see it in print. In these days quite youngsters ring Surprise methods.

Mr. H. J. Poole supported the motion, but before he did so he wanted to recall that at the last meeting there was an instruction that all complaints should be addressed to the secretary of the committee. How many complaints had been received and what steps had been taken to deal with them.

The Chairman: A certain number of verbal complaints and a certain number of written complaints have been received by the secretary, and he has endeavoured to take steps to obviate them if they were serious ones.

Mr. E. A. Young: There are two sides to every question and I have met a number of people who say how much they enjoy 'The Ringing World.' I would like to ask if there has been commediation of what has appeared in 'The Ringing World' generally. Of course, like all these papers they endeavour to cover as wide a field as possible, and while we have things in common we have our little differences, but taking it altogether we feel there are other sides. I get a great deal of delight in reading 'The Ringing World' from beginning to end.

Mr. A. H. Pulling: I like enjoying certain things, but that is not the point. No editor has the right to put his personal views above the opinion of this Council. I think the Council will agree that for a boy of 10 years to ring a peal of Cambridge is worthy of notice, and 'The Ringing World' is our paper. Some weeks ago peals in 'The Ringing World' had two names the same. I said to my wife, 'I never knew So and So had a brother. I wonder where he dug him up.' Two nights later, after looking through an evening paper, she said, 'Have you seen this from Suffolk? A boy of 10 ringing a peal.' I have a great objection to having to pay 3d. for a dear little paper and then to look in 'The Evening News' to find news which ought to be in our paper.

I was also told that so and so had a son who rang Surprise and he came down to our tower. That boy had rung a peal of London and Spliced. I feel that boys and girls of that age deserve encouraging. You put in first peals. Why not put in aged 11 or 12. There is no waste of paper. I do think the Editor should leave his personal fads outside the paper.

FOOTNOTES.

Mr. J. P. Fidler: As I go about the country there is one thing of which I hear verbal complaints, and it is why don't they put footnotes in? The chief complaint is footnotes to peals.

Mr. J. E. Spice: There are footnotes and footnotes. In the olden days there were silly footnotes. I rang in a peal of Spliced Surprise. For one member it was first peal of Surprise, two others' first peal of Spliced Surprise. I sent up the peal. I put an asterisk for the first peal of Surprise and a dagger for the first peal of Spliced Surprise. That dagger was eliminated. Another point is the weight of a tenor. A friend of mine had the weight of the tenor 16 cwt. omitted. I can see no reason. I should like to see Belfry Gossip revived. On the question of space, why could not an article like 'Ringer in the Cotswolds' be put in smaller type?

Mr. F. I. Hairs: The reports of meetings in 'The Ringing World' lately have been nothing less than a repetition of the official notices. From my experience of the printing trade, which is only 40 years, I know that articles need sub-editing, but it does not mean treating them like that.

Mr. A. D. Barker complained that the odd quarters and lbs. had been deleted from the weights of tenors. He was persuaded to send in a report to 'The Ringing World.' He wrote it, but got a much better report in his local paper.

Mr. H. J. Poole said he would like to support the resolution, but he did not want to cast any reflection on anyone. He was not too convinced as to the reply he got to his question concerning complaints. They had been side-stepping the motion that was intended to deal with younger ringers. The first thing was that the necessity did exist for the resolution; nobody denied it. If they did not support young people the time would come when they would not need 'The Ringing World.' It was for the young generation to carry the load and they should give them every encouragement. From the point of view of ringing they were being encouraged, but they did need this encouragement which they were not getting through the Press. It did mean something to these young people to see their names and footnotes and ages.

They were told to-day that they ought to encourage competition. How were they to encourage it if they did not let one part of the country know what the other was doing? There was one time an old school who had no room for youngsters. The time was when youngsters could sit in a belfry and never be asked to ring. That time they hoped was gone.

He did not want to under-estimate the efforts of the Editor of 'The Ringing World'; but for his efforts there would be no paper, but

there was no reason why he should not do as the majority of the members wished him to do. On the front of the paper they had that it was the official journal of the Central Council. While they should give him latitude, the policy of 'The Ringing World' was not a matter for the Editor, but for the Council. The policy of 'The Ringing World' should be governed by the Council and not by the Editor.

The Rev. H. Drake: I do not think this motion is the right way. It seems to me to be a slur on the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' Most of the things that have been said against the Editor have been owing to the fact that there was not enough paper. What they all agreed about was that there were not enough footnotes to peals.

Mr. E. Stitch endorsed what Mr. Poole had said. From 'The Ringing World' they learnt what their fellow ringers were doing in other parts of the country.

Mr. W. C. Duffield thought it would be unfortunate if the motion went through after the wonderful work of the Editor in the past four years. He had a great sympathy with those speakers who advocated a larger number of footnotes and that the younger members should come forward and do their stuff. He could claim no share in advanced ringing, but he had brought forward 38 youngsters to ring their first 720, and it had given them immense pleasure to read these footnotes.

Another member thought that the article on Double Norwich should be in smaller type.

Mr. H. J. Poole moved as an amendment that the policy of 'The Ringing World' be decided by the Council.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded the amendment, remarking that he always understood that the proprietor decided the policy of the paper and the editor carried it out.

Mr. G. L. Grover said he held no brief for the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' On one occasion he challenged the Editor's personal views, but the Editor wrote him a four page reply and he felt crushed. Since then he had not tried to get his own views published because he happened to come from Guildford. Having regard to the many years of devoted labour that Mr. Trollope has put in for 'The Ringing World,' a great part of which was not adequately remunerated, he asked the Council not to pass this motion, which amounted to a vote of censure. It would be ungrateful to Mr. Trollope to pass the motion.

Mr. H. J. Poole asked for the amount of remuneration paid to Mr. Trollope.

Mr. Trollope: You are at liberty to state what I had from the beginning of the war.

Mr. Fletcher: If we go back some 10 years you will remember that a fund, which was known as the J.A.T. Fund, was formed. Mr. Goldsmith had the administration of that fund and you will remember that during Mr. Goldsmith's illness Mr. Trollope acted as editor. Mr. Trollope's salary came from that fund. The balance was passed on to Mr. Rupert Richardson and the fund was wound up when we purchased the goodwill. The question of Mr. Trollope's salary has been raised. We had great trouble in persuading him to take anything and at last we succeeded in his agreeing to three guineas per week, plus expenses. That obtained until March, 1945. As from April 1st, 1945, he had been paid five guineas a week, plus one guinea expenses.

Mr. P. J. Johnson suggested that the mover and seconder of the resolution should withdraw and have the single amendment before the meeting. He felt that some of the things said of the Editor were ill-deserved. They had to realise that during the momentous days of the war, when it was impossible to get copy for 'The Ringing World,' his historical articles kept the paper going. Any man with a strong personality was bound to get up against people.

Mr. Rupert Richardson: There is one point overlooked. We have appointed a committee to run 'The Ringing World' and it is for them to carry out the policy of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. E. C. S. Turner: There is one point I would like to make. I started ringing peals as a youngster. If I was held up in 'The Ringing World' as a prodigy I would have thrown it in the fire.

MR. TROLLOPE'S REPLY

Mr. J. A. Trollope: I strongly object to the withdrawal of what is a vote of censure. I stand or fall by a direct vote and not by any substitute. I did not intend to speak. You must bear with me because I am suffering from heart trouble, which makes it difficult to speak. I have an answer to every single point that has been brought up in this discussion. My one real answer is 'The Ringing World' itself. I can say this. I never used the paper to air my fads. I have run that paper with the single idea of my duty to myself and the Exercise so that when I die people can say I did the job well.

Now the question of ages arose several years ago and it began to look as though they would flood the paper. I gave it a lot of consideration. I had no opinion; I consulted responsible people in this Council, men here now. I tried to find out what was the opinion of ringers generally on the subject. I came to the conclusion that it was not for the good of 'The Ringing World' or the Exercise or the young people that those ages should be published. Having made that resolution there was only one way, that was to apply it impartially, and that is what I have done. I still think it is the thing to do.

What you cannot discuss in public is to ask yourselves how much this urge of young people is due to the vanity of parents and teachers? If you were to publish these ages the result would be that you would

have in this paper every week a dozen or a couple of dozen. The whole thing would be common and the average ringer would get fed up with the kids all over the place. I have no objection to young ringers. Perhaps the biggest blessing I have had was with two school-boy ringers, and the friendship I formed then I have to-day. If I were to take up some boy and boost him, what would be the result? Jealousy and ill-feeling. This resolution comes from the Society of Cumberlands. 'The Ringing World' has done more for young ringers in three years than the Cumberlands have done in 200 years.

Mr. G. H. Cross: As the seconder of this resolution I have said nothing about the Editor. I think what we have put forward has nothing to do with Mr. Trollope personally.

Mr. Walter Ayre: There is no personal reflection on Mr. Trollope. Every member I have spoken to has said what a good spot of work Jim Trollope had done.

Mr. R. G. Blackman: I feel from what has been said with regard to the passing of this motion will be rather badly misunderstood if it should go through as it is. Like all those who have spoken this afternoon, I am most keen on the youngsters coming along and also on the future success of 'The Ringing World.' Regarding setting the leader in smaller type, I know of no journal of repute that sets its leader in small type.

With regard to the amendment, how are we to run the paper? Are we to meet every week? No, it must be left to the Editor. No journalist of repute would expect it to be successful if it is run by 50, 60 or 100 different people.

I do not believe you will make a really good ringer of any child if you bring him up to believe that every time he does something out of the ordinary his name has to be published in the paper. I do not think it will improve 'The Ringing World.' I believe if the motion is withdrawn a good deal of good will come of it, and the present committee, with Mr. Trollope, will give, as they have in the past, every consideration to what has been said.

Mr. Trollope: I will not accept anything but a direct vote. It is a vote of censure.

Mr. G. W. Steere: This motion was not brought forward as a motion of censure. It was brought by our society to voice the dissatisfaction of our society.

Mr. H. J. Poole said his amendment was that the policy of the paper be determined by the Council and carried into effect by the committee.

Mr. Trollope: I say the resolution or the amendment must be regarded as a vote of censure.

Mr. Blackman: You have not got in your amendment what is the policy.

Mr. C. Dean: I move the previous question.

The Rev. H. Drake: I second.

Mr. Turner: I think it would only be fair to warn you that it will result in the resignation of the Editor.

Mr. Poole: It is not a question of pointing a pistol at the head of Mr. Trollope.

The motion to pass on to the next business was then put and carried by 42 votes to 34.

Mr. Trollope: As the Council has refused my request, I have no other option. 'The Ringing World' will appear next Friday and after that my connection with it ceases.

EXETER IN 1947

The Hon. Secretary reported that an invitation had been received to hold the next Council meeting at Exeter. The Standing Committee recommended that it be accepted. The Council was last there in 1907.

Mr. F. C. Smale: On behalf of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, we would give our Central Council a most hearty welcome.

Mr. R. Richardson seconded that the 1947 meeting be held at Exeter. Canon G. F. Coleridge proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the President for the admirable manner he had conducted the proceedings.—This was seconded and carried with acclamation.

Mr. W. Ayre proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor of Norwich for the use of the Council Chamber, the Bishop of the Diocese for his attendance, the various incumbents for the use of the bells, to Mr. Nolan Golden and his committee, and to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow for acting as guide.

Mr. G. Pullinger seconded and Mr. John Spice supported the motion. The votes of thanks were acknowledged by the President and Mr. Thurlow.

The Council was then entertained to tea by the Norwich Diocesan Association at Davey Place Restaurant.

OTHER VICTORY RINGING

SOUTH WALSHAM, NORFOLK—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Beck 1, E. Martin 2, Pearl E. Grapes (conductor) 3, G. Allen 4, R. Barber 5.

SWINDON—At Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Townsend 1, Miss N. Davis 2, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 3, Miss M. Richards 4, S. Palmer 5, W. Daniell 6, W. Carter 7, W. Bullock 8.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Dew 1, Barbara Cleveland 2, Mrs. F. Penn 3, R. Burgess 4, F. Penn (conductor) 5, F. Slatford 6, P. Harding 7, D. Clayton 8.

WOLVERTON, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Soper 1, P. Knight 2, D. Farthing 3, F. Soper 4, D. Cane (conductor) 5, the Rev. D. L. Board 6. First quarter-peal by all the band.

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DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD—Enville (8), Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at 'The Cat,' at 4 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Buses leave Stourbridge 1 and 2 p.m.—F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston.

ISLEWORTH (10). — Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 5.15, Church Hall.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Hughenden, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Note altered date.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM—Solihull, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Fulbeck, Saturday, June 29th. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Camp-sall, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. E. Critchley.

SUFFOLK GUILD—Hadleigh (8), June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) and meeting, White Lion, 5 p.m.—J. T. Corder, 93, Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Haddenham (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

LADIES' GUILD—London District. — Stanford-le-Hope, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5.15. Names to Miss C. Chinery, Brick House, Orsett, Grays, Essex.—E. E. Davis.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN. — Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 29th, at Seaford. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Notifications to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, June 29th, at the Priory Church, Lancaster. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea.—H. Parkinson, Branch Sec.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD and **SUSSEX ASSN.** — Eastern Division. — Joint meeting, Brightling (8), Saturday, June 29th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John Downing and James G. Powell.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Little Munden (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 18, Macers Lane, Wormley, nr. Hoddesdon, Herts.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX—Loughton (8), June 29th, 3.30 p.m. Competent band will help any who want progress from rounds up. Only ringing. With interval for cups of tea and questions. Potential conductors look up touches limited to ten minutes. Look for white badge and ask.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

A RINGING FESTIVAL FOR DORSET RINGERS will be held at Blandford on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at Hicks' Cafe.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Combined practice at St. Mary's, Chatham (8), Saturday, June 29th, from 6.30 p.m.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. — South' and West District. — Staines, Saturday, June 29th. St. Mary's bells from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m. No arrangements for tea. St. Peter's bells 7 to 7.30 p.m. and after evening service.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec. Perivale 5320.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Bedford District. — Elstow (6), Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. H. Bowler, Hon. Sec.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN. — Chesterfield Branch.—Old Brampton (6), June 29th, 3 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. J. Collis, Old Brampton. — Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by 28th.—L. E. Pitstow, 21, Debden Road.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Fleet, June 29th. Bells available at 2. Service 3.30. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided at 4. Business meeting afterwards. — W. A. Richardson.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport and Bowden Branch. —Bredbury, Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Overton, dedication of two new trebles by the Archdeacon of Basingstoke, Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District. — West Stow (6), Saturday, June 29th. Own arrangements for tea.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. — Chippenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Colerne (8), Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m.—H. Marsh, Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —Practice, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, July 3rd, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Adderbury (8), Saturday, July 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

OXFORD GUILD. — Bicester Branch. — Islip (6), Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District.—Burnham-on-Crouch, Saturday, July 6th, at 3 p.m. Tea 4.15. Business meeting after. Numbers for tea by July 2nd, please.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

ESSEX ASSN. — North-Western Division.—Harlow Common, Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m. Notify by July 3rd for tea. — W. Wheeler, Mill Street, Harlow Common.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Maids Moreton, Saturday, July 6th, 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Stone, on Saturday, July 6th. Names for tea to H. Hodson, 43, Church Street, Stone, Staffs, by July 1st. No card, no tea.—A. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Padiham, July 6th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec., 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Rochdale Branch. — St. James', East Crompton, on Saturday, July 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Neston, Saturday, July 6th. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin, 3, Cecil Road, Prenton, Birkenhead.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch. — Terrington St. Clement (8), Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (provided).—W. Buckenham, Marmham.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Wigan Branch. — St. Michael's, Aughton, Saturday, July 6th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in School, small charge. Notify Mr. R. Larkey, Smithy Lane, Aughton, near Ormskirk.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Great Dalby, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and business in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names to H. Bonshor, Manor Cottage, Great Dalby.—J. H. Cook, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Grundisburgh, July 6th, 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at Dog Inn 5 p.m. Meeting and appeal for bells restoration to follow. For tea notify Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh.

SUSSEX ASSN. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Crawley, 3 p.m., Saturday, July 6th. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Market Harborough District.—Foxton (6) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 6th. Tea and meeting 4.45 at Shoulder of Mutton. Names by July 2nd to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. — Summer Festival. — Woburn, Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. (inclusive) at the Bedford Arms Hotel for those who notify Mr. H. D. Harris, 37, Leighton Street, Woburn, Bletchley, Bucks, by July 4th.—F. J. Plummer, Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — Lymstone, Saturday, July 6th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by July 1st to Brian Pidgeon, East Budleigh.

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Practice at Warfield (8), on Saturday, July 6th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Greasley (8), Saturday, July 6th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Tea in the School for those who notify Mr. W. Ratcliffe, Post Office, Giltbrook, by July 2nd.—T. Groombridge, jun.

NORWICH ASSN.—East Norfolk.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse, Saturday, July 6th. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Walpole, Norton, Norwich. Conveyance meet Norwich and Lowestoft bus, Service 17, at Hales Garden House.—J. Hurwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Wath (8), July 6th, at 3 p.m. Cards for tea, at the Church House, to Mr. W. Green, 9, Moor Road, Wath-on-Deane, by July 3rd.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Daventry (8), Saturday, July 6th. Names for tea to Miss H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting at Lichfield, Saturday, July 6th. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.15 and 6 to 6.45, Service 3.30. Tea at Minster Cafe 4.30, 1s. 9d. (members 1s.). General meeting to follow. Names by Tuesday, July 2nd.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly, Bradford-on-Avon, Saturday, July 6th. Christ Church bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Holy Trinity bells during evening. For tea advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham. Phone. 297.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Tadcaster (8), Saturday, July 6th. Afternoon and evening. Bring food.—T. H. Foster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—Monthly Meeting, Emmanuel's, Clifton (8), July 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea approximately 5.30 p.m., 1, York Place, Clifton. Names for tea by July 1st to C. H. Wood, 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol, 2.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Summer Festival Meeting, Ewell, July 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bells of Christ Church and St. Martin's, Epsom, also open afternoon and evening. Numbers for tea to Mr. J. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, Surrey, by July 1st.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Bournemouth, Saturday, July 6th. Committee meeting 2 p.m. General meeting 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in St. Peter's Hall. Service, St. Peter's Church, 4.15 p.m. Bells available: Christchurch (12), 12.30 till 2.30; St. Peter's (8), 1.30 till 2.45; St. John's, Surrey Road (8), 1 till 2.30 p.m. and after tea. Notifications for tea must reach Mr. A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth, not later than Wednesday, July 3rd. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 212, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Hants.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Haxey, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing afternoon and evening. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Lenham, Saturday, July 13th, 2.30. Service 4.30. A cup of tea and business after service. Bring own food. Names to C. H. Sone, Linton, Maidstone.

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Leicester, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing at St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), All Saints' (6), 2 to 4 p.m. Service at Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting Cathedral Church House 5 p.m. Ringing 7 to 9 p.m. Cathedral and All Saints'. Any member requiring tea or sleeping accommodation during the week-end should send to Miss Jill Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, not later than Tuesday, July 9th.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern and Western Districts—Joint meeting, Chester-le-Street (8), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Tea, approximately 2s. 6d. per head, for those who notify me before July 12th.—J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Leigh-on-Sea (6), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

OXFORD GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Garsington, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th.—M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Broughton Astley, recently augmented to 6, July 13th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5. Report, rules and social evening. Notify H. Bird, Station Road, Broughton Astley.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—St. Lawrence (Ramsgate) (10), Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea to those who notify Mr. L. A. E. Porritt, 19, Seafeld Road, Ramsgate, not later than Thursday, July 11th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Saturday, July 13th. St. Mary's, Wimbledon (8), near lawn tennis courts, 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30. Tea and business 4.45.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Caldicot, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Chiddingstone (8), July 13th, 3 p.m. Facilities for tea very limited. Advise early Mr. H. Huntley, 5, South Row, Chiddingstone, Kent.—C. A. Bassett.

OXFORD GUILD.—Annual meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 20th. Full particulars next week as to times of service, lunch (Christ Church Dining Hall), ringing, etc. Luncheon tickets 3s. 6d. per head. Applications for tickets to reach me not later than July 13th. Members, please make every effort to attend, as this year's meeting is one of great importance.—W. Hibbert, Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants.

MONKS KIRBY bellringers are holding a social on Aug. 10th. Ringing starts 2.30. All ringers welcomed. For details write Miss F. Pittham, Monks Kirby, near Rugby.

ESSEX ASSN.—Secretary's address: Robert C. Heazel, 44, Western Road, Brentwood, Essex.

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