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POINTS FOR PEALS.

Sooner or later the Central Council will have to drop the allocation of points for peals in the Analysis which they annually publish. As a tabulated record of the peal performances of the various associations, the table is an exceedingly interesting one, and the historical records of the Exercise, to say nothing of the immediate interest, would lose a great deal if the analysis were abandoned altogether, but with the allocation of points it is a totally different matter. No member of the Analysis Committee would, we think, endeavour to claim that points can be any true criterion to the 'value' of all peals. In order that the points may be considered as in any way a reflection of the peals rung by an association something much more than a flat rate for each method and length is necessary. Under the present arrangement it is not possible to take into account weight of metal, 'go' of the bells, 'first peals,' good ringing or bad ringing, or anything of that kind which contributes towards the true worth of a performance, and ringers are recognising more and more that the points allotted may have no real relation to the merit of a peal. Without any reflection upon the county of cream and cider, a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung by a Devonshire band under the conditions which exist there, is of equal, if not greater, merit than a peal of London Surprise rung by the leading lights of, say, the Middlesex Association. But none of these things are, or can be, taken into account in dealing with peal points, and to that extent these points are worthless, if not misleading.

Then there is the question of handbell peals. Recently we published a letter from one of the Birmingham band (who know as much about twelve-bell ringing both on tower and handbells as anyone), expressing surprise at the paucity of points allowed for the peal of Sextuples, and calling attention to the disparity of points between Grandsire and Stedman Cinques. Mr. Alfred Pulling, whose authority and experience in handbell ringing is well known, points out other anomalies in his letter in this issue, and his opinion is but one in the gathering feeling of discontent among ringers, who seriously study the peal point question.

The scale of points, even within its present scope, is by no means satisfactory. Add to this that there is now no competitive spirit acknowledged by the Analysis, that many important factors are perforce ignored, and that the allocation of points greatly increases the work of the committee, and we have weighty reasons why 'points for peals' should be dropped from the table compiled on behalf of the Central Council.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	CYRIL PEASE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	HAROLD W. CLARKE 8
WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	WILLIAM PYE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 10
ARTHUR EDWARDS 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
WILLIAM J. NODDS 6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HENRY WHITE Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
CUTHBERT G. WHITE 5	F. STEDMAN WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SENR.

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURNHAM BEDCHES, BUCKS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*EDGAR C. RUSSELL Treble	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 5
RICHARD F. DEAL 2	ERNEST BRETT 6
ROBERT W. GREEN 3	GEORGE SHIPP 7
JEFFREY R. GAMMON 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by R. F. DEAL.

* First peal Treble Bob.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BARNES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HAROLD TAYLOR Treble	T. W. TAFFENDER, JUN. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	RALPH MACKRILL 6
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3	WILLIAM H. WOOD 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 4	CHARLES F. W. HUNT Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal. Rung on Queen Mary's 56th birthday. A. J. Neale's 50th peal of Treble Bob Major on tower bells.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON Treble	*ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
*SIDNEY CHENEY 2	†J. LESLIE WILLIAMS 6
*JOHN E. CLARKE 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' Rung in honour of the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clarke.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EAST DEVON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM BURROWS Treble	HARRY S. PARSONS 5
GEORGE BURROWS 2	JOHN E. BAKER 6
GEORGE BETTS 3	LOUIS A. WILSON 7
FRED STUCHEY 4	EDWARD MARKES... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BAKER.

Rung in honour of the preferment of the Rev. E. F. Tozer, Curate of Ottery St. Mary, to the living of St. Paul's with St. Pancras, Exeter. * First peal. Twenty years have passed since a local band rang a peal on these bells. J. E. Baker hails from Yeovil, and L. A. Wilson from Wootton Bassett; both are old members of the Ottery band, and were on a visit to their native place.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM NASH Treble	MISS EDITH K. PARKER 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN... .. 3	JAMES PARKER 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells,

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS... .. Treble	*ALBERT L. DUNN 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	WILLIAM SHORT 6
JOHN BASS 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
*GILBERT D. SKELDING ... 4	ALFRED W. DODD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal. Also a compliment to W. Smith, of the local band, on his 21st birthday.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

*SYDNEY D. JAMES Treble	JOHN BROCKBANK... .. 5
*ALBERT PARKER... .. 2	THOMAS HOWARD 6
DAVID CLARKE 3	JOHN HOWARD 7
DANIEL HOWARD 4	WILLIAM COLLIER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HOWARD.

* First peal. The ringers of the 2nd and 7th hail from Poolstock, Wigan; the rest are of the local company.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*HARRY REVILL Treble	†JOHN THOMAS BARTRAM ... 5
*HARRY MORGAN 2	*JOSEPH DIXON 6
*PERCY NOBLE 3	*WILFRED THOMAS COOPER 7
*EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 4	*CHARLES ALLAN HEWITT Tenor

Composed by JOHN NICHOLS.

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. H. Revill, who was elected a non-resident life member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, previous to starting, hails from Ordsall, Retford; J. T. Bartram, from Misterton; the rest are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER
SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb.

JAMES ROSE Treble	CHARLES WOODCOCK 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	ALBERT A. FLEMING 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 4	FREDERICK J. PILLETT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES NICHOLL.

Conducted by C. A. CATCHPOLE.

First peal as conductor. For calling see Snowdon's Treble Bob, Part II, page 27.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM LOVE Treble	GEORGE A. COOKE 5
†BENJAMIN HAMMOND ... 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
WILLIAM E. BASON 3	WILLIAM J. HOWSON 7
†EDWARD C. COOKE 4	FREDERICK R. WILLBY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

Rung in honour of H.M. The King's birthday. For composition, see 'Bell News,' 1897, Vol. XV., p. 575. * First peal, age 14. † First peal in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Four Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JOHN W. DAVIES 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
JOHN HAYES... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung in honour of His Majesty's birthday. Longest length by all the band.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Sunday, June 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 5
*EDWARD GRINDELL 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
*FRANK RUFFLES 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... Tenor

Composed by the late ARTHUR T. KING.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. GROOM.

* First peal in the method.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

RONALD FRANKLIN Treble	*E. S. T. FARR 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	ERNEST E. GOSLING 6
FREDERICK TINDALL 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
ARTHUR CROSS 4	FREDERICK MIDDLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal. Rung in honour of His Majesty's birthday.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL Treble	ALBERT DISERENS 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
*GEORGE MARRINER 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
Rung on the occasion of the King's birthday. * 100th peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*HECTOR W. CRICKMER ... Treble	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 2	WALTER RUFFLES ... 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 7
*SYDNEY C. ROWE ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.
For calling see N.D.A. Report for 1892, Peal No. 430. * First peal of Treble Bob. The conductor's 100th peal on Debenham bells, and 50th peal by W. Ruffles. Rung to commemorate the 31st anniversary of the 16,608 in the same method on June 6th, 1892.

DUBLIN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH ATKINSON Treble	WILLIAM WILSON 5
ALFRED BACON 2	WILLIAM E. LYNCH 6
RICHARD LYNCH 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.
The conductor has now called a peal in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	CHARLES CUTTING 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
ROBERT N. HARDY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by E. WHITING,

QUEDGELEY.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	GEORGE BRUNSDON 5
WILLIAM HARRIS 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
*WILLIAM FRIDAY 3	CHARLES H. AUSTIN 7
*HERBERT MANSFIELD ... 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. AUSTIN.

* First peal.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

STANLEY CARTER Treble	GEORGE SIBLEY 5
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 2	*WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 6
DAVID G. TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
FREDERICK C. RICH 4	WALTER FARLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal on eight bells. W. Farley's 50th peal for the Association.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILFRED BOOTH Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
FREDERICK WHITE 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN 3	†WILLIAM LATTER 7
WILLIAM COLLISON 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells. * First peal in the method.
† First peal of Superlative with an inside bell.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(ROCHDALE AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Treble	†HARRY ENTWISTLE ... 5
WILLIAM CRABTREE 2	JOHN WATSON 6
LAWRENCE WILLIAMS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
*WILLIAM HORAN 4	GEORGE STAFF Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal. † First peal in the method. The ringers of 1 and 2 are from Todmorden Parish, 3 from Church Kirk, 4 Cross Stone, 5 Burnley, Holy Trinity, 6 Blackburn Parish, 7 St. Michael's, Blackburn, Tenor, Milnrow Parish.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... Treble	GEORGE W. JONES 5
JAMES E. LILLEY 2	WALTER FAIRHEAD 6
REGINALD R. POLE 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
DENIS J. BOUCHER 4	DAVID JAMES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung by a band entirely resident in the Archdeaconry. First peal rung on bells in the Archdeaconry by a resident band, all of whom hail from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. The company tender their best thanks to Mr. W. Page for getting all ready.

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	WILLIAM E. ASH 5
WILLIAM WOODHEAD 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
JAMES R. KEMP 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
FRANK RENTON 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*JOHN NOBES Treble	THOMAS SHORT 5
FREDERICK JUGGINS 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
JACK HONEY 4	†ALBERT P. W. FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Triples.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WILTON ROAD,
PIMLICO,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

†MISS MARGARET A. PHILIP Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 5
*MISS ELLEN E. HARCASTE 2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 6
†MISS FRED A. ORR 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
†ARTHUR T. SMALLEY 4	*FRANK E. LOCK Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*SIDNEY BRIGGS Treble	†ERNEST BAILEY 4
GEORGE LEE 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal on tower bells and first attempt. † First peal on a working bell and first attempt. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Naunton, parents of the fifth and tenor ringers. Their 56th wedding anniversary was on May 16th, and Mr. Naunton celebrated his 79th birthday on May 14th. Mr. A. J. Naunton has been a ringer at the above church for upwards of 50 years, and is still a regular Sunday service ringer.

LILLESALL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, one each of Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*HERBERT CLAY Treble	†STEPHEN FRANCE 4
*WILLIAM CLAY 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
†WALTER LYCETT 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor on a Bob bell. † First peal on a Bob bell. First peal on the bells. Arranged for the ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, who belong to the Stanton-on-Hine-Heath band. H. Clay was proposed a member of the Guild in the tower.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE BARRETT Treble	W. STEGGALL 3
*C. R. CATCHPOLE 2	*W. MUSK 4
*JAS. FAIRWEATHER Tenor	

* First peal.

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREATER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*REV. E.A. MERRYWEATHER Treble	W. H. CLARKE 3
†A. DISNEY 2	G. H. STRAW 4
†R. BARROW Tenor	

Conducted by R. BARROW.

* Made a member previous to starting the peal. † First peal away from treble. † First as conductor.

MONKS RISBORO', BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

JACK POULTON Treble	GORDON STRATHDEE 4
AUBREY SEYMOUR 2	ARTHUR POULTON 5
GEORGE SEYMOUR 3	J. W. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

First peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells. The ringers of the 1st, 4th, 5th are local. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Bledlow, 2nd from Nymef St. George, Devon, and the 6th from High Wycombe.

UPTON SNODSBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENELM,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES Treble	WILLIAM PAGE 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal on the bells. The band wish to tender their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tarran for their kind hospitality after the peal.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford Single Bob, Bob Minor, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

AMOS SMART Treble	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 4
*ARTHUR BELLAMY 2	JAMES HUDSON 5
LEONARD J. WYMAN 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

* First peal in seven methods with a working bell, and rung at first attempt. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday peal to Mrs. R. C. Loveday, wife of the conductor.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Double Court, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	GEORGE R. FINCH 4
FRANK L. FISHER 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

WOODHOUSE-EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*S. A. JOHNSON	Treble	G. H. STRAW	4
R. BARROW	2	W. H. CLARKE	5
A. DISNEY	3	*K. ELLIOTT	Tenor

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

*First peal. The treble ringer was made a member previous to starting the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1923, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,
IN THE TOWER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONDS	1-2	*REGINALD DENT	4
FRANK TURNER	3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, May 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. M. SMITHER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 11 in G.

WALTER G. BROCKHORST	1-2	ALFRED H. POLLING	5-6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	3-4	GEORGE LOFF	7-8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Umpire: M. SMITHER. Witnesses: MRS. SMITHER & MRS. POLLING.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 13 in G.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT	1-2	ALFRED H. POLLING	5-6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	3-4	MAURICE SMITHER	7-8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING. Witness: MRS. POLLING.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Performed on Handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS

Composed by E. MULLINS, Birmingham.

Conducted by the Performer. Umpire: JACK SCARFE.

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

On Thursday, June 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM	1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN	7-8
ALBERT WALKER	3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN	9-10
JAMES E. GROVES	5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS	11-12

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

A BROKEN ROPE.

On Saturday, June 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Whittlesea, Cambs, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major came to grief through the breaking of the 2nd rope, after ringing 3,820 changes in 2 hrs. 27 mins.: V. Butler 1, T. Vaughan 2, Miss Phyllis Hare 3, S. Wright 4, W. Cross 5, H. Beechey 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8.

ROWLEY REGIS BELLS.

AN APPEAL.

Dear Sir,—I take the liberty of appealing through your columns for help towards reinstating the peal of bells of the ancient parish of Rowley Regis, Staffordshire.

The church was destroyed by fire in June, 1913, when so many other churches and public buildings were being sacrificed in a political campaign of that period.

After lying in ruins for ten years the church is now being rebuilt. The tower has been built as high as the nave roof, but the Church Council being already in debt to the extent of over £2,000 cannot undertake the completion of the tower and installing the bells.

A public effort is being made by the four daughter churches of Blackheath, Old Hill, Cradley Heath and Tividale to complete the tower, and also help toward the £400 to rehanging the bells. Rowley Regis is one of the poorest parishes in the Black Country, where there are practically no industries.

The bells, undamaged by fire, were augmented to eight in 1887 by James Barwell. The original five were by Matthew Bagley, of Chalcombe, 1694. The tenor, 15 cwt., was recast in 1848 by Mears, and again in 1881 by Blews.

On behalf of the poor parishioners, who are yearning to hear their bells again, I ask all large-hearted clergy, laity, and ringers to help. Subscriptions will be gladly received and duly acknowledged through your columns and may be sent to Lloyds Bank (Rowley Bells Account), Old Hill; Blackheath Branch of Lloyds Bank, or to me.—Yours, etc.,

A. E. PARSONS.

Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SQUIRE PROCTOR'S VETERANS RINGING AT BENNINGTON.

A very enjoyable meeting was held on Saturday at the old-world and, from a ringer's point of view, interesting village of Bennington, upwards of forty making the journey through the by-lanes and roads. Those who attended for the first time expressed the pleasure it had given them to be at Bennington, which 60 years ago was a famous ringing centre, as the numerous peal boards testify. There were ringers from many places, including Cheshunt, Hertford, Ware, Hitchin, Tottenham, Ilford, Hatfield, Walkden, Great and Little Munden, and last, but by no means least, the Edmonton band, who, together with several ladies, arrived in a charabanc and were a welcome addition to the company. The Rector received and welcomed the visitors very heartily, and provided tea free to all.

At the business meeting, held afterwards, he presided, and was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his kindness and generosity. Touches were rung in all the standard methods London and Bristol Surprise included.

One very interesting feature was to see two of the veterans of the old Squire's band of 60 years ago, Mr. S. Page and Mr. L. Chapman, both between 70 and 80 years of age, the former ringing a faultless course of Superlative Surprise, and the latter a course of Stedman Triples.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

On Saturday afternoon, June 9th several members of this Guild, including Mr. W. Storey (president), Mr. A. M. Hall (hon. treasurer), of the Durham and Newcastle Association; Messrs. J. E. R. Keen, J. Rowell, W. H. Barber, A. F. Elliot, J. Foreman, and G. R. Pickering, journeyed by motor-car and bus to Cramlington for one of their periodical visits to the church tower, where touches of Kent, Cambridge, Double Court and Bob Minor were rung on the six bells.

Mr. Oswald Simms, the indefatigable Ringing Master of the tower, received the party, and joined in the ringing. Afterwards he entertained the members at his house to tea, where they were joined by the Rev. Hughes (curate), whose genial company added much to the enjoyment of the outing.—After tea ringing took place on handbells, accompanied by the organ.—Mr. Storey thanked Mr. and Mrs. Simms, on behalf of the members, for their very kind hospitality. Had the weather been more favourable a friendly game at cricket, with some of the local talent, would have formed part of the day's outing.—It was indeed gratifying to note that Mrs. Simms' health had been restored after her illness.—The party returned to Newcastle about 10 o'clock, after a most successful and enjoyable day's excursion.

MUFFLED RINGING.

On Monday, June 4th, after the funeral of the late Mr. J. A. Lambert, a well-known member of the Surrey Association, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled, at St. Peter's, South Croydon: Miss Ellen E. Hardcastle 1, Miss Elsie E. Chapman 2, T. A. S. Bloxham 3, Miss Freda E. Orr 4, F. W. Leabey 5, T. Banister 6, W. J. Rundle 7, C. Dean (conductor) 8, J. E. Cooper 9, S. W. Holdaway 10. The ladies are from Clapham Park, the ringer of the 7th from Plymouth; of the 9th from St. John's, Croydon; the rest of the local church.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Central Division, held at St. Nicholas', Brighton, June 2nd, proved successful, about 60 being present. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and continued until 4.30, when the visitors proceeded to St. Nicholas' Hall, where tea had kindly been provided by the Vicar (Canon H. M. Hordern), who welcomed all as they entered.

The business meeting which followed was mostly of a routine nature. Messrs. A. Backshaw (Keymer), E. E. Bish (London) and Chas. Dean (Croydon), were elected members. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service, and for his most generous hospitality. The members then attended choral service in the church, the address being given by the Vicar. The collection taken for the Association's Benevolent Fund amounted to £1 0s. 7d.

The tower was again visited until about 8.30 p.m., rounds to Cambridge Royal being rung, many ringing on ten bells for the first time.

The following towers were represented: Aldrington, Angmering, Brighton (St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's), Burgess Hill, Eastbourne, Heene, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Lewes, Lindfield, New Shoreham, Rotherfield, Steyning, Twineham, Uckfield, Waldron, and non-resident members from London, Croydon and Portsmouth.

Best thanks are due to the organist and choir, and to the St. Nicholas' branch, who did much towards making the meeting a success. The next meeting will be held at Henfield.

DURBAN'S YOUNG BAND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was with the greatest pleasure that we read in 'Belfry Gossip' in 'The Ringing World' for April 15th, that Mr. John Prickett, of Chesham, was leaving the old country for Durban. No doubt there will be many who will miss him sadly, but their loss will, I hope, be our gain. We are sadly in need of skilled assistance, and a very warm welcome awaits him at St. Mary's, Greyville, if he cares to join us. It may interest ringers to know that, excepting the writer, none of our band had heard or handled bells before, and their keenness and constant attention to their work is an object lesson. The band contains four young ladies, and six boys, the ages ranging from 14 years to 21, the oldest being a young lady. A little bird whispers that one of the boys is preserving his 'Ringing World' with a view to having it bound for the tower.

The correspondence on 'Simpson Tuning' has been closely followed by us, and we can only say that we are very well pleased with our bells which are tuned on the five-tone principle.—Yours faithfully,
11, Ohlath Road, Durban. F. SIMPSON.

DEATH OF A WESTMINSTER ABBEY RINGER.

MR. JAMES WILLSHIRE'S SUDDEN END.

All London ringers, and many in the country also, will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. James Willshire, who passed away on May 22nd. About forty years ago, when the Rochester Row band was formed, the deceased began his ringing career under the late Mr. J. M. Hayes, and he was always to be found at his post at St. Stephen's Church on Sundays. He was one of those selected to form the Abbey company, and was ringing there on Whit Sunday. On Whit Monday he and his family paid a visit to Brighton. When retiring to bed that evening he was in his usual health but passed away apparently in his sleep, about six o'clock on the Tuesday morning, from heart trouble.

The funeral took place on the following Monday at Wandsworth Cemetery, Canon J. Perkins, of the Abbey, representing the Dean and Chapter, conducted the service, and gave a very touching address to about thirty ringers who were present. Among the many wreaths was one in the form of a church bell swinging in its frame sent by his Abbey comrades. A course of Stedman Triples was rung over his grave by H. R. Newton, H. R. Pasmore, W. H. Pasmore and J. N. Oxborrow.

In the evening the usual 'whole pull and stand' was rung at St. Stephen's Church by J. N. Oxborrow, J. Rowbotham, A. A. Hughes, H. Ellis, H. R. Pasmore, A. Macdonald, W. H. Pasmore and A. B. Peck. The deceased took part in many peals on eight ten and twelve bells, the last three being the wedding peal of Cambridge at the Abbey, a peal of Maximus, and one of Bristol Surprise. He will be greatly missed by his Westminster comrades.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Basingstoke district was held at Andover on June 9th, those present including the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (hon. secretary of the Division), Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild), Mr. W. T. Tucker, and about 50 members from Woolton Hill, Winchester, Whitechurch, Swindon, Ringwood North Stoneham, Highclere, Dene, Bramley, Bishopstoke, Basingstoke and Andover.

At the business meeting which followed the tea in the Church Rooms, the Rev. Barlow (Andover) was elected an honorary member, and Mr. Gardiner (Swindon) a compounding member.

During the afternoon and evening, good practice was had in the four standard methods.

The next meeting will be held at Bramley in September, of which due notice will be given in the 'Ringing World.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells was rung by the College Youths on June 15th, 1851.

On June 20th, 1756, a peal of 'Carathan's Triples' was rung at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, and it is pretty well recognised now that this peal was Garthorn's peal of Grandsire Triples, the name of the composer having become wrongly spelt in handing it on.

Jasper Snowden, to whom ringers owe so much, was born at Ilkley, Yorks, on June 18th, 1844.

The will has just been proved of the Rt. Hon. Richard Robert Cherry, K.C., formerly Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, and President of the Irish Association. He left estate valued at £53,439.

It falls to the happy lot of few ringers to conduct peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Bristol Surprise Major on one afternoon. This was accomplished on Saturday last at Loughborough, by Harold J. Poole, of Leicester. More strength to his elbow!

The first Surprise peal in the City of Leicester by an entirely 'local' band still remains to be rung. Verb. sap.

GRAVESEND BELLS.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT DEDICATED.

A mixed lot of bells at St. George's, Church, Gravesend, have now been recast into a fine peal of eight by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The bells were dedicated at a special service on May 30th by the Bishop of Rochester, the event being one of joy and general congratulation in the town. The service was the consummation of two years' persevering efforts, in which the Mayor and Corporation lent a hand by subscribing one hundred guineas, the Mayoress (Mrs. Thomas) raised a similar sum, and Mr. E. Hadlow, one of the ringers, collected no less than £500. One bell was recast at the charge of the children of the late Mr. William Russell, J.P., and another at the charge of Mr. G. Sandford. The cost of the peal is about £790, but other expenses have raised the total cost of the improvements to about £900.

The inscriptions on the bells give their history:—
Treble: Several gentlemen strangers gave this bell 1736. Recast at the charge of the Parish 1793. John Tucker A.M. Rector. Geo. Thompson and James Kirk Ch. Wardens. Thos. Mears of London fecit. Recast 1923.

2nd: Cast by John Warner and Sons, Ltd. London 1900. This bell was recast and the peal rehung in 1900. E. Lionel Gedge Rector. William Fletcher, J. R. Croft, Wardens. Recast 1923.

3rd: Geo. Arnold, Esqr., Mayor. Thomas Killick, John Hales, Ch. Wardens. T. Mears of London fecit. Recast 1923.

4th: Mears and Stainbank, founders, London. Robt. Joynes Rector. E. F. Jewell, John Paine, Churchwardens 1871. Recast 1923, at the charge of George Sandford, Esq., J.P. Ring out sweet memories of the past.

5th: Recast by John Warner and Sons Ltd. London 1902. Jno. Joynes, Wat. Nynn, Wm. Lance, Anth. Ireland, Wm. Myers, Jno. Fox, Jno. Bolger, Jno. Hughes, Ja. Roe, Geo. Clarke trustees for the subscription money, gave this bell 1736. John Applebee and Richard Phelps made these eight bells. In loving memory of William Russell, J.P., who died November 26th, 1920, aged 78 years, for 13 years a warden of this church, also of Jane, his wife, who died July 6th, 1914, aged 67 years. Recast 1923, at the charge of George Ireland, Gertrude and William Beaumont, children of the above.

6th: James Wade, Mayor, Esqr., Gaynham Rackstraw, George Thompson, Ch. Wardens, 1771. Recast 1923. Mrs. W. E. Thomas, Mayoress of Gravesend, raised one hundred guineas towards this peal. Edward Hadlow, a ringer of this tower, collected the greater part of the subscription money. Labor omnia vincit.

7th: Mears and Stainbank, founders, London. Frederick Beckley Nettlingham, Mayor, gave this bell, A.D. 1879. Robt. Joynes, Rector, James Davies, James Turner, Churchwardens. Recast 1923. In memory of ringers of this tower who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918. Charles Edward Constant, Walter James Crowhurst, Wilfred Randall Clarke.

Tenor: The Corporation gave £50 towards these bells. William Man, Esq., Mayor 1736. This bell was recast at the charge of the parish 1793. John Tucker, A.M. Rector. Geo. Thompson and James Kirk, Churchwardens. Thos. Mears of London fecit. 1923. This peal was recast and rehung in a new frame by public contribution. The Town Council subscribed the sum of one hundred guineas. William Evan Thomas, Mayor, Edward Lionel Gedge, Rector, William Henry Archer, James Everden, Churchwardens.

The Mayor and Corporation and other dignitaries attended the service of dedication, which was of an impressive nature, and the Bishop gave an appropriate address. After the dedicatory prayers, rounds were rung on the bells by E. Hadlow 1, R. Tall 2, R. Constant 3, Miss D. Tall 4, R. Smith 5, J. Constant 6, A. Constant 7, W. Parris 8. After the service, which concluded with the Te Deum, the Benediction and the Hallelujah Chorus, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

The bells, tuned on the Simpson principle, are hung on ball bearings. The cast iron frame is carried on heavy steel girders, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. have carried out their work with their usual efficiency. The tenor is 18½ cwt. in E.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 363.)

A VALUABLE REPORT.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved that the Council adopt the report issued by the joint conference of the Towers and Belfries Committee and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. This report, upon the preservation of ancient towers and bells and advice as to bell restoration, was the outcome of conferences between the two bodies, and a summary has already appeared in our columns. Mr. Jenkyn said the outstanding personality at these conferences was Mr. E. H. Lewis.—Major J. H. B. Hesse seconded the adoption of the report.

The President said it was the most valuable report they had ever issued, and would do immense good from the ringers' as well as architects' point of view. It was a happy augury for the future that architects and ringers had come to agree upon such an important subject.

Canon Elsee said it would be remembered that there was recently a case where ancient bells had been mutilated by having the cannons removed. It was at a tower with only three bells, but there was a great deal of indignation expressed by authorities in the diocese concerned that this mutilation had been done without proper authority, and it was sometimes assumed that ringers, as such, cared only about the 'go,' and, to some extent the tone of their bells, and nothing about the history or preservation of ancient bells. He was, therefore, especially glad to see this report signed by representatives of the Council as well as by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. It emphasised the need for care for their old bells. Modern bells were far more musical in nearly every case than ancient bells. Old bells were, however, priceless, as evidence of the bell founders' work in the past, and ringers as a rule knew too little about the history of the bells in their tower. Every care should be taken to preserve any ancient bells that they still had. The difficulty was that many were in towers which scarcely came under that Council, but he was glad that it should be distinctly recognised by that Council that ancient bells should be treated with the greatest possible care (hear, hear).

Mr. T. H. Beams asked if the report had been submitted to the Royal Institute of Architects. If they could be got to agree to it, it would be of still greater weight.

The President said the architects had been largely circularised with this report.

BALL BEARINGS FOR BELLS.

The Rev. H. Drake pointed out that since the report was drawn up Major Hesse (one of the Council's signatories) had publicly stated that he had changed his mind with regard to ball bearings for bells, and asked what his position now was.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said the report merely said that the advantages of ball bearings was doubtful. Personally he was very much against ball bearings.

Major Hesse said his opinion was that they were cheaper and better both for the user and bell hanger. To renew them every ten years even would be cheaper than renewing plain bearings every forty years.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said the conference was careful not to overstate facts, and, if they were not sure, they would not pretend that they were. They all felt, and Major Hesse felt, at the time the report was drawn up, that nobody could be quite certain about ball bearings. He thought Major Hesse had been more convinced as to their utility since, and it was quite possible that everybody's opinions might change as time went on. Continuing, the Librarian said, with regard to the distribution of the report, he thought they ought to play up to the society who were selling it where they could to cover the cost of printing and giving it away in cases where it might be given with advantage. That Council had provided £5 towards the cost of printing, and he suggested that copies of the report should be sold at 4d. each. He thought, however, that if associations or diocesan authorities desired to print it they should be allowed to do so, but he was most anxious that if it were printed it should be printed in full.

The report was adopted, and on the motion of the Librarian, it was also resolved: 'That this Council does not desire to exercise any rights of copyright on the report of the conference between representatives of this Council and the S.P.A.B.'

THE YEAR'S NEW RECORDS.

The Rev. A. T. Beeson presented the report of the Records Committee, and submitted a list of the records of first peals in new methods and of progressive lengths rung since the last Council meeting. He said they were glad to notice that the new methods, both of Major and Royal, were of the highest order. The list included the first peal of (1) Kent Treble Bob Royal in the 'Ilkeston' Variation by the Midland Counties Association; (2) Kent Treble Bob Royal, in the 'Granta' Variation by the Middlesex Association; (3) Stedman Sextuples (in hand) by the St. Martin's Guild; (4) Lancashire Surprise Major by the Lancashire Association; (5) Cambridge Court Bob

Major (in hand) by the Cambridge University Guild; (6) Middlesex Surprise Royal by the Middlesex Association; (7) three spliced Major methods (in hand) by the Cambridge University Guild; (8) Princess Mary Surprise Royal by the Midland Counties Association; (9) Double Oxford Bob Major (in hand) by the Ely Association. Progressive lengths have been rung as follows: 21,363 Stedman Caters by the Oxford Diocesan Guild; 5,376 and 5,408 Yorkshire Surprise Major by the Chester Diocesan Guild; 5,040 Clifton Surprise Royal by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association; 7,003 and 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major by the Midland Counties Association. The committee thought it advisable to direct the attention of the Exercise to the necessity of adding a claim by footnote or otherwise to the announcement of any performance which was known or believed to be a record. No claim, for instance, was attached to the 7,000 Cambridge Surprise Major rung during the year. Such omissions increased the likelihood of these performances being overlooked. The committee awaited the Council's instructions respecting the publication of the schedule they had prepared of first and record performances in all methods. Mr. Beeson added the committee were of opinion that it would be unwise to print it until it had been subjected to examination by the Exercise and any mistakes pointed out.

The report was adopted, and on the suggestion of the hon. secretary it was decided to have typed copies of the schedule placed in the library for circulation among ringers.

SOUTH KENSINGTON MUSEUM EXHIBIT.

The Hon. Secretary, reporting for the Museum Exhibit Committee, said the committee had not achieved very much so far, but they had broken a lot of ground, and come to one or two tangible points. The committee had had an interesting meeting with the authorities of South Kensington Museum, and they were unanimous as to the lines which they should follow. The authorities were not spending any money on them, but they would give them the use of a glass case and a certain amount of wall space. When they considered what they should put into the case, the great thing focussed upon everyone's attention, especially the experts', was Mr. John Carter's famous machine, with which the authorities were very much impressed. Without that machine the exhibit would lose 90 per cent. of its value. Mr. Carter had expressed his willingness to loan the machine for a period of five years. With the machine (they wanted some auxiliary exhibits, and he (the hon. secretary) had himself had made a model, showing a ring of six bells hung in a teak frame. That was at the museum, but Mr. Carter's machine was not. Then, they had had very kind offers on the part of one or two of the founders to see what they could do, in the way of putting in one or two models of bells. If and when they got these, they would be making a start, but until they had Mr. Carter's machine they could not fully represent the science of ringing in the splendid case which had been placed at their disposal. The reason why the machine was not yet there was that before Mr. Carter deposited it, he wished to ring, officially and in a proper manner, a peal on it, and also desired a certain gentleman to call that peal. As to the wall space, the committee agreed it would be wisest to utilise it by having diagrams printed and framed. Then came the question whether the Council was prepared to pay for the printing and framing, or were they to fall back on the private munificence of their members, or to make a collective effort. He was tempted to suggest that they should have some diagrams printed and sell them to towers, where they might be very useful, to defray the cost.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said it was exceedingly important that they should have something to show at the South Kensington Museum as soon as they could. They had been in conference for something like two years, and it was time they did something, however little.

Mr. James George said he should deplore printing diagrams for belfries, because they had plenty of lazy ringers now. The place to learn methods was at home, but if these cards were used in belfries the lazy ones would come to the belfry to learn the methods.

The Rev. H. Law James suggested that they should use the diagrams from Snowdon's 'Standard Methods' for the purposes of the exhibit.

Mr. A. Hughes said the great idea of having the cards, and having them large, was in order that they could be easily seen. If they put up the small diagrams on the big wall space they would be too small to be seen by anyone passing through the museum.

The proposal to use 'Standard Method' diagrams was carried by 27 votes to 17.

The Rev. H. Drake then moved that both the large and small diagrams should be used. He believed the large cards would be of use in a belfry.

The Hon. Secretary said if the diagrams were to be in scale with the exhibit they must be large. If they had the cards and the small diagrams, any person whose interest was aroused by the large diagrams would be able to look at the smaller ones, and they would have the whole thing.

Mr. W. A. Cave offered to print the large diagrams for the Council, and this offer was accepted with thanks.

This concluded the business of the committees.

(To be continued.)

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NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION. THE PROPOSED NEW TITLE.

The general meeting of the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association was held at Pulham St. Mary Magdalene, on Saturday, June 2nd, when, by kind permission of the Rectors of Pulham St. Mary Magdalene and Pulham St. Mary-the-Virgin, the rings of eight bells at those parish churches were placed at the disposal of the members throughout the day.

Luncheon was served in the School Room, the president (the Dean of Norwich) being in the chair, supported by the Ven. A. R. Buckland (Archdeacon of Norfolk), the Rev. T. J. Perowne (Rector of Starston), and the following members of the committee: Messrs. F. R. Borrett, G. P. Burton, R. J. Goate, A. L. Coleman (general secretary), and between 30 and 35 representatives from the borderland of Norfolk and Suffolk.

The President eloquently proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was cordially honoured.

The President said before the business of the meeting was transacted, he would like to move a vote of thanks to the Ven. A. R. Buckland for his kind welcome to the association to Pulham, and also, on behalf of the members, to thank the Archdeacon and the Rector of Pulham St. Mary-the-Virgin (the Rev. E. W. Field) for the use of their bells. To that motion he would also like to add the names of Mr. F. R. Borrett, Mr. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, for the splendid arrangements they had made for the luncheon and meeting.—The motion was carried with acclamation, and the Ven. A. R. Buckland, in a few well-chosen words, responded.

The General Secretary submitted the following 18 nominations for membership: The Rev. T. J. Perowne, hon. member; Mr. David Vincent, Tunbridge Wells, hon. member, non-resident; Messrs. William Musk, George Barrett, James Fairweather, Charles Catchpole, Corbett Snelling, Charles Hubbard, Robert Harry Amis, Walter Newell Ashby, Walter J. Cunston, Thomas Kerridge, Hector Dennington, Charles Spurgeon Robert Warman, Harry Barrett, Arthur Corbyn, and Mr. William Steggall (re-election).—The President, after putting the nominations for membership before the meeting, declared all duly elected.

The general secretary having moved that the date of the annual general meeting of the association be fixed at this meeting, the Dean of Norwich very kindly invited the association to hold their annual service in the Cathedral. This invitation was gladly accepted by the members, and it was resolved that the annual meeting be held at Norwich on Thursday, October 4th, and that the arrangements be left in the hands of the Dean of Norwich, the general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) and Mr. G. P. Burton.

The General Secretary submitted a brief report on the present position of affairs, in so far as it concerned the Suffolk members, and supported the recommendations of the general committee of April 26th, as published in 'The Ringing World' of May 11th, 1923. He said he would not take up the time of the meeting by going any further into detail, but leave it to the discussion of the members present. The matter was one of vital importance, and needed their most careful thought and consideration.

BORDERLAND VIEWS.

A long discussion, ably opened by Mr. F. R. Borrett, then took place on the future title of the association. There was a strong feeling on the part of many of the borderland members present for retaining some reference to Suffolk in the title, in view of so many members in East Suffolk having decided to continue their membership either as life members (non-resident) or hitherto as annual subscribing members, and it was strongly urged that the association should not, therefore, dissociate Suffolk entirely from its style, apart from which, the borderland ringers would be seriously inconvenienced if they were left out in drawing the new boundary, and in framing the new title. It had also to be remembered that a large portion of East Suffolk (the whole of Lothingland Deanery—the Lowestoft hinterland) remains definitely in the area of the Diocese of Norwich.

Mr. F. R. Borrett proposed, and Mr. G. H. Cross seconded, that the future title of the association be the Norfolk and Suffolk Association.

Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary) said such a title as the Norfolk and Suffolk Association would rather complicate the present position of affairs than lessen difficulties, the meeting having provisionally accepted the committee's recommendation with regard to discontinuing the district organisations in Suffolk. Suffolk members would retain their membership either as life members (non-resident) or as annual subscribing members, as they pleased, the latter receiving a free annual report. If no organisation was to be carried on in Suffolk, the title should be confined to Norfolk only, otherwise the position in Suffolk would appear somewhat anomalous with organisation in Norfolk and none in Suffolk, and should have further consideration.

Mr. G. P. Burton took the same view, and gave reasons for a change of title, rather than reverting to the old style, 'The Norwich Diocesan Association,' as some wished, which was not acceptable to many in Suffolk, especially the Suffolk clergy. He proposed as an

amendment (which Mr. Ben S. Thompson seconded), that the title be the Norfolk Guild for the Diocese of Norwich.

This amendment, however, was lost by a large majority, and on the chairman putting the substantive motion, it was carried by an overwhelming majority.

The Chairman, replying to a question as to whether the title selected was a wise one, said he could only reply with that well-worn phrase, 'Wait and See.'

As all motions passed at the meeting must come up for ratification at the annual general meeting on October 4th next, it will allow time for development and consideration.

SUFFOLK MEMBERS' FUTURE POSITION.

Mr. G. P. Burton moved, and Mr. Ben S. Thompson seconded, 'That this Association wishes well to the newly-formed Suffolk Guild, but in view of the intimate relations existing for so many years past between Norfolk and Suffolk the Association will continue to welcome Suffolk ringers as members.'

The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried nem. con.

Mr. F. R. Borrett moved, and Mr. R. J. Goate seconded, as a recommendation to the annual general meeting of the Association, 'That all East Suffolk members of 20 years' standing should be excused any further subscriptions, and ipso facto become life members (non-resident).—Mr. A. L. Coleman moved as an amendment, and Mr. G. P. Burton seconded, a term of 25 years instead of 20 years.—The amendment, on being put to the meeting, was lost, and on the chairman putting the substantive motion, it was carried by a majority.

Seeing that the figures had not been gone into, and that calculation must be made of the effect of the proposal on the association's finance, the general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) was instructed to do so, and report to the annual general meeting.

On the motion of Mr. A. L. Coleman, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Ven. A. R. Buckland for presiding over the second part of the meeting, the president (the Dean of Norwich) having had to leave for Norwich.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

THE 'FARCE' OF POINTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The more experience one gets the more one realises the farce of points for peals. The Exercise cannot expect the Analysis Committee to be able to judge performances, yet is it fair to allot the same number of points to a band who may have been struggling for months to ring a peal of Grandire 'in hand' as if our company here at Guildford rang one? Again, take compositions; in my humble opinion the finest thing yet recorded 'in hand' was the silent Carter's Odd-Bob One-Part by the College Youths, but they only received the same number of points as if they had rung the Four-Part, conducted by that master of Stedman, Mr. Winney. You cannot compare the two things. The writer of the letter in your issue of May 18th mentions Stedman Sextuples. Anyone who has had any experience at all of handbells must realise what a performance that was. It does not matter how remarkable the band may be in ringing Cinques, when it comes to two more bells it is a wonderful thing. The least the Analysis Committee could have done was to have written to the conductor and found out what he and his band considered a fair number of points for the performance.

The suggestion is made to have different points for tower and handbell peals, and I agree, if you are to have points at all, although I do not think that Exercise at large takes much notice of points. Handbell peals are a different thing altogether from tower bell peals, and should be treated separately. Take eight men on tower bells and four on handbells, of the same ability, give them exactly the same amount of practice, and who would ring a peal of Stedman first? I should advise some of our friends who do not think much of handbell ringing to try it, and they may find out there is something more than simply bringing the bells up and down.—Yours, etc.,

A. H. PULLING.

TWO SUGGESTIONS AND A CORRECTION.

Sir,—In looking through the interesting 'Analysis of Peals rung during the year 1922,' on page 297 of 'The Ringing World,' I find a difficulty which I think will be experienced by many whose eyesight, like my own, is not what it once was, of connecting the grand totals of points and averages with the associations to which they belong, owing to a tendency to 'get off the metals' in tracing the long lines of figures backwards, this being especially the case with the middle figures half-way down the list. May I suggest to the Analysis Committee the advisability of, in future, printing the list of associations after the table of figures as well as before it, as is often done with the lists of stations on the time-tables printed in broad sheet form, which one sees at railway stations? Another help would be to divide the list into sections of five or six associations each, by means of horizontal lines extending from end to end, the entire width of the table.

In the analysis of handbell peals (page 300) the Ely Diocesan Association is credited with an average of 8.88 points per peal. If the other figures are correct, the average should be 11.55.

Long Stanton.

H. B. WOOLLEY.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EXETER.—On June 10th, for Divine service, in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 51 minutes on the Thomas eight at Exeter Cathedral by the following: S. C. Davis (of Reading), 1, C. Carter 2, J. Oke 3, J. Arbury 4, H. Pook (Thorverton) 5, F. J. Milford (Thorverton) 6, F. J. Davey (conductor) 7, W. Bedford 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, June 10th, at the Portsmouth Parish Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: E. C. Martin 1, Miss E. M. Burnett 2, F. A. Burnett 3, P. Giles 4, L. P. Cook 5, W. L. Ayles 6, H. L. W. Aitken (conductor) 7, W. Scaife 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Baker, which took place at St. Thomas's that morning. Mr. Baker has been a regular Sunday ringer at the church for several years.

BARNES.—On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service, 1,260 changes of Oxford Bob Triples: W. O. Stacey 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, O. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

WIGSTON MAGNA.—On Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, in 51 mins., a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): J. Tansey 1, C. Randle 2, J. Clarke 3, H. Brown 4, S. Cheney 5, G. Burton 6, E. Jelley 7, L. Willars (conductor) 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., by S. Meadows 1, H. Kemp 2, A. J. La Clercq 3, R. J. Hasted 4, H. Prior 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, and on the occasion of His Majesty's birthday, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, G. Hinton 2, R. Coles 3, J. W. Wilkins 4, A. J. Hoing 5, G. Twitchee 6, E. Markham 7, F. W. Boxell 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, W. H. Plumridge 10.

RAWMARSH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, June 3rd, on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop of Sheffield, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,360 changes): C. Torr 1, A. Firth 2, A. Mitchell 3, G. Tuke 4, E. Liversedge 5, T. Cooper 6, F. Pickering 7, H. Mortimore 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, Sunday, June 3rd in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,200 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Radford 1, R. Philpott 2, H. Hutton 3, A. J. Burtlett (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, M. Smither 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

TEWKESBURY.—At the Abbey, on Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service (also in honour of the King's birthday), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,280 changes): W. Prew 1, R. Harris 3, O. Attwood 4, G. Watts 5, W. Hughes 6, C. Dyson (conductor) 7, R. Duck 8. Rung, through being one short for Triples, with 7 and 8 covering.

LECHLADE.—On Sunday, June 3rd, for R.A.O.B. Club service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: G. Law 1, A. King (first quarter-peal) 2, B. Guy 3, G. J. Winter 4, J. Hope (conductor) 5, E. Telling 6.

BARNES.—On Sunday, June 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in honour of His Majesty's birthday: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Dyas 3, W. H. Wood 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. H. Wood 1, W. H. Hollier 2, F. Norris 3, A. K. Harrison 4, A. Outmor 5, G. Faulkner 6, A. Harding 7, A. J. Trollope 8, F. Skevington (conductor) 9, M. E. Smith 10.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Sunday, May 13th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 720 Bob Minor: J. S. Napper 1, W. Hilbert 2, J. Honey 3, W. Hitchman 4, R. G. Rice (conductor) 5, G. Caudwell 6.

FULHAM.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Norris 1, H. Dyas 2, J. W. Driver 3, G. Iles 4, A. Harding 5, F. Skevington 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, H. Page 8.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Adams 1, T. Butlin 2, J. W. Haynes 3, P. Asplin 4, J. A. Townsend (conductor) 5.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 29th, at St. Michael's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Stokes 1, F. Cooper 2, G. Cooper 3, W. Wildig 4, J. Gregory (conductor) 5, D. Cooper 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by a local band.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, April 29th, for morning service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 360 Bob Minor: J. W. Collins 1, C. Bunting 2, W. W. Cousins 3, J. Rodwell, senr., 4, J. Rodwell, junr., 5, C. Cousins (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 120 Bob Doubles, with A. A. Bunting. Rung by an entirely local band.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Sunday evening, April 29th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., as a farewell to the Rev. F. W. Jones (curate), who has taken an appointment at Stafford: C. Williams 1, A. Pickering 2, H. F. Baraclough 3, J. W. Walker 4, A. Edward Reeves 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, R. Hall 7, J. Reed 8.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

HON. SECRETARY RESIGNS.

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, June 2nd, at the Old Church, Smethwick, in very favourable weather. The bells (eight) were placed at the disposal of the members, and were set merrily going from 3 o'clock until service time in various methods. The service was conducted by the Rev. Stanley Astbury (son of the esteemed Vicar of Smethwick), who also gave a very interesting and inspiring address. An adjournment was afterwards made to the Parish Hall, where a substantial tea was in readiness, the party numbering about 40 from various towers affiliated with the Guild.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Astbury) presided, and gave the members a right hearty welcome to Smethwick.—The Hon. Secretary announced his decision to resign office. Much persuasion was used in trying to get him to reconsider his decision, and to hold office until the end of the year, but was of no avail, and on the proposition of Mr. Harry Mason, seconded by Mr. Arthur Spittle, and supported by Mr. Ben Gough, the former secretary, Mr. Herbert Sheppard, was prevailed upon to fill the gap during the remainder of the year. In future, therefore, all correspondence concerning the welfare of the Guild should be addressed to him at 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

The place and date for the next quarterly meeting were left in the hands of the secretary.

Other business of a routine character having been transacted, a hearty vote of thanks was, on the proposition of Mr. Harry Mason, seconded by Mr. Arthur Spittle, accorded to the Rev. Canon Astbury, for readily granting permission for the Guild to hold its meeting at Smethwick, for the use of the tower and bells and Parish Hall, and for presiding at the meeting; to the Rev. Stanley Astbury for conducting the service in church, and his address. Thanks were also accorded to the Vicar for the bountiful tea, to Miss Pigott and her assistants for having everything in readiness; to Miss Astbury for kindly presiding over the tea, and to all who had assisted to make the meeting a successful and happy one.

In replying, on behalf of those concerned, the Vicar said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild again, and hoped that it would not be long before they paid Smethwick another visit.

A LINK WITH THE PAST.

On Thursday, June 7th, was laid to rest in the pretty little village churchyard at Apsley, Herts, all that was mortal of Mrs. M. A. Smith, mother of two well-known London ringers, Messrs. W. D. and G. J. Smith, old members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mrs. Smith celebrated her 88th birthday last March, and had enjoyed fairly good health right up to her very peaceful end, on Sunday, June 3rd. Her father, George Marriott, who died in 1887, was a prominent member of the Royal Cumberland Society for many years. He rang the 9th in the 7,746 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 5th May, 1851, the then greatest number of changes ever rung in that method by twelve men only. He also assisted at the funeral peal of Malachi Channon (the ringer of the 9th bell in the 12,000, at Shoreditch, in 1784). Her husband, David Smith, was also a member of the Royal Cumberland Society. On Thursday, 6th December, 1866, at St. John at Hackney, a peal of Grandsire Triples (5,040 changes) was rung in 3 hrs. 17 mins. by the St. James' Society, conducted by Henry Booth: C. Jarvis 1, J. Pettit 2, E. Horrex 3, R. Richardson 4, H. Booth 5, J. M. Hayes 6, G. Marriott 7, D. Smith 8. Mr. Horrex is the last surviving member of the band.

It used to be a standing joke with the late Mr. John Cox to say to Mr. W. D. Smith, 'I called your grandfather's first peal, a week before your mother was born.' This peal was rung on the 12th of March, 1835, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.

LADIES' GUILD.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at Corston, near Bath, on Saturday last by members and friends of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild, who were made very welcome by the Rev. C. C. and Mrs. Parker, and the Corston band of ringers. All attended service in the beautiful church at 4.30, and tea was served immediately after in the Village Hall. The Guild are very grateful to the Rector and Mrs. Parker, to the organist and choir boys, and to the ladies who so kindly arranged the tea. After tea a short business meeting was held, at which six new members were elected, and Wraxall, Somerset, was chosen for the September meeting, the secretary to try to arrange for this on the third or fourth Saturday in the month.

NOTICE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be at Goosnargh, on Saturday, June 23rd. A short time, 3.5 p.m., will be spent at Ribchester. Tea at Goosnargh at 5.30, about 1/6 per head. —W. Taylor, Tower House, Penwortham, Branch Sec.

NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Spaldwick on June 16. Tea at the George Inn at 5 o'clock.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tettenhall on June 16th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., School House, Aldford, Chester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, June 16. Bells (8) ready 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, June 16th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Hare and Hounds, Waddon. A good attendance desired and all ringers welcomed.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 16th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5, 1s. to fully-paid members, to others 1s. 6d. General meeting to follow.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Northaw on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Ven. Archdeacon of Warwick and Mrs. Back extend their usual invitation to all members to visit Berkswell on Saturday, June 16th next. In order to assist Mrs. Back with the catering arrangements, will those who intend being present kindly let me know as soon as possible? Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Barkway, on Saturday, June 16th. A bus will run from Royston at 3.20 p.m. There will also be a bus leave Hertford at the same time. Either or these will give members and friends a good three hours at Barkway.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary, 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin, Herts.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Huntsham (8) on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available at 2.30; service at 4.45; tea at 5.15, 9d. each.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All are welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guilsborough on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, District Hon. Sec., Guilsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 4.30.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Ewhurst on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Winchcombe on Saturday, June 16th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. M. Wickham). Business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 12th inst.—W. Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, June 16th, to endeavour to restart the branch. A good attendance of ringers is requested. Tea at Taylor's Restaurant at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Bells ready 3 p.m.—W. Farley, Wells.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 21st; Southwark Cathedral, on the 19th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fittleworth on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the Church Room 5 o'clock. Pulborough bells are also available in the evening if required. Will all those who intend being present kindly advise me not later than the 20th?—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, June 23rd. The Minster bells (10) available from 1 to 9 p.m., and St. Mary's (10) from 6 to 8 p.m. Service in the Minster Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Minster Parish Room at 5 p.m. to those who notify Mr. W. Gibson, 3, Brithunus Place, Long Lane, Beverley, by first post Tuesday, June 19th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 23rd. Train to Shrivenham Station. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea arranged for those who kindly let me know by June 18th.—H. A. Hearl, Hon. Branch Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hellingly on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will those in-

tending to be present kindly let me know by Tuesday, the 19th instant?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. District Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—John H. Haydock, Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom, Lancs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at S. Nicolas, Guildford, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 19th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Horbury for practice. No official business, and tea provided, on Saturday, June 23rd. A good attendance is desired.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Bradford.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Wellingborough District will be held at Finedon on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available at 2. Service 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Greaves). Tea at 5. Will those requiring same please notify me not later than June 20th?—F. Barber, Dis. Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Daybrook (8 bells). Tower open at 2.30. Tea in Social Centre, 15. 3d. each, at 5.30. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. R. Elson, 55, Church Drive, Daybrook, not later than June 21st?—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Frodsham, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting 4.45, followed by tea. Kindly advise me by the 20th, so that arrangements can be made for tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, June 23rd, from 6 till 9 p.m. Tea provided.—Jos. White.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea (5.30) will be arranged at a restaurant.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Alberi Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Wilmslow, Saturday, June 23rd.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER GUILD.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Bishopstoke on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify, not later than June 20th, Mr. W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) ready 2.30. A picnic tea 4 o'clock

(weather permitting). It is essential that those requiring tea notify me not later than Wednesday, June 20th, otherwise it cannot be provided. Evensong at 6 o'clock.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, Kettering.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwell (6) on Monday, June 25th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Orr). Bowls and other attractions on Vicarage lawn. Intending visitors kindly notify by June 21st.—W. Upton, Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Established 1623.—The Tercentenary Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27. A free dinner will be provided at one o'clock; and an official reception by the Mayor and Corporation at a Tea, at 4.30, kindly given by them. A very hearty welcome will be accorded to all visiting ringers: and it is sincerely desired that as many as possible will attend to honour the Saffron Walden Society on this unique occasion. It is essential that those intending to be present should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, not later than Thursday, June 21st, in order that suitable arrangements may be made.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec., West Road, Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6. Tea provided for all who send their names to W. Mapp, Post Office, Singleton.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Swinford on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The annual gathering of ringers will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Any company requiring them earlier please let me know by June 29th. No peal attempt. Entrance west end with cycles.—A. Symonds, 41, Market Lane.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Smarden (6 bells) on Saturday, June 30th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. L. H. Evans). Bells available at 2 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. All members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, June 27th.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Method proposed: Double Norwich.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

OLDHAM PARISH CHURCH.—On Saturday, June 30th, the new peal of 12 bells, weight of tenor 35 cwt., recast by J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be open to all ringers from 12 noon. A hearty invitation is given to all. Teas will be provided at a nominal fee. Applications for teas must be sent to the secretary on or before Tuesday, June 26th.—James Cox, 144, Horsedje Street, Oldham, Lancs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Please turn up in

crowds, as efforts are being made to create interest.—J. Halsall, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available at 3. This peal has been recast by Messrs. Taylor, and all ringers will be welcomed. Further particulars later. — Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 14th. Fuller particulars later.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE. — The Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association Commemoration Dinner will take place at Sheffield on Saturday, September 22nd. Full particulars later. Will ringers kindly book the date?—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

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