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CHESTER REFLECTIONS.

Another meeting of the Central Council has come and gone, and all who had the privilege of attending at Chester will look back on the proceedings with nothing but the happiest recollections. Apart from the very enjoyable social features which distinguished this year's gathering above many others, the business meeting itself was one of considerable interest. It was not without its humorous interludes, as will be seen by those who peruse the report of the proceedings as it appears in our columns, but this spice of merriment helped to temper the business and relieve it of that dullness which not infrequently has marked the meetings in the past.

Except in the case of the Literature and Press Committee, there was a definite report from each of the numerous committees set up by the Council, and in the case of the Peal Collection Committee and the Methods Committee there was a statement of actual work completed, after a long absence of any apparent progress. We use the word 'apparent' advisedly, because the work of these committees is really stupendous in its detail, and it is only the finished product which the Council and the Exercise see. The great work of the Analysis Committee is obvious to all every year, and we think a considerable number of ringers will fully approve of the Council's action in relieving them of a large amount of work by abolishing peal points for the future. Another of the committees which put in substantial work during the year was that appointed to deal with method nomenclature and the Council, in this knotty problem, took the only reasonable course open to them by deferring discussion until the report has been seen in print. In this connection it might be mentioned that it would be well if all the committees with reports of a controversial nature would publish them beforehand, as failure to do so can only result in postponement of a decision for at least a year.

Only one of the motions down for discussion brought any opposition, and that was with regard to the augmentation of peals of eight to peals of ten. We doubt if Alderman Pritchett, who moved it, was really as serious as he would have us believe, and his proposal was actually laughed out of court. Many members must still be wondering whether he was not gently 'pulling the leg' of the Council. At any rate, the motion added to the merriment of the proceedings, which, throughout, were characterised with the best of good taste and feeling. One other word is necessary, and that is to compliment the Chester Diocesan Guild and its special committee upon the manner in which they made the arrangements, both for the success of the meeting and the enjoyment of their visitors.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEEN PARK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2	HENRY T. WILSON ... 8
ALBERT W. COLES ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 9
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	C.S. MJR. J. BENNETT ... 10
CHARLES T. COLES ... 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... 11
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 6	RICHARD E. WILSON ... Tenor

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

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 7
* EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	* EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	HAROLD W. CLARKE ... 10
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... 11
WILLIAM W. COLES ... 6	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. First peal of Maximus on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES ... 6
ALFRED J. TURNER ... 2	* WILLIAM R. DRAGE ... 7
* MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 8
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... 9
* GEORGE H. SHUKER ... 5	JOHN DEARLOVE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Royal. Mr. Turner has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ... Treble	* WILLIAM R. DRAGE ... 6
FREDERICK ROGERS ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8
* HARRY PARKES ... 4	JOHN DEARLOVE ... 9
* STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 5	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 6
* MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... 2	JOHN JAY ... 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 8
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 9
* WILLIAM R. DRAGE ... 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BOOTH. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Treble Ten.

ST. LAWRENCE, THANET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	C.S.MJR. J. BENNETT... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT... 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... 9
ALBERT W. COLES ... 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
First peal on the ten bells.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

HARRY PAGE... Treble	FREDERICK LASBURY ... 6
FREDERICK BAILEY ... 2	JAMES CROSS ... 7
GEORGE LARGE ... 3	TOM PAGE ... 8
GEORGE CROSS ... 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 9
SIDNEY DAWE ... 5	WILLIAM PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES WOOD. Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

First peal of Kent Royal for all, and first peal of Kent Royal for the association. First attempt on ten bells for G. Cross and W. Page.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(RAILWAYMEN'S PEAL.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

FRANK J. BAILEY... Treble	† LEWIS WRIGHT ... 6
JOHN BULLEN ... 2	ALFRED PARNELL ... 7
CHARLES GREEDY ... 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... 8
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN... 9
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 5	* BERT WEAVER ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters on an inside bell. The whole who took part are employees of the Great Western Railway Company.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 52 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN... Treble	WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 2	EDWARD CAUNCE... 7
JOHN WILKINSON ... 3	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 8
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE... 9
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

This peal was arranged for Mr. T. Groombridge, of Chislehurst, Kent, who was elected a member of the association prior to the commencement of this peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	WILLIAM SPICE ... 5
PHILLIP C. SPRINGHAM ... 2	C.S.MJR. J. BENNETT ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN... 7
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 4	CHARLES WINSOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... 5
JOHN A. COLE ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6
ISAAC G. SEADE ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PELLING.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST W. TIPLER ... Treble	JAMES GEORGE ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON ... 6
ALFRED G. GRANT ... 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 4	WALTER MALINS... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. Also to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. F. J. Herbert, a local ringer.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

† A. LAING TAYLOR ... Treble	* PERCY WILFORD... 5
JOHN APPLETON... 2	THOMAS METCALFE ... 6
ROBERT LAUGHTON ... 3	† WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... 7
CECIL ROBINSON ... 4	ALFRED J. RING... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Conducted by WM. AINSWORTH.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from the tenor. ‡ First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and rung as a compliment to Col. W. H. A. Wharton, through whose generosity the bells were rehung.

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY ... Treble	* HARRY CHAMBERS ... 5
LEONARD J. WYMAN ... 2	ARTHUR BELLAMY ... 6
JOHN R. MAIN ... 3	GEORGE BASFORD ... 7
NORMAN THOMAS... 4	WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by W. PERKINS.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. Bigley to Miss R. Palmer.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

FRANK FRASER ... Treble	ROBERT THOMPSON ... 5
ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 2	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 6
JIM HURRELL ... 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES ... 7
GEORGE DURLING ... 4	ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Gladys Eleanor Mary Simpson to Walter James Cripps; also as a birthday compliment to Robert Thompson, the ringer of the 5th.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES!

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY Treble	*FREDK. A. SALTER 5
*LAWRENCE CHADBEURN ... 2	*GEORGE WEST 6
RICHARD HAYES 3	ALLEN F. BAILEY 7
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... 4	FREDK. W. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. R. Hayes and Allen F. Bailey were elected members before starting the peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES!

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALBAN DISNEY Treble	*GEORGE A. NEWTON 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 6
*CHARLES R. BELTON 3	*PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 7
*THOMAS K. DEACON 4	THOMAS ATKINS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by T. ATKINS.

* First peal of Major. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES!

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*EDWARD G. GRINDELL ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
†ERNEST E. GRIMES 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 3	*THOMAS W. LAST 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal inside in the method. Rung as a compliment to E. G. Grindell (a former member of the Debenham band), on the occasion of his silver wedding.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES!

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

MRS. BAKER Treble	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 5
ROBERT EDWARDS 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
HARRY BAKER 4	CHARLES TRIBE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.

First peal of Stedman by ringer of the 5th. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS C. LARKEY Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT 5
JOHN WILKINSON 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	CLAUDE I. DAVIES 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells. The only previous peal, one of Grandsire Triples, was rung in this tower on December 19th, 1885. The bells were recast and rehung by J. Taylor and Co. live years ago.

SWINDON.—At St. Mark's Church, in honour of Empire Day, 720 Plain Bob, for evensong: G. Lawrence 1, T. Ricketts 2, H. Halton 3, S. Hopper 4, H. Wheeler 5, A. Heath (first 720 as conductor) 6.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

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

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES!

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 5
HERBERT C. SPENCER 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM 6
*GEORGE E. LARGE 3	GEORGE F. GARRISON 7
WILLIAM H. BALL 4	GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES!

F. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS HARE Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	WILLIAM BOLTON 7
EDWARD BARNETT, SEN. ... 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

The above were elected life members before starting.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES!

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	JAMES C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES!

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH H. RIDYARD Treble	ARTHUR RIDYARD 5
*MISS ALICE BRIERLEY ... 2	WALTER W. WOOLSTENCROFT ... 6
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 3	ALLEN H. BAILEY 7
MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... 4	THOMAS JONES Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for Mrs. R. F. Deal. * First attempt for a peal of Stedman.

TICHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, June 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES!

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

ROBERT G. BLACK Treble	FRANK KIRK 5
*MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD ... 2	FREDERICK J. TITE 6
GEORGE BASFORD 3	HARRY SALTER 7
JOHN R. MAIN 4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First attempt for peal on eight bells.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES!

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE PIPER Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5
EDWARD W. BRAY 2	HARRY PARKES 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ROBERT J. DAVE 7
WILLIAM R. DRAGE 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in a Treble Bob method.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, June 3, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
WALTER T. BENNETT 2	ALFRED T. FOULTON 6
ALFRED W. DAVIS 3	ROBERT E. SOMMERS 7
JOHN CLARK 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	FRANCIS BIBBY 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
ALFRED SMITH 2	HENRY ADCOCK 6
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5000 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES MARSHALL Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
HARRY HOLDEN 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
THOMAS WILLIAMS 4	WALTER MASTERS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. PERKINS.

All are members of the local band. Rung in honour of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York.

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES Treble	JAMES MARTIN 5
JOSEPH WAGHORN SEN. 2	JOHN WILKINSON 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
EDWARD CAUNCE 4	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

The ringer of the second is in his 83rd year, and he was heartily congratulated by the rest of the band on the way he rang throughout the peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	GEORGE WILSON 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON & WIGAN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN BOOTH Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS 5
FRED RIGBY 2	WILLIAM E. AUSTIN 6
WILLIAM LANCASTER 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
JOHN R. TAYLOR 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (196). Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5000 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

LEWIS NEWMAN Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
† FREDERICK LEESON 2	JOHN S. MORTON 6
LEONARD MANNERING 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
GEORGE POUND 4	* HARRY TOLHURST Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

† First peal, and first attempt on a bob bell. * First peal.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

CHARLES N. BURDOCK Treble	JOHN A. COLE 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6
OLIVER SIPPETTS 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN Treble	* J. E. MARKLAND 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 3	* JOHN POTTER 7
HARRY FRANCE 4	† JOHN W. KAY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 22nd anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Markland, to whom the band tendered their heartiest thanks for their generous hospitality after the peal.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	FREDERICK SMITH 5
* GEORGE HOWLETT 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
WALTER BARRETT 3	* RUSSELL RICHES 7
WALTER MOBBES 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: F. S. Palmer 1, A. M. Stacey 2, H. J. Hunnisett 3, A. J. Moore 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, W. A. Hunnisett 8. This quarter-peal, composed by L. Stillwell, contains 72 bobs and singles, and was the conductor's 100th quarter-peal in the tower.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

*On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Spliced Treble Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

STANLEY W. COPLING ... Treble	CHARLES S. SPURGEON ... 4
HECTOR DENNISON ... 2	ARTHUR A. CORBY ... 5
ROBERT A. WARMAN ... 3	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.

* First peal, and was proposed a member of the Guild prior to the peal. This is the first peal to be rung on these bells, and first in seven methods by all the band.

RATRY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Canterbury Pleasure, three 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*ALBERT R. CHANTRELL ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... 4
†CHARLES PRIESTNALL ... 2	TOM CHANTRELL ... 5
JAMES H. SPENCER ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM N. COOPER ... Treble	†CHARLES W. RIDGEWAY ... 4
HAROLD C. ROBINS ... 2	WILLIAM F. T. SWALLOW ... 5
CYRIL C. RIDGEWAY ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal and first attempt; he rang his first 720 a fortnight previous. † First peal inside. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. L. Finch, M.A.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

THOMAS HARPIN ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 5
HARRY TYSOE ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

HARRY PROUT ... Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 4
REGINALD BECK ... 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... 5
RONALD BECK ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH. — On Sunday, May 10th, at the Church of St. Augustine, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor, viz.: 720 St. Clement's, 360 Double Court, 180 Plain Bob: P. Banyard (first quarter) 1, Miss Phyllis Hare 2, Miss Kitty Moore 3, Miss Annie Dale 4, Miss Cecil Hepburn 5, H. Hoare (conductor) 6. Arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who hails from Isham.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT NO. 1, DINGLEY TERRACE, MARKET HARBOUROUGH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of twenty-eight 120's Grandsire Doubles, and fourteen 120's Bob Doubles.

C. ARTHUR MANNERING ... 1-2	J. CHESTER ... 4
*R. MARGE ... 3	FRANK WALLINGTON ... 5-6

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING. Umpire: F. CLARK.

* First peal. First handbell peal by all. All are members of Market Harborough Parish Church band.

LAVENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1925, in One Hour and Forty-Nine Minutes,

IN THE TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

C. G. PRYKE ... 1	L. POOLSON ... 4
S. H. SYMONDS ... 2-3	A. SYMONDS ... 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal by C. G. Pryke, of Preston.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

The deferred meeting of the Western District was held at Berkhamsted, in glorious weather, on Saturday last, when about twenty members were present from the towers in the district, and Iyer Heath. A meeting in an adjoining district did not spoil the attendance, although their numbers would have increased by five or six had another date been chosen.

The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major. Triples sounded the best—if best it can be called, with a 6th cracked from crown to lip. How the inhabitants can put up with that 'row' is beyond the comprehension of the writer.

In the absence of the Rector, through illness, the short service was taken by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (Wigginton), newly appointed to that living (another district's loss, but our gain), who gave a very fine, instructive, pleasing address, from a ringer to ringers.

Tea and meeting followed the service. After the inner man had been attended to, the Rev. Tyrwhitt-Drake was unanimously voted to the chair. One new honorary member (Mr. W. L. M. Benson) was elected. Tring was chosen for the next place of meeting, on Saturday, July 25th.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells; the Rev. Tyrwhitt-Drake for his splendid address; the organist for his services; and Mr. F. Norris (who has climbed those belfry steps for 51 years) for the local arrangements.

As no further business required attention, the members again adjourned to the tower, where they were joined by Mr. A. R. MacDonald and Mr. 'Bert' Langdon, the latter of whom added to his experiences by ringing on seven bells and a 'wooden one.'

Will all ringers round this end of Herts, and adjoining counties, please note the Tring date, so that there may be a good meeting?

W. A.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION AND ANNUAL MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Walberton on May 30th, 24 members being present from Arundel, Angmering, Aldrington, Chichester, Heene, Lyminster, Warnham, Shoreham and West Tarring, together with Mr. and Mrs. Bayley, of Fareham. The company were met and welcomed at the church by the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Hunter). After several touches in various methods had been rung, the company made their way to the tearooms, and were joined by the Vicar, who afterwards presided at the business meeting.—One new member was elected, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Warnham in August.

A discussion arose as to the desirability of holding the annual general meetings of the association always at Brighton, and the members present wish it to be known that the majority in the Western Division are in favour of it always being held there, preferably on Whit Monday.

After votes of thanks to the Rev. W. G. Hunter for presiding and granting the use of the bells, to which the Vicar responded, the members again paid a short visit to the belfry, previous to making their way back to Arundel, where some very good practice in Triples and Major ringing brought a very enjoyable half-day's trip to an end.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Whitsun meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch was held at Moulton on Saturday, June 6th, ringers being present from Spalding, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Donington, Bicker, Deeping St. Nicholas, Market Deeping, and the local company. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an excellent address on 'The brotherhood of man,' who took for his text, Psalm cxxxiii. 1. The organist and choir attended, and their services were much appreciated by the members.

Ten was provided by the ladies of the parish, in the Village Hall, to which about 40 members and friends sat down, including the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston) and Mrs. Sturton.

At the business meeting, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Long Sutton, in October. Further ringing was indulged in, and included Cambridge and a course of London Surprise.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**DEBENHAM LONG PEAL VETERANS.**

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Debenham on Saturday, June 6th, and was attended by about 30 members, representing the towers of Ipswich, Ufford, Otley, Witnesham, Helmingham, Framsdon, Creetingham, Earl Soham, Framlingham, Laxfield, Worlingworth, Cotton, Stoke Ash, Thornham and Wetheringsett, in addition to the local band. Some good touches in the standard methods were rung during the afternoon, and tea was served in the Parish Room. The Vicar of Debenham (the Rev. E. C. Oakley) joined the members at this function, and presided at the short business meeting which followed. In a happy speech, he welcomed everyone, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet them all, and to hear the bells being rung so well. He also specially referred to the presence there that day of the four surviving members of the band who rang the long peal of Treble Bob Major on Debenham bells on Whit Monday, 1892, and hoped they would be spared to be able to visit the scene of their splendid performance on several future anniversaries.

The Vicar gave practical proof of his interest in ringing matters by becoming an honorary member of the Guild.—Two performing members were also elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding; also to the ladies who so kindly assisted at the tea.

Further ringing was then indulged in, and the bells were kept going until 9.30 p.m., the methods rung being Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and London, also several touches of Stedman Triples.

RAILWAY CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

A correspondent writes: The idea suggested by Mr. C. T. Coles of a railwayman's peal, on the occasion of the centenary celebrations, was first suggested by Mr. R. B. Robinson, of Shildon, as far back as 1920, and arrangements are being made to carry this into effect. The band will probably be drawn from ringers now employed on the original line covered by the old Stockton and Darlington Railway (Shildon and Darlington to Stockton). The peal most probably will be rung at Shildon (where some of the original stone railway sleepers may still be seen), which has largely been left out of the official programme, as the procession is to start at Stockton and finish at Darlington (the home of No. 1 and No. 25 Engines). Peals will also be arranged by the Darlington and Stockton ringers, in addition to the all railwaymen's peal (Yarm, the place where one of the promotion meetings was held, only possesses two bells). Mr. R. B. Robinson's address is 54, Albert Street, Shildon, near Darlington.

SPLICED UNION & GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

5,040, by A. J. PITMAN.

The first spliced peal of Triples—Union and Grandsire—was rung at Bridgend on May 16th, as already recorded in our peal columns. The composition is as follows:—

234567		Continued
472356	2	573246 3
264735	2	735246 4
572364	1	467523 2
375426	5	S 534267 1
563742	2	725634 1
275463	1	467325 1
762354	4	S 354267 1
437562	1	473526 2
674523	3	364752 2
576342	5	273564 1
765342	4	762435 4
367254	5	357246 2
		P L 324657 1

Repeat five times, omitting first call in parts 2, 4, 6. With 2, 3 or 4 in the hunt, Union is rung. With 5, 6 or 7 in the hunt, Grandsire is rung. Grandsire Singles are used.

First rung at Bridgend, Glamorgan, on May 16th, 1925, conducted by the composer, but without notification of the change of method.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is a scheme afoot to recast the famous peal of ten, which used to hang in the tower of St. Michael's, Coventry, but which were taken down some years ago, into a carillon of 14 bells, and to hang them as a fixed carillon.

We don't know whether it is too late, but we suggest the Central Council might do something here to endeavour to get this scheme reconsidered.

Coventry bells have the reputation of being one of the finest rings of ten in the country, and, we are informed, with a little tuning could be made, to fit into a carillon without going into the melting pot. Moreover, if a restoration scheme is to be carried out, cannot the Towers and Belfries Committee get to work and show the Coventry folks how these ten bells might be hung for ringing with safety to the fabric?

On arrival at Loughborough Foundry to attempt two peals last Saturday week, it was found that one of the bells was minus a stay. This put the 'wind up' some of the band, but the indomitable R. Harry S. said, in his characteristic way, 'I'll ring it.' This he successfully did to both peals, and now thinks he ought to be 'mentioned in despatches,' for this is the first time he has rung two peals in half a day on a bell minus a stay!

The peal of Double Norwich Major rung at St. Luke's, Brouley, on May 28th, and which was Mr. I. Emery's 300th peal, was specially arranged by him so as to allow Mr. Barnett to conduct it, as Mr. Barnett conducted his first peal many years ago—more, in fact, than either of them care to remember.

Mr. James George, of 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham, writes to thank Mr. Cornelius Charge for his remarks in the 'Ringing World' of May 22nd with reference to the Bob Royal composition. He gives up all claim to the peal.

One hundred and ten years ago to-day, what is believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Maximus rung out of London, was brought round at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

Forty years ago to-morrow, the first peal was rung on the bells at Winchester Cathedral. This was Grandsire Triples, and was conducted by F. E. Dawe.

On June 13th, 1743, 6,720 Bob Major was rung at Harrietsham, Kent, in 4 hours 31 minutes.

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

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

CANON NOLLOTH'S LECTURE AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE.

At Magdalen College, on Friday, June 5th, Canon H. E. Nolloth, D.D., gave a very interesting lecture to the society on 'Bells: their ancient history and modern developments.'

The lecturer gave a brief but lucid survey of the history of bells from the earliest times, illustrating his remarks with quotations from early and contemporary writers.

He then proceeded to lay great emphasis on the remarkable improvement which had taken place in bell hanging and tuning in the last thirty years or so, and he gave an interesting account of the pioneer work of Canon Simpson and Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, in their endeavours to tune bells so that their harmonies should be perfect. One of their aims was to improve the hum note and to eliminate the fourth—the curse of large bells.

The tenor at Beverley Minster was cited by the lecturer as being a bell with perfect harmonies.

Canon Nolloth next spoke of the important and responsible work of ringing the bells for service. He quoted the words of a lifelong and enthusiastic ringer, who said that he always considered that the service had begun when the bells began to ring, and that the ringing in which he took part was always preceded by prayer.

In concluding his lecture, Canon Nolloth stated that a special ringers' seat, in some suitable part of the church away from draughts, ought to be specially reserved in every church where there was a band of ringers.

At the conclusion of the lecture, the President of the Society (the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw, D.D.) gave Canon Nolloth a very hearty vote of thanks for his stimulating and instructive lecture, and assured him that all present were very grateful to him for placing his expert knowledge at the disposal of the society.

PRESENTATIONS AT NELSON.

On Wednesday, May 27th, Messrs. R. Hartley and H. Entwistle, of the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, were each presented with a silver cigarette case by the ringers of St. Philip's Church, Nelson, Lancs.

Since the installation of the bells some eighteen months ago, they have attended practically every practice night to give instruction to the local band. This service has called for a large amount of patience and self-sacrifice, which has been highly appreciated.

After the presentation by the Vicar (the Rev. G. F. Eyles), a motion that they be made honorary members of the belfry, was carried unanimously.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

BISHOP OF CHESTER'S WELCOME.

At the meeting of the Central Council, at Chester on Whitsun Tuesday, the Associations were represented as follows:—
Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. A. A. Hughes and T. Faulkner.

Bath and Wells Association: Mr. A. E. Coles.
Bedfordshire Association: Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker and Mr. A. E. Sharman.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. E. W. Elwell, H. Fairclough and J. Ashmole.

Devonshire Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. S. J. Hughes.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guilds: Messrs. W. Story and W. H. Barber.

Ely Diocesan Association: Mr. T. R. Dennis.

Essex Association: Messrs. W. J. Nevard, G. R. Pye and E. Butler.

Gloucester and Bristol: Messrs. W. A. Cave, E. Bishop and E. Guise.

Kent County Association: Messrs. T. Groombridge and E. Barnett.

Ladies' Guild: Miss E. K. Parker.

Lancashire Association: Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Messrs. H. Chapman, J. R. Taylor and W. E. Wilson.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. Law James, Rev. H. T. Parry, and Mr. R. Richardson.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. W. Jones and W. Bolton.

London County Association: Mr. A. D. Barker.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. A. Milne, C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier.

Midland Counties Association: Messrs. Pryce Taylor and A. Coppock.

North Wales Association: Mr. A. J. Hughes.

Norfolk Guild: Messrs. A. Coleman and G. P. Burton.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin, Messrs. F. W. Hopgood and J. Evans.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. F. Wilford and J. J. Jutson.

Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.

St. Martin's Guild: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards and Mr. T. Hervey Beams.

Stafford Archdeaconry: Messrs. W. Knight and T. J. Elton.

Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee.

Surrey Association: Messrs. C. F. Johnston and C. Dean.

Warwickshire Guild: Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts.

Winchester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. Williams and A. H. Pulling.

Worcester and Districts Association: Messrs. T. J. Salter and W. Short.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. P. J. Johnson and J. Cotterell.

Hon. members: Revs. C. D. P. Davies, H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, H. W. Wilde, J. Griffin, J. George, J. W. Parker, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex Young (hon. secretary and treasurer).

The Dean of Chester opened the meeting with prayer, and in the course of his welcome to the members, he said he hoped we should recover presently the notion in England that the Cathedrals did not belong to a group of old gentlemen, but really were the Mother Church of each Diocese, the Bishop being the head of it, the Dean and Chapter trustees, and the Cathedral belonging to everybody. That Cathedral was the one great building in the county that really belonged to everybody. We were at last beginning to feel that it did. He was glad to see that the great Cathedral of Canterbury, which ought to lead them all, had now posted on its doors a notice—more magnificently printed than they in Chester put on their doors five years ago (applause). He was told in Canterbury four years ago it was quite impossible to throw the Cathedral open: it was all right for a little cottage, but a great place like Canterbury would never be able to throw itself open to the public. He was only hoping the great Metropolitan Cathedral of the North would not stick, and he so stodgy that it would not come in at the tail end. After the Dis-solution, Chester Cathedral fell into evil plight as far as money was concerned. The Dean and Canons were only able to carry on by selling their big bell. That big bell now was hanging, he thought, in the tower of Conway Church. It was sold from Chester Cathedral. It was a sign of better days that two years ago in Chester they made their tower safe and sound, and now they could once more ring their bells. They welcomed the Council very much, and hoped they would have a very happy Council meeting.

THE BISHOP'S WELCOME.

The Lord Bishop, who arrived a few minutes later, said he was only discharging what seemed to him a very natural debt to discharge when he came there, and that was to thank them for all they were doing for the church. Wherever one went now, one was conscious of the enormous improvement in that part of church work which they represented. The bells were more beautifully rung than

ever, there was more reverence among the bell ringers, and all felt they were among the true workers of the church. There used to be bell ringers who, some of them, kept out of the church. He felt now they were heart and soul working together for the glory of God and the welfare of the holy church. He bid them a most hearty welcome to Chester. He thought they could not have been at the Cathedral on Monday without feeling pretty clearly what it was they were out for. They really were out to try and make people feel the Cathedral was really and truly the central house of God in the Diocese, to which all were welcome, and in which they hoped all would find themselves at home. For those present on Monday it must have been a rather reassuring experience. They had the place full from morning to evening, and it was a delightful crowd to be among. One seemed to find them almost pathetically grateful for the sort of freedom which they enjoyed in God's house. He was specially glad, because he felt that in all this they had the true sympathy of those whom the Council represented. They heard small bells and great bells, but this art of change ringing was theirs alone. He thought it must give them extra pleasure to cultivate what all along had been a traditional English art.

The President (Canon G. F. Coleridge) said he needly hardly assure them how deeply the members of the Council, with some of whom he had been associated 37 years, appreciated the kindness of the Lord Bishop in welcoming them. The Council had met 37 or 38 times, and this was only the second occasion on which they had been welcomed by the Bishop and Dean of a Diocese. Up till two years ago no notice was taken of the Central Council meeting, except by Sir Arthur Heywood on the occasion of the triennial London meeting. At Salisbury, two years ago, when they met in the Chapter House, the Bishop, Dean and Archdeacon welcomed them. That day in Chester they had the Bishop, Dean and Precentor (applause).

The Bishop and Dean then left the meeting.

REPRESENTATION ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

Canon Baker, referring to the minutes of the last meeting, asked what happened with reference to the resolution urging the appointment on each Diocesan Advisory Committee of a person with a knowledge of bells and bell ringing. Was the resolution sent to the Secretaries of the Diocesan Conferences?

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. A. Young) said he thought the best way of meeting the resolution was to put a letter in the 'Ringing World,' which he did early in the year, pointing out the desirability of ringers getting representatives elected on the Church Parochial Councils, and thus eventually, through the various stages, get a representative on the Advisory Committee. That was all he felt he could do.

Canon H. J. Elsee said what was wanted was to reach the Diocesan authorities in each case. The Parochial Councils had very little to do with Advisory Committees, except when they applied for a faculty themselves. He was not quite sure a request from a Diocesan or County Association would receive the same consideration as one from that Central body. He thought some application of that sort was to be made in the name of the Council to the Advisory Committee in each diocese.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said in the Winchester Guild the Rev. C. E. Matthews was on the Advisory Committee for the diocese.

Mr. C. T. Coles said he believed no such Advisory Committee existed in the London diocese.

Mr. F. Wilford said in the Peterborough Diocese they had not known which was the right way to go to work. They had made several inquiries, but they had not known what procedure to adopt. They were anxious it should be done, and that they should have a representative.

Mr. E. W. Elwell said the Chester Guild had taken the matter up with the authorities, but it was rather hanging fire at present.

Canon Baker pointed out that the Advisory body consisted of experts appointed by the Chancellor of the Diocese to advise on applications for faculties, and what they (the Council) wanted was that they should have a representative who could represent the point of view of the ringers, and who knew something about bells. In the case of his own diocese, the committee had come to some extraordinary conclusions. If a letter was sent to the Secretary of the Diocesan Conference he would pass it on to the Advisory Committee.

The Rev. H. Drake said that in the diocese of St. Edmundsbury their difficulty was, that, although they had made application and had the senior Archdeacon supporting them, they had not been able to get a member on the Advisory Committee. He thought if they could get the support of the Central Council it would help them greatly. He thought there would be no difficulty in each association secretary getting the information as to the Advisory Committee, and sending on a letter from the Council to the right quarter.

The hon. secretary undertook to send out a letter at the earliest opportunity.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer presented the balance sheet for the year, as already printed. It was adopted, on the motion of the Rev. H. Law James, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, members of the Standing Committee, who had carried out the audit.

The Hon. Secretary said no associations had dropped out, but he was glad to say Sussex had rejoined them, and they had also got as a new association, the Swansea and Brecon Guild (hear, hear).

THE COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

The Hon. Librarian's statement of accounts showed receipts amounting to £8 4s. 3d. from the sale of publications, and expenditure of £10 9s. 8½d., leaving an adverse balance of £2 5s. 5½d.

In his report, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said: "The sale of publications has not been quite so good as it was in the previous year, the number sold being 250, as against 265. The sum realised by the sales, £8 4s. 3d., of which £2 6s. 10d. came in from the "on sale or return" account as against 9s. only in the previous year. This account was much helped by one gentleman who sent an order for one pound's worth of books to be disposed of in one way or another: an example that might be followed with advantage. One return came to hand after the account had been made up, and the amount 3s. 4d. will be carried forward. It cost the Council £2 5s. 8d. to effect these sales. The popular work again was the "Collection of Minor Methods," which promises well for the sale of Major Methods when published. Having declared that "On the Preservation of Bells" was out of print, I was, in November last, offered at cost price a matter of 30 copies by Canon Elsee. I bought 24 copies as a speculation for the Council, and reinstated the book in the advertisement notice, and have since sold 13 copies. If the Council wishes I will buy up the remainder. It would be well to consider the bringing up to date the book, "Rules and Decisions of the Council," as the last entry therein is dated 1903. The Corrigenda of the three books, "Collection of Peals," is now completed, the last being only recently finished. This means that the peals in these books are now proved. The thanks of the Council are due to the following: Revs. H. L. James, H. S. T. Richardson, E. S. Powell, and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and H. W. Wilde. The results of their work have appeared from time to time in the "Ringing World," and are now printed in leaflet form. There should be a ruling of the Council as to the disposal of these. It has been represented to me that whereas the Council possesses a complete Press record from 1871 to the present day, it has not those numbers of "Bell News" when that paper and the "Ringing World" were running together. I should like to know whether the Council wishes me to try and obtain these numbers, namely, 1912—1915, inclusive."

The Council resolved that the Librarian should repurchase the copies of "On the Preservation of Bells," now in the hands of Canon Elsee.

The Standing Committee having recommended that the Corrigenda to the Collection of Peals should be sold at 2d. for the set of three leaflets, this was agreed to; it being pointed out that anyone sending for a new set of the books would receive the Corrigenda free of charge.

The Librarian was authorised to obtain and have bound the issues of "The Bell News" for the years 1912 to 1915.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that some of the publications of the Council were either out of print, or nearly so. As treasurer, he noticed that their balance did not progress much, and that they were getting a little loss on their sales. On the other hand, when they wanted to reprint they would find that the cost of printing had considerably increased, and he thought the Council should consider the advisability of increasing the charge of the present stock by, say, 50 per cent. It would be something towards meeting the extra cost when they had to reprint.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said they should approach the matter carefully. One got the impression that it was difficult to maintain the circulation of the Council's publications, and while they might rashly decide to increase the charge for the publications, they might find that it would result in the circulation falling off. He felt that all the while they could carry on without increasing the cost to the members of the Exercise it would be advisable to do so. It ought not to be the special function of the Council to make a profit on these things.

The Hon. Secretary's suggestion was carried by a large majority.

It was resolved, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, that the Council's "Rules and Decisions" be brought up to date, and submitted for approval by the Council at the next meeting, the task being entrusted to the Literature and Press Committee, with the hon. secretary, it being understood that the Methods Committee would, in the meantime, revise their portion of the matter.

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THE HON. SECRETARY'S MOTION.

By the accidental omission of a few words from the notice for next year's meeting, given by the hon. secretary, the motion, as reported last week, conveys the wrong sense of what was intended. Mr. Young's notice was in the following terms: "That the time has now arrived when the Council should consider whether the so-called scientific or Simpson tuning is in the best interest of the Exercise."

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

The 46th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, when there was a large gathering of members from all parts of the county, and evidence was afforded of the flourishing condition of the association. Service was held at the Cathedral in the morning, Canon Lake, Sub-Dean, officiating. The ringers' service was used, and the lesson was read by the Master of the Association, Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree. The address was given by the Rev. H. Jordan, Vicar of Finchlingfield, from the text, "Partakers of the heavenly calling." The preacher dwelt on the vocational aspect of bell ringing as part of church worship, and said if that view were kept in mind by the ringers it would increase the interest in their honourable calling. It was of the highest importance that fact should be recognised, because it was of the essence of Christian work. Ringing was also skilled work, and the ringers were craftsmen on the human side. A good deal of technical skill was needed to properly ring bells. Upon an ancient bell, dated 1781, in Finchlingfield Church, there was an inscription, "Music is medicine for the mind." The ringing of bells for church service had a stimulating and helpful effect, because the bells conveyed a message, and if from any cause the bells were silent, there was a feeling of depression, and it was felt that something was wanting.

The annual meeting followed at the Cathedral Hall, where Mr. C. H. Howard presided, supported by Canon Lake, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, the Rev. H. Jordan, and Mr. E. J. Pilstow, hon. secretary.

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master presented his report, which stated that the membership was 1,031, against 1,037, a slight reduction. Ninety had dropped out by deaths and lapses, and 84 had joined. The names of all in arrears of contribution had been struck out. Numerous district meetings had been held, and the attendances showed an increase, with an average of about 40. They had lost by death Mr. C. Wendle, an honorary member; Mr. C. Bearman, aged 85 years, who was present at the formation of the Association at Whittle in 1879; Mr. W. J. Sadler, a regular service ringer at Braintree for many years; and Mr. E. Wightman, a ringer and composer of repute, and at one time an officer of the Association. Fifty-one peals had been rung during the year. The majority of the methods rung were of a high standard. The small number of peals in the simpler methods rather indicated that there was little inclination on the part of the less advanced members to aspire to peal ringing. An occasional peal attempt gave an opportunity to improve the quality of the striking. It would be well if more embraced those means. It was pleasing to note that the conductors of higher methods readily responded to any invitation to assist younger members to ring their first peal. At Great Baddow the peal of eight had been recast, and the bells hung in an iron frame. The reputation of this tower, as containing the most unmusical peal in the county, was thus removed. The bells for their "go" and sweetness of tone compared very favourably with any for their weight in the diocese. The work at Rayleigh had been brought to a very successful completion. The 5th and 6th, two Pre-Reformation bells, were retained. The 6th, which was rather poor in tone, was to be hung in the tower arch as a specimen of mediæval casting, and a new one had been added in its place; the old 5th was to be refound, and the other bells recast and tuned to it, and all hung in a new iron frame. The dedication was fixed for June 21st. The six bells at Wethersfield have been refound and rehung in a new timber frame, with ball bearings. The tone of the bells was very much improved. The ring of four at Little Baddow was to be rehung. It was hoped that two trebles would be added to make a ring of six, but this project had been abandoned. Financially, the Association was in a very sound position. The total income was £61 9s. 6d., and the expenditure £42 11s. 1d., which enabled £20 to be placed to reserve, carrying forward £28 1s. 4d. The reserve fund now stood at £102 7s. 7d.

MASTER AND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED.

The report was adopted, and Mr. Howard was re-elected with enthusiasm.—The Master said he was obliged to the members for this renewal of confidence, and it would be a pleasure to carry on the work. The Association was getting to a very large way in the county, and the services of the Association were sought wherever there was a possible restoration of bells. The restorations which had been carried out during the past two years would not have been done in such an efficient way but for the Association, which offered advice and assistance. Only those who knew Great Baddow bells in the old days could appreciate what had been accomplished in the restoration (hear, hear). The Master added that that was his 40th year as a member of the Association. He was elected in 1885, when Mr. Cockey was secretary, and he had attended every annual meeting save one since (hear, hear). He hoped to attend many more (applause).

The Master proposed the re-election of Mr. Pilstow, Saffron Walden, as hon. secretary, and said he had proved a very able successor to the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre.—The proposition was carried unanimously.

ly, and Mr. Pitslow, returning thanks, said it would be his pleasure to carry on the duties of the office. The general committee was elected as follows: Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Messrs. W. Lincoln, T. Faulkner, F. Dench, the Master, secretary, district masters, secretaries and auditors. Peal committee: Messrs. F. Pitslow, T. Faulkner, G. R. Pye, W. Keeble; auditors, Messrs. G. W. Faulkner and W. H. Theobald. Mr. G. A. Black retired from the latter office, and the Master, in proposing a vote of thanks, stated he had rendered useful service to the association for 13 or 14 years. The Rev. O. Gosney, North Weald, was elected an hon. member, and Mr. J. Walden, All Saints', Maldon, was elected ringing member.

The Master reported that the Washbrook Memorial appeal had been announced in the 'Ringing World,' and the association had been asked to subscribe. Mr. Washbrook was a great ringer in his day, and most of the Ringing Associations and Guilds had associated themselves with his memorial. The general committee had considered this, and recommended that it would be desirous to make a grant from the funds of the association.—Mr. W. Keeble said he had rung with the late Mr. Washbrook, and regarded him as the greatest ringer that ever lived.—Mr. Keeble proposed three guineas be voted from the funds of the association.—Mr. F. Dench seconded this, and the Master, in supporting, said he agreed with what had been said about the late Mr. Washbrook.—The proposition was carried unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GOOD SERVICE.

The meeting considered the granting of life memberships to members of advanced age who had been subscribing 20 years.—On a vote there were 16 in favour and 18 against a resolution to confer honorary membership on all men over 65 with 20 years' continuous subscription.—It was agreed nem. con. that the association should make life members of those who had rendered good service.—It was decided to invest a further £50 from reserve in War Stock, the interest to form a fund to aid bell restorations.

The Master read a letter from the Rev. Canon Papillon, a former Master of the Association, who is over 80 years of age, congratulating the association on its flourishing condition, and wishing the members a successful meeting.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed thanks to Canon Lake for the use of the Cathedral, and to the Rev. H. Jordan for his eloquent and helpful address.

Canon Lake, in reply, said there had been formed a Central Advisory Committee in the Diocese of Chelmsford, and any proposed alterations, either to churches or bells, had to come before that committee, which had to see that nothing injurious either to churches or bells was done. He (Canon Lake) suggested two years ago that the Master of the Essex Association should be on that Diocesan Committee, to give the members the expert knowledge he had upon matters of bells. Mr. Howard was elected, and he had proved the greatest help and influence to the committee. The restorations of the Baddow and Rayleigh bells had been greatly helped by the expert knowledge of Mr. Howard, the Essex Master (hear, hear).

The Rev. H. Jordan also replied to the vote, and the members adjourned for luncheon, the Master presiding.

The members then made up hands to ring in the various towers in the neighbourhood, where permission had been granted to ring. A large number visited Great Baddow to try and hear the recast ring of eight, and were highly pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells. Loud praises were expressed of the efficient manner in which Messrs. Taylor and Co. had carried out their work. Excellent touches of London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandfire Triples were brought round during the day.

GREAT BADDOW.—On June 7th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandfire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Payne 1, W. Rice 2, H. Dawson 3, H. Bush 4, H. Allen 5, A. Richell 6, George Green (conductor) 7, Dr. Spencer Phillips 8. This quarter-peal was rung on the 12th anniversary of Dr. Spencer Phillips' wedding.

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The Rev. R. C. Thursfield moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the clergy of Northampton for so kindly placing the various peals of bells at the disposal of the ringers during the day, and to the Vicar of St. Giles' for conducting the service, and giving the address.

The Rev. A. M. Johnson (St. Edmund's), in responding to the vote, said how pleased the clergy were to welcome the members of the Guild to Northampton, and spoke of the excellent services rendered to the church by his own ringers, who were always ready to support him in every way.

Later, the Vicar of St. Giles' (the Rev. C. J. Watkins) unveiled a peal tablet in St. Giles' belfry, in connection with a peal of Stedman Caters rung as a welcome to him on coming to Northampton.

During the day, touches were rung in most of the standard methods by mixed companies, and some very good ringing was enjoyed by the large number present.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Northampton on Whit Monday, and despite the many other attractions in the district, there was a large number of ringers present during the day. The Guild form of service was used at St. Giles' Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Watkins), who preached a very helpful and encouraging sermon. Mr. F. Willford (Master of the Guild) read the lessons.

Lunch was taken at Valentine's Cafe, and was followed by the annual business meeting. Mr. F. Willford (Master) presided, and amongst those present were the Rev. J. P. Freud (President, Northampton Branch), the Rev. J. O. Hichens (President, Guildborough Branch), the Rev. E. C. Thursfield (President, Kettering Branch), the Rev. E. C. Channer (Northampton), the Rev. C. H. L. Hopper (Weekley), the Rev. A. M. Johnson (Northampton), the Rev. J. White (Pitsford), Messrs. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), D. J. Nichols (secretary), R. G. Black (Kettering), T. Tebbutt (Northampton), F. Barber (Wellingborough) and W. Bott (Guildborough), branch secretaries, C. Chown (Sheffield), A. H. Ward and J. Brainer (Derby), W. J. Sharp (Towcester), J. J. Jutson (Peterborough), etc.

The Chairman referred sympathetically to the illness of the Very Rev. A. H. Page (Dean of Peterborough, and President of the Guild), who was taken ill during a service at the Cathedral on the previous day.—He moved that a letter of sympathy be sent, and this was carried.

Apologies for absence were received from the Dean of Peterborough (President), the Mayor of Northampton, Archdeacon Greaves (Finedon), the Rev. C. Grady (Garton Mauditt), the Rev. E. J. Atkins (Isham), the Rev. C. J. Watkins (Northampton), the Rev. L. S. Clark (Poolebrooke), Mr. Owen Parker (Higham Ferrers), and Mr. S. F. Millward (Northampton).

The secretary's report and statement of accounts were unanimously adopted, and the secretary was heartily thanked for his services.

A SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR.

The secretary's report (the first under the auspices of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild) stated that 63 peals were rung during the year in a variety of methods, which shows that a steady improvement is being made in regard to methods rung, the most notable achievement being the peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Irthlingborough. Thirteen ringers rang their first peal, 39 rang their first peal in a new method, ten their first on eight, and four on ten bells. Twenty-one ringers conducted peals, three of whom called their first peal. Messrs. T. Tebbutt and M. Hobbs both rang their 100th peal, as a result of hard and continuous work for several years, particularly among the five and six-bell ringers. That the incentive of peal ringing is an inducement for improved striking is a well-known fact, and members should see that the standard in peal ringing is also maintained in the provision of good and regular ringing for Sunday Services. There are 81 towers in union with the Guild, with a total membership of 592, being 65 honorary and 527 ringing members. All the branches are in a satisfactory financial position, although some incurred a slight loss on the year's work owing to extra expenditure which will not occur again. The total receipts amounted to £34 19s. 9d., and the expenditure to £5 9s. 6d., but that did not include the cost of printing the annual reports. A sum of £11 19s. 9d. was added to the Belfry Repairs Fund, after making a grant of three guineas to Yelverton, the balance in hand being £44 19s. 6d. In reviewing the work of the Guild during its first year, the most remarkable thing is the manner in which the branches have settled down to 'local government,' which is due to the very excellent and untiring efforts of all the branch officers. The worthy Master had been a source of inspiration of the whole Guild. He had attended more than thirty meetings during the year, and done much to help in making the Guild a real and living body of active church workers.

The officers were re-elected en bloc for the ensuing year, as follows: President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough; Master, Mr. F. Willford Northampton; treasurer, Mr. W. T. Wilson, Isham; secretary, Mr. D. J. Nichols, Kettering; auditor, Mr. S. F. Millward, Northampton.

BELFRY REPAIRS FUND.

On the motion of the Master, seconded by Mr. F. Hopper, it was unanimously decided to grant 10 guineas to St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, in connection with the rehanging of the peal of eight bells in that tower.

A proposition to grant 5 guineas to St. John's, Peterborough, for work in connection with the bells, was deferred.

On the recommendation of the committee, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the Guild at Northampton.

Mr. W. Rogers informed the meeting that he was making very satisfactory progress in an effort to add two new treble bells to the peal of 10 at St. Giles' Church, and appealed to all ringers to give the scheme for providing a peal of 12 in Northampton their hearty support, when called on to do so.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EGHAM.—On Sunday, June 7th, for Hospital Church parade, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples: E. Burley (first quarter) 1, H. J. Chaffey 2, J. B. Hessey 3, A. Hiscock 4, F. Nye (conductor) 5, W. Sewell 7, S. G. Armstrong 7, A. Perry 8. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. B. Hessey, of Chertsey.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday evening, June 7th, a quarter-peak of Stedman Triples, in 53 mins.: F. W. Goddard 1, R. W. R. Pieton 2, W. E. Oakley 3, G. Seaman 4, E. M. Elliott 5, J. Milner 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8. Messrs. Goddard and Milner were on a visit from Isleworth.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, June 7th, for evensong, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, H. J. Hazell 2, F. J. Cook 3, F. G. Gleeves 4, E. Wakeling 5, C. W. Woolley 6, G. E. Crisp 7, C. W. Cook (conductor) 8. Longest length of Major by E. Wakeling.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, May 24th, Empire Day, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples (1,302 changes) from the first part of Holt's Original: F. W. Bond 1, J. E. Waters 2, W. C. Cuss 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, H. C. Bond 5, R. Hayes 6, W. H. Hayward 7, F. Edwards 8.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes, composed by R. E. Deal): F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, W. G. Cook 3, R. Hayes (first quarter-peak of Grandsire Caters) 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. C. Cuss 6, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 7, W. H. Hayward 8, H. C. Bond 9, J. Hayward 10.

CARSHALTON.—On Sunday, May 24th, for evensong, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peak (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, in 39 mins.: J. Galver (first quarter-peak) 1, A. H. Bundle 2, G. W. Heather 3, F. E. Darley 4, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 5, J. Avery 6. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th are of the new local band, and 4th and 5th from Beddington.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 24th, at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. G. Hewson 1, Miss E. E. Harcastle 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, J. W. Chapman 4, Miss F. E. Orr (conductor) 5, C. W. Roberts 6, T. Welbourne 7, S. Gardner 8. First quarter-peak as conductor by Miss Orr, and rung in honour of Empire Day.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Sunday, May 24th, for morning service, and in honour of Empire Day, a quarter-peak of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 47 mins.: R. Tyler 1, J. Day 2, G. Spencer, senr. 3, C. Nash 4, G. Spencer, junr., 5, F. Nash 6, J. T. Kentish 7, W. Nash (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major by all except the ringers of 7th and 8th.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's R.C. Church, Norfolk Row, on Sunday, May 24th, in recognition of Empire Day, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, from Holt's Original), in 49 mins.: J. Tuke 1, C. Harrison (conductor) 2, T. Sarel 3, C. Lake 4, T. O'Hara 5, J. Evinston 6, R. Harrison 7, H. Hurst 8.

IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, May 24th, for evening service, two 120's Grandsire Doubles, rung in whole bells, in 22 mins.: J. Ellison (conductor) 1, H. Ellison 2, W. H. Ellison 3, J. Shropshire 4, T. Arrowsmith 5, R. H. Faulkner 6.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT NETLEY.

A well-attended meeting was held last Saturday at Netley, the glorious weather adding to the enjoyment of the gathering. Nearly 30 members and visitors were present from Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Havant, North Stoneham, Netley, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Ringwood, Southampton and Swanmore, also the Master (Mr. G. Williams) and general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger). A short but enjoyable service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Henty-Summers) officiated, the Guild's form of service being used. An excellent tea was provided at the Alexandra Cafe, the company being joined by the Vicar of Netley, who also presided at the business meeting. Several full members and probationers from Havant were elected, which was most gratifying. It was with regret that the district accepted the resignation of Mr. W. Tate, as chairman of the district, and a member of the Central Committee, to which the Master made reference. Mr. C. J. Fray (Curdridge) kindly consented to fill the vacancy on the Central Committee, and Mr. R. J. Stone (Portsmouth) was elected chairman of the district.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Alverstoke on August 22nd next, due notice of which will appear in the 'Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mr. Stone, was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, the organist, and all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success.—In reply, the Vicar said his only regret was that the Guild had not visited Netley for six years until that day, and he hoped their visits would be more frequent in the future. After the meeting, the members returned to the tower until 8.30 p.m. During the afternoon and evening the ringing included rounds for the beginners and all the standard methods, and Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

WORCESTERSHIRE RINGER'S WEDDING.

PRESENTATION TO SOUTHERN DISTRICT MASTER.

Two Worcestershire ringing families were united by the marriage on Thursday week of Mr. Joseph D. Johnson, eldest son of Mr. F. and Mrs. Johnson, of Hinton-on-the-Green, and Miss Ethel G. Hemming, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hemming, of Hampton, near Evesham. The bridegroom is himself one of the most prominent ringers in the Worcestershire Association, and became quite famous as a boy by taking part in handbell peals with his father and sister. Since then he has conducted some noteworthy performances for the Worcestershire Association, and is now Ringing Master of the Southern Branch. The bride's father has been hon. secretary and treasurer of the Southern Branch of the Association since its formation in 1911, while he is also chairman of the Parish Council, and a school manager.

The wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, Hampton, and the service was choral. The Rev. D. Fitzmaurice officiated, assisted by the Rector of Hinton (the Rev. V. C. Blythe), and the Rev. J. S. Stallard (Vicar of Hallow), the last named giving the address. The bride was attired in ivory silk marocain, with an overdress of silk lace, and she carried a bouquet of arum lilies and carnations. There were four bridesmaids, Misses W. and Joan Hemming (sisters of the bride), and Misses R. and Rosalie Johnson (sisters of the bridegroom). They wore dresses of mauve silk marocain and silk lace, and carried bouquets of mauve and pink sweet peas. Mr. F. Johnson (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man.

After the service a reception was held at the Parish Room, upwards of 70 relations and friends being present. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Rev. J. S. Stallard, supported by Mr. Fitzmaurice and Mr. Blythe, and was heartily drunk. The bridegroom briefly replied. A presentation followed which had been subscribed for by bands of ringers from the following towers in the Southern Branch of the association: Ashchurch, Badsey, Braden's Norton, Bretforton, Cropthorne, Dumbleton, Eckington, Elmdy Castle, Evesham, Fladbury, Hampton, Hinton, Little Comberton, Norton, Overbury, Pershore, Stanton and Toddington, and also Mr. J. R. Newman (secretary of the association). A committee was appointed, comprising Messrs. C. A. Binyon (Badsey), H. Middleton (Norton) and J. Hall (Bretforton) to take the matter in hand. These were present at the reception to make the presentation. An oak antique bureau had been chosen, and in presenting this Mr. Binyon said that Mr. Johnson, having the honour of being Ringing Master of the branch, was well known to all ringers in the district, and the very ready response to the appeal showed how very much he was respected among them.—Mr. Johnson, in acknowledging the gift, said he hoped to take the first opportunity of thanking the members of the branch personally. The presents, which numbered upwards of sixty, were most useful. The happy couple left later for Weymouth, en route for Jersey, where the honeymoon is being spent. Needless to say the bells rang out merrily during the afternoon and evening.

NEW TREBLE AT BRIGHTWALTON.

The new treble bell at Brightwalton, Berks, increasing the ring to a peal of six, was dedicated at a special service on Saturday last by Dr. Wickham Legg, Archdeacon of Berks. After the formal dedication, the local band rang a short touch of Bob Doubles, and the Archdeacon gave an address.

A large company then sat down to tea in the schoolroom, their wants being attended to by the ringers' mothers and wives. Afterwards, the bells were kept going till 8.30, in Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Bob Minor and Treble Bob Minor. The following towers in the Newbury branch were represented: Beadon, Bucklebury, East Ilsley, Compton, Newbury, Thatcham and Yatfordon, also Englefield in the Bradfield branch, and Milton in the North Berks branch. The cost of the new bell is £63, and it was dedicated free of debt.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have received instructions from the chairman of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds (Mr. W. Knight) to notify all C.E.M.S. ringers that ringing will take place at St. Stephen's Church, Bristol, on June 14th, at 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.; June 15th, 7.15 p.m.; St. Mary Redcliffe Church; 7.30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 16th, St. James' Church; service ringing on June 14th, time as St. Stephen's. Ringers visiting Bristol at any time may obtain particulars of Sunday Service ringing and practices by applying direct to—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE, Hon. Secretary.

39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

HORNSEY.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on May 24th, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: H. Hlee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, A. Putland 3, A. Howell 4, J. G. Nash 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, the 21st (6 p.m.); St. Magnus on the 25th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; *St. Mary le Bow on the 30th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 13th. Ringing from 3.20, and tea will be arranged, as usual, at 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DEVON GUILD.—North-Eastern Branch.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Upwold on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1s. each.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual cup contest on six bells will take place at Hoylandswaine on June 13th, commencing at 3.15 p.m. (draw at 2.40 p.m.). In view of the above event the usual monthly meeting will not be held in June.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting directly after tea. — F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Harrold on Saturday, June 13th. Bells at 2.30. Tea at 5. — L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting for combined practice will be held at Brockenhurst on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Hon. Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, June 13th. The bells of St. Michael's (6, tenor 12 cwt.) will be available after 2.30. Will members intending to be present please advise Mr. R. Parkinson, 1, North View, Colliery Row, Fence Houses, who will arrange for tea (1s. 3d. per head)?—R. L. Patterson (vice-president), G. S. Taylor, Dis. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, June 13th, on which date there is to be a fete in the historic grounds of Raby Castle, in aid of the fund for the new peal of eight just installed.—A Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Saturday, June 20th, at St. Mary's, Beddington. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1s. Business after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by the 17th? Everyone will be heartily welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) ready early. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5, at 1s. 6d. per head. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, the 18th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmshore, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Expecting a good attendance of members.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Northfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. B. Cartwright, 68, Beaumont Road, Bournville, not later than Wednesday, June 17th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—First general quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) open for ringing from 2 p.m. onwards. Committee meeting 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. It is important that those intending to be present at tea (at a moderate charge) should advise Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, not later than the 16th inst.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available throughout afternoon and evening. Service in the Church at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, at 1s. 6d. per head, for all who notify Mrs. E. Knight, Carlton-in-Cleveland, Stokesley, not later than Thursday, June 18th. Business meeting immediately after tea. Annual subscription now due. All ringers cordially invited.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 17th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Northaw on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 Tea (1s.) and meeting to follow. Please let me know by June 17th all who require tea. Nearest Stations, Cuffley or Potters Bar, from King's Cross or Broad Street, or bus from High Barnet to Potters Bar.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, June 20th, with the idea of forming a Branch in that district. Short service in Parish Church at 4 p.m., tea and meeting afterwards. Will any ringers interested, who intend to be present, please inform General Secretary by Wed., June 17?—R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand.—Annual outing on Saturday, June 20th. A charabanc will leave St. Clement Danes Church at 1.30 p.m. for a tour in Kent. Ringing at three towers during the journey. Tea at Shoreham. All members desiring to attend must send their names to the hon. sec. by Wednesday, June 17th. Fare and tea 5s.—F. W. H. Serghison, Hon. Sec.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 20th. Tower open 2 p.m. All old and new ringing friends cordially invited (cycles west door).—A. Symonds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea notify me by June 16th.—R. R. Lewis, South Bar, Banbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 20th. Those intending being present for tea please notify me by June 16th.—S. Hopper, 2, Florence Street, Swindon, Wilts.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Shilton, near Coventry, on Saturday, June 20th. Will all requiring tea please inform Mr. R. Parker, Shilton, Coventry, not later than the 16th?—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available after 3 o'clock.—H. Tyson, Sec.

ERITH PARISH CHURCH.—The official opening of the bells will take place on Saturday, June 20th, at 3 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. W. M. Browne), at 5.30 p.m. Will all those ringers requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 17th? All welcome.—F. J. Cullum, 78, West Street, Erith.

LADIES' GUILD (Midland District).—The annual meeting will be held at Clent, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 3.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting, at which election of officers will take place. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names of those desiring tea should be sent to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, not later than Wednesday, June 18th.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Handley on June 20th. Tower open 3, service 4.30. Members requiring tea please notify by June 16th.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Gargrave on June 27th. Bells will be available from 2 p.m. (8, tenor 16 cwt.). Tea will be provided in Parochial Hall, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. each to all who notify Mr. W. H. Birt-whistle, West Street, not later than Tuesday, June 23rd. For further particulars see circular.—F. Hopgood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantwit Major (Glam.) on Saturday, June 27th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Members are asked to come, if possible, to the annual outing on June 27th to Marlow. Trains from Paddington at 1.15 and 2.7 p.m. Return fare 3s. 5d. Tea 1s.—A. H. Keighley, 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, for those who notify Mr. D. Finn, Brabourne, by the 23rd.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guildford and Yorktown Districts will hold a combined meeting at Yorktown on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Hawley bells will be available after the tea.—E. Raddon and J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 302nd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Service at 12 o'clock. Lunch at 1 o'clock. Bells available all day from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome. Will those who wish to attend lunch kindly notify the secretary by the 23rd?—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All those intending to be present please notify me by June 24th.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at All Souls' Church, Halifax, on Saturday, July 4th, the draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each to all who notify, not later than June 30th, L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LADIES' GUILD.—The Annual general meeting will be held at Reading, on Saturday, July 11th. Fuller particulars later.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 18th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

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NEW PEAL AT BURBAGE. FIVE BELLS INCREASED TO EIGHT.

The dedication of the new peal of eight bells at St. Catherine's Church, Burbage, Leicestershire, took place on Saturday, May 23rd, the ceremony being performed by the Archdeacon of Loughborough. Five bells originally hung in the tower, and these have been recast and three new ones added, making a splendid octave (tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp). The inscriptions on the new bells are:—

Treble bell: 1 ring to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Emily Robinson, who departed this life 25th May, 1910, given by Edwin Norman Robinson, Samuel Robinson and Catherine Mabel Robinson, 1925.

7th bell: To the Glory of God, in memory of the men who worshipped in this church, who fell in the Great War, 1914—1918, 1925.

Tenor bell: 1 ring to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Keturah Robinson, who departed this life 20th August, 1924, given by Edwin Robinson, 1925.

The original inscriptions have been reproduced on the other bells. After the dedication, a few rounds were rung while the Archdeacon and officiating clergy and churchwardens were returning to their seats. The first touch consisted of 280 Grandsire Triples by J. S. Hutchby 1, G. Pudley 2, E. Morris (conductor) 3, E. Rivett 4, W. Perrins 5, J. F. Clarke, junr., 6, H. Broughton 7, J. Oldham 8. Immediately afterwards, all visiting ringers, numbering about 60, and also 600 subscribers to the cost of the bells, were entertained to tea by the Rector (the Rev. R. D. H. Pughe) and Mrs. Pughe. Tea over, the bells were soon pealing forth to the tune of Cambridge, Superlative, etc., everyone being quite pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells, which quite uphold the high reputation of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Sudbury District was held at the Park, Assington, on Saturday, May 30th. Members attended from Ardleigh (Essex), Cornard Rivenham, Long Melford, and the local band. The bells of St. Edmund's Church were kept going during the afternoon and evening to touches of Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

This gathering proved a most successful practice meeting, some excellent help being given to some of the local men, one member from Ardleigh ringing his first 720 of Plain Bob, another from the same place, and one from Long Melford ringing their first touch (360) of Double Court.

An encouraging feature was the securing of four of the local men, also one ringer from Bures as Guild members.

After partaking of light refreshments at the Shoulder of Mutton Inn, the tower was again visited, and various touches rung. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. H. F. Banham for the use of the bells; also Messrs. D. Elliott and the local men for the hearty welcome they extended.

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