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THE COUNCIL'S 'DECISIONS.'

The 'Rules and Decisions' of the Central Council is coming up for revision at Whitsun. This volume is the official publication, which sets out not only the constitution of the Council itself, but the various conclusions for the conduct of the art which have been come to by the Council from time to time. The proposal is to make it a little more pretentious than in the past, so that it will cover the history of the Council, and become, as it were, the 'blue book' of the central authority. In view of this, we hope that very careful consideration will be given to the material which it will contain, and its scope arranged so that it may, also, be of use to associations in a much more general way than it has been. There are many things which it might embody with advantage, including, for instance, those pamphlets, now out of print, on the preservation of bells, and the model rules for associations and local companies. The embodying of useful matters of this description would, we think, help the sales of the book and bring the 'decisions' of the Council under the notice of a much wider circle of ringers. We have had the privilege of seeing an advance draft of certain of the sections, and this leads us to emphasise the need of careful revision before finally committing the book to the Press.

There is a point to which we think special attention might be given, and that is in the conditions laid down for peals of record length. The subject was mentioned somewhat casually at the Ipswich meeting last year, arising out of the attempted long length of Stedman Caters at Leeds. The Council's present rule says (inter alia) that a sealed copy of the figures of the proposed peal should be lodged previous to the attempt with the responsible officer of the Guild or Association under whose title the band is to ring, and that if the attempt is unsuccessful he shall return the sealed copy unopened to the conductor. Further, it is recommended that a competent representative of each of the bands (i.e., of the band who hold the record and the band who are attempting to exceed it) shall be present during the whole of the performance. The object of each of these recommendations is obvious; the first is to prevent the figures falling into the hands of a rival company should the attempt fail; and the second to have accredited witnesses of the performance present from both sides.

The question arises, however, what is the use of the record holders sending a representative, if he cannot have access to the figures while the peal is in progress? There are probably not a dozen ringers to-day who would be competent to take down from outside the tower the figures of a long peal while it is being rung, and the

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strain of having to do this for twelve hours or more is more than can be expected of any one man, however capable. It is different if he has the figures before him to assist him. The Council's present decisions tend to some extent to defeat themselves, for, without the figures, the average witness could only say how long the bells had been kept ringing and whether they were well-struck, and could do nothing by way of vouching for the accuracy with which the peal was rung. This is a problem to which we think the Council might give further consideration. Safeguards must be made, but it is of no use to lay down stipulations which, in many cases, might be valueless.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	... Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...	6
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ...	2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ...	7
CHARLES J. CHOOET ...	3	ERNEST BREIT ...	8
HERBERT LANGDON ...	4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ...	9
BERNARD H. SWINSON ...	5	GEOFFREY C. RICE ...	... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung on the 21st birthday of Miss Joyce Ena Hawkins, eldest daughter of the ringer of the 7th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

*WILLIAM THORLEY ...	... Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ...	6
*FREDERICK S. PRICE ...	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN ...	3	PERCY PRICE ...	8
EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	4	*EDWARD READER ...	9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	5	E. HARRY STONELEY ...	... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Bob Royal. This peal was arranged for E. Reader, also as a farewell peal to J. C. Dicken, who is leaving for Yarmouth. It is the first exact 6,000 of Bob Royal rung by the M.C.A.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

WILLIAM MESSAM ...	... Treble	EDWARD HULL ...	6
ALBERT HARMAN ...	2	JOHN H. WHITE ...	7
ALFRED H. WINCH ...	3	JOHN HOYLE ...	8
ARTHUR C. OTWAY ...	4	*ARTHUR DEAN ...	9
GEORGE COOK ...	5	GEORGE MARRINER ...	... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

* 250th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Messam on his 70th birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BODMIN, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE H. GODARD ...	... Treble	REV. R. H. WHITFORD ...	5
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ...	2	JOSEPH WOODLEY ...	6
WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ...	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	7
*ALFRED MITCHELMORE ...	4	*GEORGE MARSHALL ...	... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* Elected members previous to starting. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Bodmin archdeaconry of the diocese.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

FRANCIS FRASER Treble	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. ... 5
WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES 2	WILLIAM MARTIN 6
ISAAC EMERY 3	HENRY WOOD 7
CHARLES ARTHUR BINES 4	ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by R. BRETT SMITH.

First peal by C. A. Bines. Great credit is due to him for ringing well throughout, and also to the treble ringer, who is in his 78th year. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. A. Anderson.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
ROBERT A. FARDON 2	ALBERT DISERENS 6
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT 3	RONALD BULLEN 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Beadle on his 77th birthday. First Surprise peal by the ringers of the 2nd, and first peal in the method by the ringers of the 6th and 7th.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

WALTER ARNOLD Treble	*FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method inside. Rung on the 70th birthday of Mr. G. Williams.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*WILLIAM BEDDARD Treble	*WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 5
*THOMAS HEMMING 2	*HAROLD V. COOPER ... 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	†WILLIAM GIBBS 7
CHARLES E. PERKINS 4	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method on the bells.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
CYRIL TANSSELL 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
WILLIAM RANFORD 4	WILLIAM E. MUNN ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung to welcome home the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Bamber, and Mrs. Bamber, who were married at Radcliffe, Lancashire, April 27th.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES HEMMING ... Treble	*JAMES BRADLEY 5
*MISS AMY JOHNSON 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 6
*FREDERICK NURDEN 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 4	ARTHUR J. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples, and rung after meeting short for Stedman.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Leonard, Streatham, S.W.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN LEE Treble	THOMAS W. WELBOURNE ... 5
MISS ELLEN E. HARDCASTLE 2	JOHN L. WATKINS 6
MISS FRED A. ORR 3	JAMES W. CHAPMAN 7
ERNEST E. BISH 4	WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. CHAPMAN.

All are members of the local band. First peal as conductor.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY Treble	*GEORGE DAWSON 5
JOSEPH LADLEY 2	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 6
REGINALD DORE 3	BARNARD PAIMORE 7
SIDNEY CARTER 4	†FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

* 30th peal and first in the method. † 100th peal. The conductor has now called this composition from each of the eight bells.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
ALFRED PYE 3	WILLIAM D. LEGGETT ... 7
*HARRY TURNER 4	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Bob Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

RICHARD PAINE Treble	HARRY L. AITKEN 5
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
REGINALD BROWN 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	FRANK BLONDELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

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BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*EDWARD EDWARDS Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
EDWARD WEBSTER 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 6
JOHN POTTER 3	PETER CROOK 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	ERNEST CUTSFORTH Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Cutsforth. The composition, now rung for the first time, has the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6 without 2nd dodging behind with tenor.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT W. BOND Treble	*SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5
*ERNEST TRUMAN 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER 6
*EDWARD PERRY 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
*WILLIAM BOLWELL 4	FRED LAMBETH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method, and first in the method as conductor. Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS K. DRIVER Treble	*FRANK FIELDEN 5
WILLIAM HORAN 2	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 6
*WALTER STAFF 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
*MISS ROSE A. BELL 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by HERBERT DAVENPORT

* First peal in the method.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

*GEORGE NICHOLS Treble	JOHN H. CHAMPION 5
ALBERT MANKTELLOW 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
†P.O. A. R. OCKWELL, R.N. 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
†WILLIAM SEAGER 4	CHARLEY BELSEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Grandsire by the local band, who are all Sunday service ringers. A previous attempt came at grief in the last lead of the peal. 50th peal as conductor.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

GEORGE ELLIS Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
JOHN A. COLE 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
*ALFRED J. BULL 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First 'touch' in the method on an inside bell. A birthday compliment to A. J. Bull and O. Sippetts.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Wednesday, May 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins.: E. Oakley 1, L. Long (first of Stedman) 2, G. Bowley 3, N. Lemau 4, W. Elliott 5, W. Briuklow 6, H. Hoare (first as conductor) 7, H. W. Dix 8.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HOWARD H. THOMAS Treble	W. HOWE 5
E. W. BIFFIN 2	E. SHEPHERD 6
†J. HOSGOOD 3	†ARTHUR H. GOAD 7
T. JOHN STOKES 4	*W. J. H. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by E. W. BIFFIN.

* First peal. † First peal on bob bell. First as conductor.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS R. SHARMAN Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
WILLIAM H. T. KING 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK 3	JACK BAILEY 7
GEORGE FREEBREY 4	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by GEO. FREEBREY.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	FRANK BOREHAM 6
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING

First peal of London as conductor.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
JOHN SOUTER 2	WILLIAM STEGGALL 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT COLCOMBE Treble	ALEC TAYLOR 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR 6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 3	WALTER TAYLOR 7
W. H. SYMONDS 4	*HERBERT TAYSON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

* First peal on eight. First peal on eight as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

ALEC SMITH	Treble	HARRY SMITH	4
WILLIAM BLAND	2	RICHARD SHIMMARS	5
WALTER WHITLOCK	3	JOHN BARKER	Tenor

Conducted by H. SMITH.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 2, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*GEORGE GARDNER	Treble	*JOHN W. TAYLOR	4
OSWALD J. HUNT	2	FRANK W. PERRENS	5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS	3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band, and for the Guild. Also the first peal of Surprise upon the bells.

PERRARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM T. TEAGUE	Treble	† WILLIAM E. MINORS	4
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	2	WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD	5
*JOHN SEDGLEY	3	†OSWALD DATSON	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD.

* First peal inside. † First peal. First peal as conductor, also first on the bells. Rung on the Feast of St. John before the Latin Gate. First peal by all resident members of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

DEEPPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS HARE	Treble	JOSEPH O. LANDAN	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	FRANK ROWLINSON	5
WILLIAM ROSE	3	GEORGE H. WELLS	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

BRINKLOW, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*CHARLES G. BATES	Treble	THOMAS W. CROWN	4
ALFRED E. BACON	2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5
JAMES H. RAPER	3	JOSEPH E. SYKES	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Treble Bob. This is the first peal on these bells, the back five of which were cast by Smith, of Edgbaston, in 1705. They were retuned and augmented by Taylor.

STOKE BRUERNE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

PERCY AMOS	Treble	GEORGE PARKER	3
HARRY CLARKE	2	WALTER LUFF	4
THOMAS WISE	Tenor		

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells. After the peal, Mr. Frank Tew (churchwarden) provided an excellent tea, which was much appreciated.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Single and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

FRANK BELSEY	Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER	4
FRED A. MITCHELL	2	MUS. VICTOR A. JARRETT, R.E.	5
GEORGE GILBERT	3	FRED M. MITCHELL	Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT, R.E.

First peal as conductor.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HENRY W. GAYTON	Treble	WILLIAM STOCK	4
HARRY KING	2	HENRY STAPLETON	5
WILLIAM SHARP	3	HERBERT L. HURLLOW	Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

Rung at the request of Mr. H. King, one of the oldest members of the Association, it being over 20 years since he rang his last peal.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD WILLETT	Treble	*HENRY E. COX	4
*THOMAS BEVAN	2	ALFRED T. POULTON	5
CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE	3	WILLIAM POSTON	Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Minor on inside bell.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES BENNETT	Treble	GEORGE MORRAD	4
HARRY ARGENT	2	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	5
JOHN BURLS	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Arranged for the ringer of the treble, who has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal in seven methods. Birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd.

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OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD Treble	† FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... 4
* ALBERT NASH 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 5
WILLIAM J. THYNG 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

* Proposed a member of the M.C.A. before starting. † Proposed a member of the Y.A.C.R. before starting, and first peal in three methods.

SOUTH WALSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 3,600 changes of Grandsire, consisting of four 240's of A. J. Pitman's arrangement, and 22 extents, together with 1,440 changes of Plain Bob, 24 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

ERNEST L. RISEBROW Treble	NOALN GOLDEN 3
CYRIL POOLEY 2	ROBERT BARBER, SEN. ... 4
ROBERT W. BARBER, JUN. ... Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal on the bells, which were rebung in 1925 by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye. First peal of Doubles on tower bells by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd, who belong to Northrepps. First peal of Doubles by Messrs. Barber, sen. and jun., who hail from Acle, and are instructing a company at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. WALKER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

THOMAS ROSSAM 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN 5-6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.
Referee: ALBERT WALKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Walker. The excellent tea provided by Mr. and Mrs. Walker was much appreciated.

CLAPHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

At 17, NORTH SIDE, CLAPHAM COMMON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE 7-8
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS 9-10
* GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6	WILLIAM H. HEWITT 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand.'

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Worthy 1, S. R. Roper 2, Miss L. Lancaster 3, W. Jones 4, J. W. Passman 5, W. Ellerington 6, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 7, T. Lancaster 8.—On Sunday, March 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Worthy 1, Miss L. Lancaster 2, S. Breeze 3, J. G. Hall 4, T. Lancaster 5, T. Metcalfe 6, E. Burnett (conductor) 7, S. Yates 8.

CAMBERLEY.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Ewens 1, F. Marchant 2, H. Gould 3, R. Hawkins (conductor) 4, F. Nye 5, E. Newell 6, H. Hunt 7, H. J. Hunt, sen., 8. Rung for evening service, also in honour of the recent marriage of the Vicar of St. Michael's, and as a birthday compliment to H. J. Hunt, sen., one of the local ringers.

RECAST NORTHAMPTON RING.

HOLY SEPULCHRE BELLS REDEDICATED.

The Bishop of Peterborough dedicated on April 25th the restored ring of eight bells at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who were entrusted with the work, took away the old bells, seven of which were recast, while the old 6th became the 7th in the new peal, which have a tenor of 15 cwt. in the key of F sharp. New frame and fittings have been supplied, and the whole work reflects great credit on the firm, the 'tone' and 'go' of the bells being excellent.

The bells are hung about 12 feet lower than the old peal, and the ringing chamber is now on the ground floor.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre is one of the few round churches in England. The whole of the restoration, which includes the repairs to the tower and spire and general repairs to other portions of the church, has been paid for.

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston was present at the dedication, and Mr. S. R. Roper was present in the evening, when members from all the belfries in the town tested the new peal. Methods were rung ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise. The whole of the arrangements were ably carried out by Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The dedication service was largely attended, and was of an impressive character. The Bishop performed the ceremony, and gave an inspiring address, in which he spoke of the message of the bells. 'When the bells ring out,' he said, 'remember that you have need in the future to show yourselves loyal, devoted and lifelong Christians, not once-a-weekers, nor once-a-monthers, but daily followers of our Lord and Saviour Christ.'

After the service, members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild rang a touch of Grandsire Triples: F. Wilford 1, J. Bennett 2, R. Burgess 3, S. J. Lawrence 4, J. Burston 5, T. Jennings 6, B. Soden 7, A. Beckwith 8.

Tea was served at the Parochial Rooms by Mrs. Aston and helpers, and during the meal Canon Keysell, after thanking the Bishop, announced that a collection during the service had realised £15, an amount which, with other items, clears the debt on the bells. In reply, the Bishop congratulated St. Sepulchre's on having wiped out the debt, and wished the church prosperity and progress.

A BIRMINGHAM RINGER'S JUBILEE.

MR. TOM MILLER'S FIFTY YEARS AT ST. CHAD'S.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Bishop's House, Bath Street, Birmingham, on Wednesday, April 27th, on the occasion of the ringing jubilee at St. Chad's Cathedral of Mr. Tom Miller, one of Birmingham's best-known exponents of our art. The Very Rev. John Canon Roskell, who presided, was supported by the Revs. A. L. Kelly, B. F. Cox, and E. Morahan and about 25 ringers. A substantial meal was enjoyed, after which Canon Roskell proposed the chief toast of the evening. He spoke of the long service that Mr. Miller had given at St. Chad's. Fifty years were, when one came to think, he said, a splendid record for anyone to possess as a ringer, but especially so when that time had been spent at one church. A ringer's duty was to call others to their duty to God, and in that respect Mr. Miller had in those years done his duty conscientiously and sincerely. Mr. Miller had at various times shown to him rows of figures, and told him, 'That is Bob Major,' and he had to confess that he had to let it go at that, because he could not contradict him (laughter). Mr. Miller, he added, had several times spoken of retiring, but he was sure he had now put that idea out of his head and would carry on ringing to the end of his days.—The Rev. A. S. Kelly, in seconding the toast, said that although he could understand music, he had to admit that bell ringing beat him. He loved to hear the sound of bells, and could appreciate the work that Mr. Miller had done at St. Chad's. He hoped that he had many more years in front of him to continue that work.

Mr. Miller's health was then cordially honoured.

Mr. T. C. Kelly spoke of his association with Mr. Miller in the belfry of St. Chad's, and was followed by Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild), who paid a compliment to Mr. Miller by saying that when he and his right-hand friend (Mr. H. Withers) were young men it was Mr. Miller who started them on their ringing career. Mr. Miller, he said, was ever ready to assist a young ringer, and many ringers of to-day had received advice from him in their earlier years.

Mr. Miller thanked the company for their kind remarks. He spoke of his varied experiences during his ringing career, many of them humorous. He recalled the time when St. Chad's had but five bells, and the means adopted to get them made up to eight. He was one of the band who went from house to house collecting for them. He spoke of the brotherhood that existed among bell ringers, and hoped that it would never be allowed to die out.

Mr. G. F. Swann proposed 'The health of Canon Roskell.'—Mr. A. Walker, in seconding, thanked the Canon for the way in which he had received them, and said that St. Martin's Guild would be ever ready to assist St. Chad's should they be required.

Tune ringing and a course of Stedman Cinques on handbells and singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' brought a very interesting evening to a close.

T. C. K.

SUFFOLK GUILD. THE FINANCIAL POSITION.

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ipswich on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower (twelve), St. Margaret's (eight), St. Clement's (six), St. Matthew's (five), and of Sproughton and Bramford were, by kind permission of the various incumbents, available for ringing throughout the day.

Service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower's Church at 1 p.m., when a most impressive address was delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Wallace, who took for his subject, 'The power of the Resurrection.'

An excellent luncheon was served at Day's Restaurant, Cornhill, at 1.30 p.m., and was followed by the business meeting, the president (Archdeacon Farmiloe) being in the chair.

The balance sheet was presented and read by the general secretary (Rev. H. Drake). The Treasurer moved the adoption of the accounts, saying he felt they could not be considered altogether satisfactory, as the expenditure had, as was shown, exceeded the income for the year.

Discussion followed, in which it appeared that many members were of the opinion that if the Guild reports were in the hands of members earlier, many more subscriptions would be received. It was agreed that this would follow, especially in the case of honorary members.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Patron, the Bishop; president, Archdeacon of Sudbury; vice-president, Archdeacon of Suffolk; Ringing Master, Mr. Charles J. Sedgley; general secretary, Rev. H. Drake; assistant secretaries, Messrs. S. H. Symonds and E. R. Pearson; treasurer, Mr. Charles E. Fisher. Messrs. J. C. G. Haggart and A. Watson were elected to fill vacancies on the committee.

The Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. Charles Mee and Charles J. Sedgley were appointed representatives on the Central Council.

It was decided to hold quarterly meetings at Hadleigh and Eye.

Mr. Haggart proposed a vote of thanks to Archdeacon Farmiloe for presiding, and this was carried with enthusiasm.—The Archdeacon briefly replied, saying it gave him real pleasure to be present. He pointed out that that meeting had already lasted over two and a half hours, yet he saw no abatement in the interest of the members present.

There was not a good attendance at the business meeting, no doubt owing to so many counter-attractions in the town, while the local football 'Derby' (held at Ipswich on Easter Monday) was probably an attraction to many. It is only fair, however, to record that the members who were present displayed a lively interest in all things connected with the Guild, and especially in anything which appeared to be towards the more effective working of this organisation.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to congratulate the St. Mary-le-Tower Society on their well-merited success in ringing the first peal of 'Superlative' Maximus.

This performance will require a lot of beating, and the footnote telling us that Mr. R. H. Brundle is in his 76th year makes the achievement on his part more wonderful still.

Lest there be any misunderstanding of my attitude over the method rung by the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, let me point out once more that this 'Superlative' Maximus is a true RECIPROCAL extension of 'Superlative' Major, and anyone who has a sufficient knowledge of mathematical progression can prove this fact for themselves by examining and testing the following figures:—

'SUPERLATIVE' MAXIMUS.

First quarter lead progression, 18923670e45t.

Second quarter lead progression, 1450e672389t.

18923670e45t x 1450e672389t = 1234567890et.

Hence the back change comes up halfway in 'Superlative' Maximus if 11th's place is omitted.

Now we will compare the Major progressions with the Maximus.

Major: First quarter lead progression plus 90et = 1452367890et.

Maximus: First quarter lead progression, 18923670e45t.

Progression.
45980e = 345612.

Major: Second quarter lead progression plus 90et = 1452367890et.

Maximus: Second quarter lead progression, 1450e672389t.

Progression.
23890e = 561234.

It will not require much study to realise that 345612 and 561234 are closely related, and the figures that are here given should prove beyond a shadow of doubt that 'Superlative' Major and the Reciprocal Extension to Maximus are very close relations to one another.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

BISHOP OF LONDON'S RETURN.

At All Saints' Church, Fulham, on Saturday, May 7th, in honour of the return of the Bishop of London to Fulham Palace after his world tour, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes): H. M. Page 1, E. A. Arutherton 2, D. Stevens 3, H. Ellis 4, H. Stevens 5, F. Norris 6, W. Judd 7, J. W. Driver (conductor) 8. Also three touches of Stedman Triples, one 538 and two 504 changes, in which M. E. Smith and G. Block took part.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies is leaving the nursing home in London this week, and is taking up residence in his native place of Tewkesbury, where his father was Canon.

Mr. E. A. Young, the secretary of the Central Council, is also progressing favourably, and hopes to be well enough to leave the Gordon Hospital in a few days' time.

Last Saturday, a few members of the College Youths visited him, and patients in the general ward were entertained to some handbell ringing.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the numerous ringers from all parts of the country who have written and congratulated them on ringing the first peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus on April 30th. Every participant in this peal is a Sunday service ringer, which makes the performance the more noteworthy.

Mr. F. E. Dawe writes: In your last issue an error appears in the account of the attempted peal at Exeter Cathedral on May 7th. The method was stated to be Stedman Cinques, whereas it was simply 'Grandsires'!

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have been entrusted with the rehanging of the six bells at Tisbury Church, Wiltshire, with all new fittings in a new frame.

Mr. George Williams wishes to thank the many ringing friends who have sent him their congratulations and good wishes on his 70th birthday, and whose kind remembrance he has not yet been able to acknowledge direct.

The south-west tower of York Minster and the ring of ten bells was destroyed by fire on May 20th, 1840.

Three noteworthy peals were rung on May 21st; in 1861, 10,061 Grandsire Caters was rung in 5 hrs. 55 mins. at Winesbury; in 1888, 13,054 Stedman Caters in 8 hrs. 16 mins. at Cheltenham; in 1923, 12,675 Stedman Cinques in 9 hrs. 47 mins. at Southwark.

The first peal in Scotland was rung on May 21st, 1873, when Matt. Wood called a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Dundee.

The anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich at Kidlington occurs at Sunday.

In the year 1767 a peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Debenham. On May 23rd, 1811, John Pettett, who had taken part in the Debenham peal, rang in a 5,040 Bob Major at Ipswich.

THIRTEEN BELLS AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

The restoration of the bells at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, has just been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and they were dedicated by Canon A. W. Thompson, Rector and Rural Dean of Ashton, on Wednesday of last week. The twelve bells have been retuned and rehung, and an additional bell added between the 2nd and 3rd to make a light eight. Ashton-under-Lyne is the only church in Lancashire with this number of bells, the addition to the ring having been given by Mr. J. F. Holmes, of Springfield, Ashton-under-Lyne, to commemorate the birth of his daughter, Eileen Beryl Holmes, on May 1st, 1926. The original peal of ten came from Gloucester in 1779, and in 1889 the Whitechapel Foundry added two trebles, one given by the Ashton ringers and their friends, and one by the late Mr. Samuel Moss.

The dedication service was attended by the Mayor and members of the Corporation. It commenced with the dedication of a tablet erected as a memorial to the men of the parish who laid down their lives in the war. An impressive service followed, in the course of which the bells were dedicated and rung, first the front eight and then the peal of twelve.

Afterwards, an appropriate sermon was preached by Canon Else, president of the Lancashire Association.

Those who took part in the opening ringing were, on the front eight, C. Bowers 1, S. Wood 2, H. Heap 3, W. Brammer 4, J. Mellor 5, A. Adams 6, B. Thorp 7, T. Jackson 8; and on the twelve, S. Wood 1, J. Carter 2, Miss C. Thorp 3, H. Heap 4, W. Brammer 5, C. Bowers 6, A. Gorringer 7, F. Althorp 8, J. Mellor 9, A. Adams 10, B. Thorp 11, T. Jackson 12.

HARROLD BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A statement likely to give a wrong impression appears in the report of the Beds Association meeting held at Bedford on Easter Monday, and published in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' During a discussion re a grant to Tilsworth bells, a member made a statement that £1,000 was needed at Harrold, and as bell restoration was the subject being discussed, no doubt the reporter thought it was wanted for that purpose.

In justice to the bell founders who restored the bells, Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, I should like to say that Harrold bells are in as good condition and go as well as they did the day they were opened, nearly 30 years ago. The £1,000 is required for the repair of the tower and fabric of the church generally.—Yours truly,

Harrold.

H. W. GAYTON.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Thirteenth Council (35th Annual Meeting) will be held (by the courtesy of the Lord Mayor) in the Egyptian Hall, The Mansion House, City of London, on Whitsun Tuesday, 7th June, 1927, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA, 1927.**GENERAL.**

1. Election of president, of hon. secretary and treasurer and of hon. librarian.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Statements of accounts and sale of publications.
5. Election of honorary members.
6. Introduction of new members to the president.
7. Election of standing committee.
8. To receive and discuss the reports of the following committees; and to reappoint or alter the constitution of the committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a) Peal collection.
 - (b) Literature and Press.
 - (c) Methods.
 - (d) Peals' analysis.
 - (e) Towers and belfries.
 - (f) Records.
9. Honorary secretary to present second edition of the Book of Rules and Decisions and to move certain verbal alterations of the Rules and an amendment of the decision re member's leaflet.

MOTIONS.

10. Rule 9. Substitute in line 3 for the words 'one month' the words 'three calendar months.' Rule 12. Substitute in line 3 for the words 'fourteen days approximately' the words 'twelve weeks approximately.' Rule 14. Substitute in line 5 for the words 'one month' the words 'three calendar months.' (Messrs. G. Williams and A. H. Pulling.)
11. That the Council shall issue, at a small charge, peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers. (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. E. A. Young.)
12. That since William Shipway extended Superlative Surprise Major to Royal and the first peal of Royal was rung at Wakefield in 1826, the Council cannot accept any extension to Maximus which does not agree with the Major and the Royal. (Rev. H. Law James and Mr. R. Richardson.)
13. That the Council approach the British Broadcasting Company with a view to the broadcasting during the evening programmes of a series of instructional talks on change ringing, with handbell demonstrations. (Messrs. T. H. Taffender and A. D. Barker.)
14. That a committee be appointed to report to the Council on the legal relationship between (a) bells, (b) ringers and (c) ringing respectively on the one hand, and (d) the incumbent, (e) the churchwardens and (f) the parochial councils respectively on the other hand, and any other legal matters affecting the Exercise. And, further, to consider the advisability of issuing a statement on these matters for the guidance of ringers and other persons affected. (Messrs. J. A. Trollope and A. A. Hughes.)
15. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
16. Other business, if any.

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green,
Catford, London, S.E.6.

RAILWAY FACILITIES.

The concession for cheap tickets is now extended to cover the period from Saturday to Wednesday at Whitsuntide, and those desiring the necessary signed voucher should apply to me without delay.

The tickets will be issued from any station to and from London, at $1\frac{1}{2}$ the ordinary single fare, and they may be used by ringing members of our affiliated Guilds (who should apply to me through their general secretary), as well as by the elected and honorary members of the Council itself. The tickets may also be used by wives accom-

panying their husbands, who also will be welcome to attend the social meetings being arranged on the Monday.

The charge per voucher is 2d. (post free), which should be sent with an addressed envelope to me as under. It is hoped, in view of the future, that at least 200 tickets will be used.

155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

E. Alex. Young.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME.

A social programme, more than usually attractive in connection with a London meeting of the Council, when representatives have been left very much to their own devices except in the evening after the business, is being arranged this year, the London societies having joined forces in providing for the entertainment of visitors.

The hon. secretary, as will be seen above, has now satisfactorily arranged for cheap railway tickets to be issued on Saturday, as well as Monday and Tuesday, and also hopes that it will be possible to make up parties of ringers and their wives and friends for river trips.

Mr. Young writes: 'In view of the likelihood of a number of visitors bringing their wives, I am endeavouring to arrange for the hire of a private launch to accommodate 40 to 50, for the purpose of visitors being able to enjoy a trip up or down the Thames, or both (if a sufficient number give in their names). The proposal is: Sunday afternoon, Westminster to Greenwich, leaving at 4.15 p.m. to hear St. Paul's bells from the water; Monday afternoon, Westminster to Kew, the gardens being now at their best.'

RINGING.

The following towers will be open for ringing:—

Sunday, June 5th: St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 5 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 5.15 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7th: St. Paul's Cathedral, 6 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 6 to 7.30 p.m.

On Saturday, June 4th, visitors will be welcomed at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, between 6 and 9 p.m.

SOCIAL MEETINGS.

Saturday, June 4th: King of Denmark, Old Bailey, 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, June 5th: King of Denmark, 7 p.m.

Monday, June 6th: The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, 7.30.

Tuesday, June 7th: The Bedford Head, Maiden Lane, Strand, 7.45.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

In the report for the year 1926, signed jointly by the Master and hon. secretary, and to be presented to the annual meeting next week, it is stated: The past year has been a satisfactory one from every point of view, the activities of the association in its various departments have been fully maintained, and the financial position as shown in the balance sheet gives every reason for satisfaction. The district meetings have been regularly held, and the attendance as a rule has been excellent. Our warm thanks are due, as in past years, to our kind friends in the various places of meeting who have contributed so largely to the social success of these gatherings. We are also glad to note the advance shown by the number of peals rung, and the quality of these performances.

Since the last report, the bells at Turner's Hill have been increased to eight by the addition of two trebles, the seventh and tenor at Rotherfield have been rehung in ball bearings, the five bells at Sturminster have been rehung with completely new fittings, and the bell frame strengthened, and at Christ Church, Eastbourne, the bell frame has been strengthened, fittings repaired, and the peal rehung in new bearings. All this work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are at present erecting a peal of eight (tenor 14 cwt.) at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, Brighton. It is anticipated that this new ring will be opened before the end of June.

At Lower Beeding, five bells have been recast and the eight rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon; and Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, have rehung the six at Easebourne.

Finally, we wish to urge all those members who have supported the association for many years to do their utmost to interest the younger members in its work and aims, for upon the coming generation will fall the duty of taking office in the association and carrying on its work. Especially we appeal to all to do their utmost by punctual and regular attendance to secure the highest possible standard of excellence in Sunday service ringing.

There is a balance on general account of £107 12s. 3d., an increase of £17 13s. 1d., and there is £50 in the reserve fund.

THE PEAL AT LEATHERHEAD.

The peal at Leatherhead on Saturday was especially arranged to celebrate Mr. W. Messam's 70th birthday, and he was heartily congratulated after the peal upon the way he rang.

Mr. Messam has been a ringer at this Surrey church practically all his life, and, although not ringing many peals, he is very regular in his attendance on Sundays.

This peal was Mr. Arthur Dean's 250th, and was his first attempt at peal ringing since his accident last February.

THE CLERGY'S AID.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your kind reference in 'The Ringing World' of April 29th to the annual report of the Hertford County Association leads me to supplement further your most useful editorial on 'The Clergy's Aid.' The first rule of our association is: 1. 'Belfry Reform.' 2. 'The promotion of change ringing, and of social intercourse amongst change ringers, etc., etc.' Belfry reform was our first objective—ourselves. First things first. We sought to make the foundations sure before we began to build up a change-ringing society. We interpreted the fact that the belfry was a real part of the consecrated church, just as much as the chancel. It was not a smoke-room or gossip shop for the ringers above, whilst the people were praying below; but it was felt that the ringers should so conduct themselves that they could claim the presence of God with them in their work for the church. Hence my suggestion, enrol your members from your communicants. If this ideal is wholeheartedly pursued, it must in the end secure the sympathy and support of the parson. Personally, with few exceptions, I have always secured their practical sympathy, also that of the churchwardens. But, speaking generally, I am afraid we do not always keep in fullest touch with our clergy as representing county or diocesan associations. A chance district meeting perhaps is our only point of contact.

This leads me to offer a suggestion. Could not every incumbent of a church possessing a peal of bells be linked on to our associations as hon. members by the church itself paying the annual subscription, recognising it as a piece of propaganda work worthy of the support of the congregation? The various clubs of the parish are supported by the people; why not a definite subscription to the diocesan or county association which embraces the parish? It is up to our ringers upon Church Councils to bring the question forward. There are many clergy who cannot afford the annual subscription, and whose interest is consequently lost. If linked to our major associations they would receive notices of all meetings in their area, and the opportunity would be given them of learning to know more about ringers and ringing generally.

Another thought: Do the clergy as a body see 'The Ringing World'? Presumably a few who are ringers. Could the secretary of each local company see that a copy is passed on to their Vicar each week? If we want their sympathy and support in a larger measure, it is up to us ringers to do something to secure it, and I believe we shall get it if we show them that our ringing is not for mere selfish pleasure, but is an offering to the church to which we belong.

The situation to-day is one of thankfulness, for not only have the bells 'changed' into beautiful musical harmony, but the ringers themselves have changed. It is now becoming quite general for the service and address at the quarterly meetings. This fact alone must enlist the sympathy of the clergy. I trust these services will be multiplied in the future. We have a most happy fellowship in our ringing societies, one which I greatly value. May we make that fellowship more real, and our work more effective, by remembering it each week in prayer, so that our ideals may be accomplished.—Yours sincerely,

G. W. CARTMEL.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING BRANCH.

The first quarterly meeting for 1927 of the above branch was held at Shiplake, on Saturday, May 7th. The secretary's spirits were very high, as the weather was good, and over 60 had signified their intention of being present. Members and friends came from all parts of the branch, travelling by private cars, motor and push bikes and a crowded bus.

Good touches were rung during the afternoon, both beginners and old hands getting a chance. An excellent tea was partaken of, kindly given by the Vicar (the Rev. J. C. Thomas) and churchwardens, at the conclusion of which a vote of thanks was passed by Mr. H. Egby, the oldest member, and seconded by Dr. Joyce, the youngest member in the art of bell ringing.

The bells were again set going until 7 p.m., when those who wished attended a service conducted by the Vicar.

Ringing was afterwards enjoyed until 9 p.m., everyone agreeing that the meeting had been a very successful one.

5,088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

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Twice repeated.

Full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6. 2nd never dodges behind with the tenor.

First rung at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on May 10th, 1927, conducted by John Potter.

'THE RURAL PROBLEM.'

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to your leader in a recent issue on 'The Rural Problem,' it appears to me that a good deal might be done to remedy the state of affairs to which you draw attention, and at the same time help to check the present steady depletion of the ranks of ringers by a closer co-operation between captains of bands throughout the country.

There are many men who, like Mr. Slater, go on year after year training beginners who drift away to other parishes after a short while. The number of potential ringers thus created must be considerable, and it is probably true to say that very few of these young fellows make themselves known to the captain of the band of the parish in which they settle, or join up with the nearest change-ringing band, as the case may be. This may be due to shyness, or fear of being deemed incompetent, or both, with the result that these beginners are lost to the Exercise for ever.

As an instance of this kind of thing, I should like to quote an example from my own tower. I recently heard, quite by accident, of a young fellow who had settled in the parish some months before, and who had a certain amount of practice at a Sussex tower. When I visited him and asked why he had not made himself known to us, he replied, 'Well, I did not like to intrude, as I can only ring the treble, or at most an inside bell to a plain course.' The fact that he could have continued his practices much better in the district of his adoption did not seem to occur to him.

I would, therefore, like to suggest that, whenever possible, captains of bands should make a point of notifying one another of the movements of these beginners, giving the new address where known. In cases where the nearest change-ringing tower is not known, the necessary information could be obtained from the secretary of the association covering the district, and in this way a lot of the time spent by instructors up and down the country in coaching beginners would not be entirely wasted, for some other tower or towers would be reaping the benefit of what they had done, and they in turn might receive assistance in like manner. This practice might be adopted with advantage in every case where a migrant ringer has not reached that stage of interest in the art when nothing on earth will keep him out of a belfry, no matter where he may land.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK G. WOODISS.

Sutton, Surrey.

OVERSEAL RINGER MARRIED.

On Easter Tuesday, the marriage took place of Mr. W. Brooker, of Overseal, and Miss B. M. Elverson, of Church Gresley, the ceremony being performed at the Parish Church, Gresley, by the Vicar (the Rev. E. E. F. Despard). The bride was a member of the Holy Trinity Church choir, Gresley, while the bridegroom has been a change ringer at St. Matthew's, Overseal, since the dedication of the bells in December, 1919, and a member of the Midland Counties Association (Burton District) since July, 1920. He has rung five peals, the last being at Appleby Magna, on February 12th of this year, when he helped the M.C.A. secretary (Mr. E. Morris) to add another Leicestershire tower to his long list and record the first peal on the bells.

After the wedding ceremony, the following ringers of St. Matthew's, assisted by Mr. A. E. Rowley, of Higham-on-the-Hill, who was on holiday in the village, rang a well struck 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins.: W. Bosworth 1, L. Freeman 2, J. W. Cotton 3, C. Jewsbury 4, W. E. Clayfield 5, A. E. Rowley (conductor) 6. Touches of Doubles were afterwards brought round with the help of P. Grice and F. Boulstridge, of Netherseal.

The ringers wish Mr. and Mrs. Brooker success and happiness in their married life.

A HALF PEAL.

At St. Edward's Church, Knighton, Radnor, on Wednesday, April 27th, a half-peal of Bob Minor (2,520 changes) in 1 hr. 27 mins.: W. Watkins 1, J. J. Price 2, A. E. Jones 3, W. J. Beniams 4, J. F. Evans 5, F. Evans (conductor) 6, G. Abley 7. Longest touch by all in the method.

SURPRISE EXTENTS.

At St. Mary's Church, Fryerning, Essex, on Sunday, May 1st, for matins, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. T. Pye 1, P. Almond 2, W. J. Nevard 3, G. Camp 4, A. Bradley 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise.—For afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, G. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, W. J. Nevard 5, A. Bradley 6. Also 216 Kent Treble Bob. Messrs. Nevard, Keeble, Pye and Almond were on a visit to St. Mary's, which was greatly appreciated by the locals.

At Ingatstone, in the afternoon, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. T. Pye 1, P. Almond 2, W. J. Nevard 3, G. Rogers 4, A. Bradley 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. G. Rogers belongs to local company.—720 Cambridge Surprise: L. Camp 1, H. Wright 2, G. Camp 3, A. Bradley 4, W. J. Nevard 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. First extent of Surprise on the bells.

At St. Mary's, Fryerning, before evensong, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: F. Wright 1, L. Camp 2, A. Bradley 3, G. Camp 4, C. Harrington 5, H. Wright (conductor) 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. ORDER GIVEN FOR CATHEDRAL NEW BELLS.

The annual meeting was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 30th. A glorious spring day brought quite a fair number of members together, but the lack of ringing facilities in the city no doubt kept the attendance a good deal below the average.

Owing to the work of restoration now proceeding in the vicinity of the Ringers' Chapel, this could not be used for the service, but the Dean of Lincoln (president of the Guild) very kindly arranged for this to be held in the North-West Chapel of the cathedral, and himself gave an intensely interesting address. Tea was arranged at the Co-operative Hall, to which about 100 members and friends sat down.

The Dean of Lincoln presided at the business meeting, supported on the platform by the Rev. H. Law James (Master), and Mr. F. F. Linley (vice-president and treasurer).

The following officers were unanimously re-elected, viz.: The Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln, president; the Rev. H. Law James, Master; Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary; Mr. F. F. Linley, hon. treasurer.

The Rev. H. Law James, the Rev. H. T. Parry, Mr. G. Chester and Mr. Rupert Richardson were elected representatives on the Central Council for the ensuing three years.

Referring to the cathedral bells, the Dean stated that restoration work was now proceeding in the south-west tower. Unfortunately, they had found this tower (at all events in the lower stages) in a far worse state than the north-west tower was before restoration. He hoped, however, that before a year had passed the work would be completed. The order had been given to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the four additional bells. The Memorial Fund was now sufficient to defray the cost of these, and there would still be a small sum in hand, which it was proposed to devote towards the cost of a memorial tablet bearing the names of those members of the Guild who lost their lives in the Great War, to be erected in the Ringers' Chapel. The twelve bells will eventually be hung at a much lower level than the present peal of eight—a better position both as regards the stability of the tower and as regards the sound of the bells in the near vicinity of the cathedral.

By kind permission of the various incumbents, the bells of the two six-bell towers in the city (St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's) were open for ringing in the afternoon, and again in the evening, when the eight bells of Washingborough Church were also available.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A district meeting was held at West Clandon on Saturday, May 7th, over thirty members being present. The bells were available at 3 p.m., and a service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Sir John Herschel, who also gave an address. The Guild form was used, and Lady Herschel presided at the organ. After tea, which was held in the Church Hut, a short business meeting took place, presided over by the Rector.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Frensham on Whit Monday, if it could be arranged.

A resolution was also carried requesting the secretary to write and congratulate the Master of the Guild (Mr. G. Williams) on his attaining his 70th birthday.

The meeting broke up after the usual votes of thanks to the Rector, organist and the ladies who kindly arranged the tea. Further ringing was then indulged in, both at Clandon and Merrow, under the guidance of the Ringing Master of the district (Mr. A. C. Hazelden).

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Stockbridge on Saturday, May 7th. During the afternoon and evening, the peal of six was kept going to Doubles and Minor, as were those of King's Somborne. Tea and meeting were held at the Town Hall, presided over by the Rector, Rev. G. Uppington, members being present from Bishopstoke, North Stoneham, King's Somborne, Hursley, Winchester and the local band.

On the motion of the Rector, the members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to the late Rev. C. E. Matthews (vice-president of the Guild), who passed away in February.

The following were elected hon. members: Mr. H. Johnson, Marsh Court, Stockbridge; Rev. G. E. H. Theophilus, King's Somborne; Mr. C. B. Scott, Manor Farm, Up Somborne; Mrs. Milburn, Compton Manor, King's Somborne.

The King's Somborne band were elected members, as also were the Upham band and three probationers from Hursley, and three from Stockbridge.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Wynne, of Hermit Lodge, Stockbridge, for her kindness in entertaining the members to tea.

On the proposition of Mr. Andrews, Mrs. Wynne was elected an hon. member for the year without fee. Thanks were accorded to the Rector for presiding and for the use of the bells, and also to the Vicar of Somborne.

Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, arrived soon after 6 p.m. to report success of the peal at Winchester Cathedral in honour of the Master's 70th birthday.

The next meeting will be held at Sherfield English on Saturday, August 27th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION AT CHIGWELL.

The visit of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association to Chigwell was favoured with a glorious day, over fifty members and friends putting in an appearance during the afternoon and evening. The bells were set going to Kent Minor, followed by touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles, Cambridge Surprise and London and Wells Surprise spliced, till 4.30 p.m., when those present attended the service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. M. W. Smith. Tea followed at the King's Head Hotel, said to be the original Dickens' 'Maypole.' At the subsequent meeting, two new honorary members and two new ringing members were elected, and Shenfield selected as the place for the next gathering.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of tower and bells, Mr. Witlock for accompanying the service on the organ, and the local steepkeeper, Mr. J. Lucas, for having everything in readiness.

The bells were again set going, and touches in various methods rung till 9 p.m., whilst several wended their way across the fields, now in their beauty, for a pull at Chigwell Row, on the grand peal of six in that tower, which in spite of their not having been rung for over two years were kept going to Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob till late in the evening.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION ARRANGES PRACTICE MEETINGS.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th. There was ringing during the afternoon, and a service was held, at which the Rev. A. E. Hull, Vicar, officiated. Tea was kindly provided at the Queen's Head by the Vicar and churchwardens, and this was followed by the usual business meeting.

Seven new members were elected, and the election of one non-resident member was confirmed. Rettendon was selected for the next meeting in June.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. P. Timson) announced that united practices had been arranged to be held at Great Baddow May 9th, Chelmsford May 17th, Writtle May 25th, Boreham June 2nd, and Widford June 10th. These practices have been arranged to help on several of the younger ringers in the division, and further arrangements will be made to hold practices at other towers.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master) said this was a good idea, and he believed other divisions were adopting a similar plan.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar and churchwardens for permitting the meeting to be held at Boreham and for providing the excellent tea, at which about 25 members were present.

Touches were afterwards rung on handbells and the tower again visited. Members present represented Writtle, Maldon, Chelmsford, Broomfield, Springfield, Rettendon, Great Baddow, Braintree, Black Notley and the local company. Mr. Lewis Green, who is home from South Africa for eight months, was also present. Owing to the death of his father that afternoon, Mr. G. Green, District Master, was unable to attend.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MORE MEMBERS WANTED.

A meeting of the Ely District was held at Over, on Saturday, May 14th, when members were present from Cambridge, Chatteris, Dry Drayton, Godmanchester, Hemingford Abbots, Huntingdon, Long Stanton, Stapleford, Trumpington and the local band. The service, held in the Parish Church, was taken by the Rev. H. B. Woolley (the Vicar being absent), who gave a very interesting address.

Tea was provided in the school, 20 members being present. On the proposition of Mr. A. E. Austin, seconded by Mr. A. J. Abram, a vote of thanks was accorded the ladies (Mrs. F. Ginn, Mrs. W. Ginn, Mrs. B. Wayman, assisted by Mrs. G. Gleave and Mrs. F. Warrington) for arranging the excellent tea.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the bells and to the Rev. H. B. Woolley for taking the service.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Stapleford, and, if possible, to couple Sawston the same day. Notice will be given in due course.

Mr. A. G. Rivers supported this proposal, and hoped that members would try to further the interests of change ringing and so get more members into the association.

The business meeting over, the bells were set going once more, the methods rung being Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, London, York and Cambridge Surprise, several ringing their first courses in the methods. A well-struck 720 Kent (15 bobs), rung by F. G. Gleave 1, C. W. Cook 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, F. C. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6, brought a successful meeting to a close.

A YOUNG BAND.

At Rishton, Lancs, on Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, 1,008 Bob Major: R. Atherton 1, F. Read (conductor) 2, A. Yates 3, B. Hall 4, A. Hutchison 5, R. Bolderstone 6, A. Lord 7, J. Hirst 8. Specially rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer on attaining his 20th birthday, and it is interesting to note that he is the oldest ringer in the band.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EXHALL, COVENTRY.—On Sunday, May 15th, at the Church of St. Giles, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: W. Barnett 1, G. O. Rathbone (first 720) 2, A. E. Bacon 3, C. G. Bates 4, J. E. Sykes 5, J. H. Raper (conductor) 6.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, May 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): P. H. Doick 1, A. V. Corden 2, A. R. Pink (first quarter on an inside bell) 3, C. Smart, sen., 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, S. Picton 6, Cecil Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

WEST GLANDON.—For evening service, on Sunday, May 15th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: G. Jarrad (first extent) 1, H. Harding, sen., 2, N. Harding 3, J. Coacher 4, G. Grover 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

WATFORD.—On Sunday, May 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 50 mins.: H. Long 1, R. G. Bell 2, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 3, S. E. Edwards 4, R. W. R. Picton 5, F. Edwards 6, E. M. Elliott 7, W. E. Oakley 8. First quarter of Major by the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 4th.

LONDON.—At St. Mary Abbots' Church, Kensington, for evensong, on May 15th, 1,299 Stedman Caters in 55 mins.: C. F. Winney (conductor) 1, A. Cutmore 2, G. W. Frayne 3, J. A. Dart 4, W. E. Judd 5, H. G. Miles 6, R. E. Sadler 7, H. Wakelam 8, G. C. Rice 9, G. C. Garrard 10.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 15th, for evensong at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: A. T. Greenwood 1, J. Paterson 2, J. D. Harris 3, T. R. Taylor 4, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, sen., 7, J. Gates 8.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 15th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 23 mins.: W. L. Jones 1, W. H. Jaine 2, C. Jaine 3, J. F. Fox 4, A. Owens 5, F. A. Jaine (conductor) 6.

RISHTON, LANCOS.—On Sunday, May 8th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: R. Bentley 1, R. Atherton 2, R. Hutchison 3, R. Hall 4, A. Yates 5, R. Bolderstone 6, F. Read 7.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 45 mins.: R. Atherton 1, A. Yates 2, R. Hall 3, A. Lord 4, A. Hutchison 5, R. Bolderstone 6, J. Hirst 7, F. Read (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

NOTICES.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lyonsball on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45, free to all who notify me by Tuesday, May 24th. Business meeting after.—J. Bez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge, Herefordshire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton on Saturday, May 28th. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Coleridge, R.D. Bells (6), Bicester (8) available.—E. A. Clifton, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Newton Abbot on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in St. Leonard's Chapel, at 12.15 p.m. Dinner in Ambulance Hall, East Street, at 1.0 followed by meeting. Highweek, Wolborough and St. Leonard's towers open for ringing.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, 'St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 31st; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Tenbury Wells on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the Kent County Association will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All ringers invited. A good attendance hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting will be held on May 21st at Blewbury. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Those intending to be present please notify me early.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business. All welcome.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Hall. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Barnham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The branch spring meeting will be held at Combe, near Woodstock, on Saturday, May 21st. The following is the order of proceedings:—3 p.m., service in the Parish Church, preacher: Rev. F. R. Marriott; 4 p.m., tea at the Schoolroom, at 1s. per head; business meeting to follow. The following bells will be available during Saturday afternoon and evening, by kind permission of the incumbents: Combe, Bladon, Woodstock and Cassington. — W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Tackley Park, Tackley, Oxon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Langport on Saturday, May 21st. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Curry Rivel (8), Drayton (8) and Huish Episcopi (6) are also available.—F. Farrant, Hon. Branch Sec., Martock.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lechlade on Saturday, May 21st. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service, followed by tea and meeting. All members and friends from this and other associations cordially welcomed.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pitminster on Saturday, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at the Schools after service.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at Saxlingham, Nethergate (8), Saturday, May 21st, 3.30 p.m. A good muster is requested; young ringers from any district will receive a hearty welcome.—B. S. Thompson, Dis. Sec., 148, The Avenue, Colman Road, Norwich.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the Queen's Head at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst Ham Road, Worthing.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth.—Saturday, May 21st. Bells open 3.30. Tea 5.45, meeting after. (Cheap trains from Baker Street.)—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Offley, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at the 'Red Lion,' 5.30. Good bus services from Hitchin and Luton, and very pretty country. Everyone welcomed.—Geo. T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Clare on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Tea at 5.15 at Bell Hotel. All requiring tea please make known to Granville C. Bixby, Dis. Sec., Hall Street, Long Melford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The dedication of the two new bells at St. Mark's, Swindon, will take place at the monthly meeting on Saturday, May 21st, by the Archdeacon of Swindon at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. per head. All ringers welcome.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye meeting will be held at Chartham on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open 3 p.m.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The May meeting of the Guild will be held at Warwick on Saturday, May 28th. The bells of St. Mary's (10) and St. Nicolas' (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea has been arranged for 5 p.m. at the Dale Temperance Hotel, near St. Mary's. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 28th. St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' will be open for ringing from 2 till 3.30 and after the meeting. A special service in the Parish Church (St. Peter's) at 3.45 p.m.; address by the Vicar of Brighton (Canon F. C. N. Hicks, D.D.). Meat tea at St. Nicholas' Hall, St. Nicholas Road, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea, 2s. 6d. each (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members. Those intending to be present should notify the hon. general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 24th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Haughley, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (5) available at 2.30, and at Wetherden (5), at Stowmarket (8) from 6 p.m. Tea on Haughley Vicarage Lawn at 4.30 p.m., 9d. each to all sending names by May 24th to Mr. J. W. Nunn, Haughley, nr. Stowmarket.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bourton on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Bourton (6), Mere (8), Buckhorn Weston (6), Kington Magna (5). Will all members who wish to be present kindly let me know by May 24th at the latest?—R. E. P. Gorringer, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Horsmonden on Saturday, May 28th. Nearest station Goudhurst. Tower open at 3.30. Service at 5. Business meeting after service.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Districts. —The summer meeting will be held at Whitby, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —The bells of Garston Parish Church will be reopened on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Alwalton on Saturday, May 28th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 25th?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —A special meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Barnby Don on Saturday, May 28th. Own arrangements to be made for tea. Please make a note of the outing to York, July 16th. Full particulars later. —Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 28th (by invitation). Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading, I.W., on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me before the 25th inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Bredons Norton on Saturday, May 28th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous. —J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 28th. Bells of East Retford (10), Ordsall and West Retford (6) will be ready early. Divine service East Retford 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., Cooke's Café, Carlegate (opposite Exchange Street), 1s. 10 to members whose subscriptions are paid for 1926, 1s. 6d. to others and visitors who notify D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Newtown, Retford, not later than 25th inst. Will members please note that contributions for 1927 are due at this meeting?—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. —A meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 4.45. Those requiring tea please inform me not later than Tuesday, the 24th inst.—Cecil E. Hepburn, The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

EALING PARISH CHURCH.—The dedication of St. Mary's bells will take place on Sunday, May 29th, at 3.15, by the Rt. Rev. the Archdeacon of Middlesex, D.D. All ringers and friends heartily welcomed to the service. The bells will be opened for ringing on Saturday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. on June 4th. Any members of the Central Council requiring a pull will be welcomed Ealing way. Likewise, all ringers. —J. H. Hunnisett and W. H. Hollier.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and busi-

ness meeting to follow. All those intending to be present kindly notify me in good time. Visitors welcomed. —Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. —The 48th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 41st annual meeting will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in the Cathedral 12.15. Preacher, Rev. G. H. Jobling, Rector of Kingsland. Dinner at Boothe Hall Hotel (2s. 6d.) 1 p.m. Mr. C. Edwards (Master) in the chair. Those intending to be present at the dinner should write to me for tickets of admission by June 1st.—Rev. Preb. G. W. Turner, Hon. Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water on Whit Monday, June 6th. Luncheon at Stow. Service, tea and business meeting at Bourton-on-the-Water. Will those intending to be present please notify me by May 31st? —Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, June 6th. Committee meeting in Holy Sepulchre's Institute at 11 a.m. Service in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at 12 noon. Luncheon, followed by the business meeting, at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m. Application for lunch tickets, with remittance (2s. 6d.), must be made to Mr. T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton, on or before Monday, May 30th. Towers available: Kingsthorpe (6) and St. Peter's (8) from 10 to 11.30 a.m., St. Giles' (10), All Saints' (8), St. Edmund's (8) and Holy Sepulchre (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Gedding-ton, Kettering.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District. —A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, June 11th. Bells at Bramford (6) also available during the afternoon and evening. Tea, 9d., at 4.45, to those sending their names by June 8th. Every ringer welcomed.—G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Road, Ipswich.

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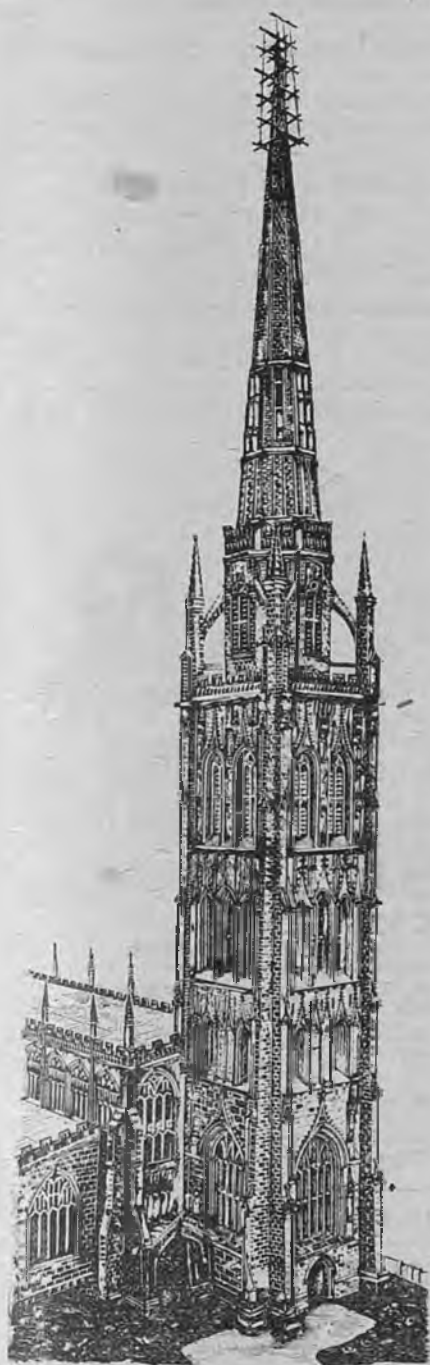
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