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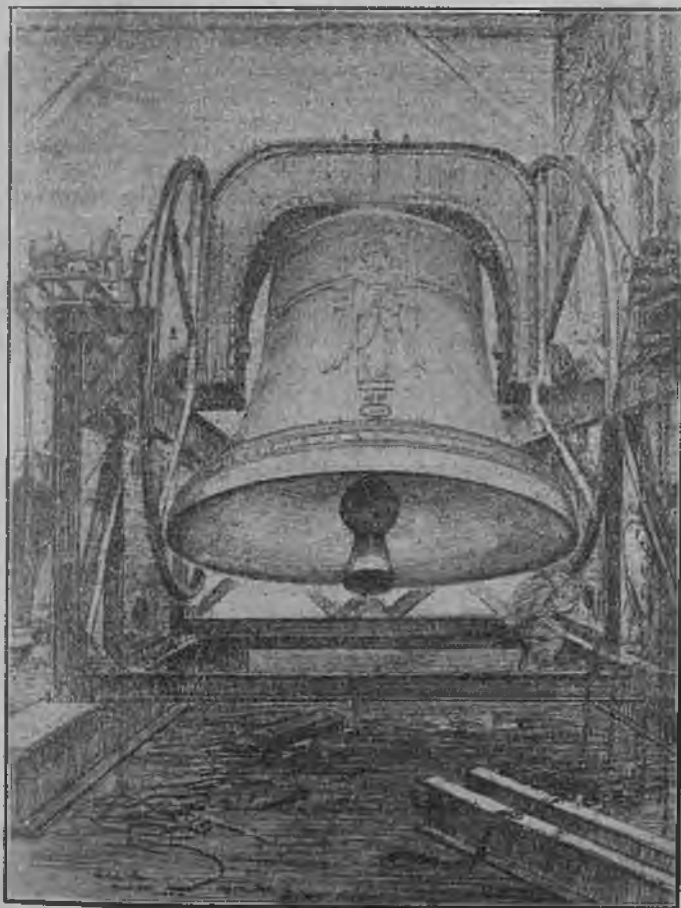
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## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL JUBILEE

The rapid spread, half a century ago, of the desire to organise ringers into associations which should raise the status of their office and promote the art of change ringing, is being recalled in these days by the frequent occurrence of 'jubilee' celebrations in various parts of the country. Until the Devon Guild was organised in 1874 there was nothing of the kind in existence, except such ancient societies as the College Youths, the Cumberlands, and the St. James' Society in London, St. Martin's Youths in Birmingham and others of less importance in smaller centres. But the aims and objects which brought the Devon Guild into being inspired others who desired to see ringing lifted to a higher and better plane, and close on the heels of Devon followed Lancashire and Yorkshire. Then came the first diocesan organisation, which was established at Norwich, and another for the Diocese of Durham (since divided). Within a year, two young and enthusiastic men in Gloucestershire set themselves the task of inaugurating an association on similar lines for their own diocese, and that society, now the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, celebrated its jubilee on Monday. One of these pioneers, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, whose services to the Exercise in many directions since that now distant day, have been unexcelled, was in the place of honour. He has seen the seed which he helped to sow, grow into a sturdy plant, and it must have given him supreme pleasure to see the enthusiasm with which the achievement of a half century of work was celebrated. The only pang of regret was that the other founder, Mr. George H. Phillott, did not survive to join in the gathering. It is only a short year since he was called home, but his memory will ever be cherished by the association as one who did much to start the organisation upon a successful career and to promote its aspirations.

In those pioneer days it was far from plain sailing. Bell ringing was almost entirely a secular pursuit, and change ringing was little practised. Those who rang the bells for service usually did so for the small remuneration they received and for the 'emoluments' attached to ringing for special occasions. When an organisation was set up which had other motives behind it, it was looked upon with suspicion, and it required much patient and persistent effort to break down the barriers. But it was the work and example of such men as the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Mr. Phillott which paved the way to the successful societies, which spread like a network over the country to-day, societies whose backbone is a body of men and women filled with the desire to serve the Church,

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and to promote the art of change ringing, which has grown to a degree undreamt of by those who ploughed the furrows fifty years ago. Gloucester and Bristol will be followed in their celebration by other societies of like character, for several are now approaching their jubilee. Not all of them are diocesan in name, but they all have similar aims; objects which we hope as the years go on will become more and more fully realised. Half a century has by no means completed the work there is to do; even in the spread of change ringing and bringing the bells and belfries of the land into a condition befitting the Church. But such gatherings as that at Bristol on Monday are full of promise for the activity of our ringing organisations in the future.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT... .. Treble	RICHARD J. STONE ... .. 6
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ... 2	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 8
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 9
JOHN W. STEDDY... .. 5	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 4	ALFRED HACKETT... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

ARTHUR F. WEST ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 2	HERBERT BROADLEY ... .. 6
JAMES T. TITT ... .. 3	ROLAND PARK ... .. 7
THOMAS CLARK ... .. 4	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

First peal in the method by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th. First peal on eight bells as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HARRY PRICE ... .. Treble	LAURENCE CHADBURN... .. 5
*WILLIAM J. STIRLAND ... 2	GEORGE WEST ... .. 6
FRANK BRADLEY... .. 3	NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... 7
*JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

LEONARD WHITEHEAD ... .. Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
HORACE F. STUBBS ... .. 2	JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 6
JAMES HUTCHBY ... .. 3	EDWARD READER ... .. 7
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT ... .. 4	JACK TOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, in deep respect for Mr. W. Thorley, one of the local ringers, who passed away suddenly on May 14th.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER ... .. 5
FRED WILFORD ... .. 2	JOSEPH C. DEAN ... .. 6
WALTER H. ADSTIN ... .. 3	W. JACK DOVE ... .. 7
ERNEST SIBLEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM STURGESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DOVE.

First peal on the bells after their restoration by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Sibley, who came of age on this date.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Monday, May 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... .. 6
JOHN SOUTER ... .. 3	CLEMENT J. MORE ... .. 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 4	JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by CLEMENT J. MORE.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

JOHN S. MORLEY ... .. Treble	BERNARD WELLS ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... .. 6
ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
CECHL NICE ... .. 4	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by N. ELLIOTT.

First peal as conductor.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN FRIST ... .. Treble	TOM MITCHELL ... .. 5
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ... 2	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 6
ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 3	KEITH HART ... .. 7
GEORGE APPS ... .. 4	WILLIAM STENNING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

LIONEL CULLUM ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	JOHN H. CHEERSMAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. 250th peal as conductor.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE ... .. Treble	WALTER STONE ... .. 5
*ALFRED KING ... .. 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 6
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... .. 7
†WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 4	†WALTER THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by D. H. ARGYLE.

\* First peal inside. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PIRSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*VICTOR YORK ... .. Treble	HARRY MARLOW ... .. 5
JACK DOVE ... .. 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR ... .. 6
ERNEST SIBLEY ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 7
BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 4	HARRY WILKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. Mr. John J. Taylor was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting the peal.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 2	TOM WILDE ... .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 7
HARRY LANGLEY ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of New Cambridge on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of 3rd and tenor.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GODGE ... .. Treble	SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 5
RICHARD ROUND ... .. 2	WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 6
JOHN ROUND ... .. 3	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 4	REUBEN INGRAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Adela Hopewell, a Sunday School teacher at the above church, and Mr. Victor Parsons, of Halesowen. Mr. A. Greenfield has now rung a peal on each bell in the above tower. This is the first wedding peal on the bells since the restoration by Mr. J. E. Groves, of Handsworth, Birmingham.

NORTH WINGFIELD.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

MADRICE E. WILSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WAIN ... .. 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 2	PERCY JERVIS ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... .. 7
JOHN P. TARLTON ... .. 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Mary, also to the conductor.

KIRBY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

PERCY ALMOND ... .. Treble	GEORGE ANDREWS ... .. 5
*MADRICE J. LING ... .. 2	EDWARD DAVEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	HORACE WRIGHT ... .. 7
WILBY HAZELL ... .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 61st birthday of Queen Mary.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD ... .. Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 5
C. HENRY WEBB ... .. 2	FRED COTTON ... .. 6
TOM ATKINS ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
T. KELHAM DEACON ... .. 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in this method on the bells and by all except ringers of 5th, 6th, and 7th. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung in honour of the 61st birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary.

BOLTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the HOLY TRINITY

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's Six-PART.

EDWARD WEBSTER ... .. Treble	JACK KAY ... .. 5
ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 2	GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 6
*PETER CROOK, JUN. ... .. 3	PETER CROOK ... .. 7
EDWARD EDWARDS ... .. 4	PETER NUTTALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung to celebrate Empire Day and Evelyn M. Cutsforth's 21st birthday. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. P. Crook for their hospitality after the peal. They also offer their congratulations to Peter Crook, jun., who is only 14 years of age, on the capable manner in which he rang his bell.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS WILCOCK ... .. Treble	MRS. F. SEAGAR ... .. 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 6
HERBERT HAIGH ... .. 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 7
THOMAS A. KING ... .. 4	ARTHUR TROTTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. H. SIMPSON.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Simpson, parents of the conductor, who resides at Lavenham, Suffolk, and for Queen Mary's 61st birthday.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

CHARLES THORLEY, JUN. ... Treble	ARNOLD HILL ... .. 5
GEORGE CLARK ... .. 2	JAMES MCCLUSKY ... .. 6
HARRY MORGAN ... .. 3	PERCY GLEDSTONE ... .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER ... .. 4	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

First peal in the method by all of the band, and on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

This composition has the sixth the extent at home at twelve course ends. Rung on the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RAMSBOTTOM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

A. SIMISTER ... .. Treble	W. MITCHELL ... .. 4
A. FOX ... .. 2	W. ASHWORTH ... .. 5
*T. SLATER ... .. 3	H. FOX ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. FOX.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 15, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES R. POWER ... Treble	ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 4
*EDWARD LAWSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5
FRED BLACKLIDGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM FOWLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to John Watson, late secretary of the Blackburn Branch, who was interred at Samlesbury Church on this day.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, three of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

REV. EVERARD S. POWELL Treble	MRS. POWELL ... .. 4
THOMAS LAVER ... .. 2	FRANK J. DAVEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM HOWE ... .. 3	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

First peal in two methods by all except the conductor.



WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 16, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS (HARRISON MEMORIAL).

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Beverley, York, Carlisle, Chester, and Cambridge Surprise.

JOHN GREASLEY... .. Treble	† HARRY ROGERS ... .. 4
* ERIC LLOYD ... .. 2	THOMAS ALF. ROGERS ... 5
EDWARD PARRY ... .. 3	† THOMAS ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. A. ROGERS.

\* First peal on an inside bell. † First peal. First as conductor. Rung on the Eve of Ascension Day. This is the first peal of Surprise in seven methods for all the band, ~~the first for the Chester Guild~~ and the first peal of Surprise on the bells. Also the quickest peal on the bells. Rung at first attempt. The above are all members of the local band.

TISBURY, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

* CHARLES DEAN ... .. Treble	LEONARD V. BELSEY... .. 4
WILLIAM COOMBS ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
JIM RALPH ... .. 3	* STANLEY RAYS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringer of the treble is to be complimented on his performance, he only having learnt to handle a rope during the last six months.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 30 six-scores, with ten callings, three each Spliced 240's, by A. J. Pitman and L. Morris, differently called.

* MRS. W. C. WEST ... .. Treble	* FREDERICK A. WILTSHIRE ... 4
THOMAS MERRETT ... .. 2	* WILLIAM G. MORTIMER ... 5
WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 3	EDWARD G. MERRETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

\* First peal and first attempt.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor about 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP ... .. Treble	AMOS SMART ... .. 3
JOSEPH SHARP ... .. 2	HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 4

WILLIAM STOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... Treble	WILLIAM STIBBONS ... .. 4
* WILLIAM H. STIBBONS ... 2	EDWARD HOWES ... .. 5
WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

* WILLIAM C. CLEMENTS ... Treble	EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. SMITH ... .. 2	CHARLES A. PARKER ... .. 5
† DOUGLAS ELLENDER... .. 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

BURGATE.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being thirteen 120's of St. Simon's, thirteen of Grandsire, and sixteen of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

* DAVID WHITING... .. Treble	† ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 3
ALPHEUS J. BERRY ... .. 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 4
WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal with an inside bell. This band came from five different parishes. It is just on thirty years since the last peal was rung upon these bells.

BUEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1928, in Three Hours.

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

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

J. FOSTER ... .. Treble	R. WALLWORK ... .. 4
* J. PORTER ... .. 2	W. MITCHELL ... .. 5
† N. STONE ... .. 3	J. RAMSBOTTOM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. WALLWORK.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to J. Porter.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH ROBERTSON ... .. Treble	JOHN LOWREY ... .. 4
EDWARD LOWREY... .. 2	EDWARD A. HERN ... .. 5
HENRY B. TAYLOR ... .. 3	* ADAM DEAS... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

\* First peal in seven different methods.

BRADSTON, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.  
(SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NONA.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

* ROBERT S. LOVELL ... .. Treble	* JAMES MARTIN ... .. 4
ERNEST W. MARSH ... .. 2	† HERBERT BOUCHER ... .. 5
* GEORGE FITZ ... .. 3	* WILLIAM T. HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

\* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. First peal on the bells.

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DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, May 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED H. WATSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HOWARD ... .. 4
CHARLES HOWARD ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 5
HORACE PEPPER ... .. 3	JAMES WARDLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Rung in celebration of Empire Day.

APSLEY END.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Oxford, and two 720's each of Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HENRY GOLDING ... .. Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4
*JACK STOPP ... .. 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 5
REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in five methods. Rung in honour of Empire Day, as a farewell peal to Rev. Tyrwhitt-Drake, and as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. James.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, York, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN BARKER ... .. Treble	HENRY CARNWELL ... .. 4
CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. 2	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Rung in honour of the 13th anniversary of A. W. Hall's wedding.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four extents of Oxford Single and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY S. WOOD ... .. Treble	ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... .. 4
*EDMUND T. EXETER ... .. 2	CECIL J. E. GASSON ... .. 5
CHARLES HOLMAN ... .. 3	ALBERT E. T. GASSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. E. T. GASSON.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. JONES ... .. Treble	JOHN COOKE ... .. 4
*ALFRED K. LEATHAM ... .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... .. 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal inside in six methods.

THE TALE OF A FRAYED ROPE.

At Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, May 5th, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich was unfortunately brought to an end after two hours and five minutes' good ringing, owing to the fraying of one of the strands of the 7th rope. The trouble began soon after the first hour. A loose piece of rope was noticed at the tail end, and as time went on it gradually got worse and worse. However, it was not until the loose strand was passing through the sally that the conductor called 'stand.' The ringers who took part stood as follows: C. Tribe, Mrs. H. Baker, B. Luck, C. W. Player, H. Baker, K. Pattenden (first attempt), A. H. Smith, and T. E. Sone (conductor).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
WESTERN DIVISION.

A successful quarterly meeting of the above division was held at Billingshurst on Saturday, May 19th, a large number of members and friends being present. The following towers were represented: Chichester, Hove, Heene, Horsham, Shipley, West Grinstead, Pulborough, Kirdford, Warnham, Lower Beeding, and Billingshurst. The bells were kept busy till five o'clock, when the visitors adjourned to the Guest House, where they were met and welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Jacob-Hood. After the tea, at which 43 were present, a business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair. Twelve new members were elected, viz.: The Rev. Jacob-Hood (hon. member), Messrs. J. Broadbridge and H. Goodsel (Pulborough), F. E. Cheesman, F. Radbourne, and T. Newman (Billingshurst), Miss F. Cooper, Mrs. P. Duncton, Messrs. H. Charman, H. Puttick, M. and S. Sopp (Kirdford).

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bosham in August.

A unanimous vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and for granting the use of the bells followed. That gentleman, having responded, another visit was made to the belfry, and the bells kept going till seven o'clock in Grandsire Stedman, Bob and Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

At the invitation of Mr. P. Doick, some of the members on their way home called at Pulborough and rang touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
SOUTHERN BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting was held at Market Deeping on Saturday, May 19th, representatives being present from Bourne, Spalding, Peterborough, Edenham, Morton, Deeping St. James, West Deeping, Deeping St. Nicholas, Folkingham and Market Deeping. A service was held in St. Guthlac's Church, the Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild) officiating. He urged the Exercise to remember the importance of training and encouraging the younger members of the art of change ringing. The Rev. Piggott, Rector of Market Deeping, kindly presided at the organ for the service. Tea was provided at the local cafe, where 27 were present. The business meeting followed with the Rev. H. Law James in the chair, one new ringing member being elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Edenham. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbents for the use of the bells, to the Master for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, and to those who made the necessary arrangements for the excellent tea which was provided. Ringing was again continued in the evening, the methods varying from Plain Bob to London Surprise. The bells of St. James' Church at Deeping St. James were available during the evening, and members took the opportunity of having a pull on this magnificent ring of six, with a tenor of 19 cwt.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH MEETING.

The spring meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Kidlington on Saturday, when there was a representative gathering. In the early afternoon there was a service in the church conducted by the Rev. I. Lloyd-Jones, Vicar of Kidlington, the address being given by the Rev. Maurice Frost, Vicar of Deddington. The business meeting was held in the Foresters' Hall.

The Rev. Maurice Frost, in the course of his address, which was based on the text, 'Come, let us worship,' said Ascension time was a very appropriate occasion to turn one's thoughts to bells and to the words of the text. They were a real call for them to try and understand what the worship of God really meant. Worship was essentially giving and not getting. The Guild gave their time and skill in the service of God and His Church.

At the business meeting the Rev. F. R. Marriott, Rector of Wootton and chairman of the branch, expressed thanks to the Vicar of Kidlington for allowing the branch to visit the church, and said that the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, was unable to be present as he was attending a similar function at Chipping Norton. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was eminently fitted for the position he held as among his other accomplishments he was a skilled ringer.

Mr. Everts, the hon. secretary of the branch, presented the annual statement, which showed a balance in hand of over £24.

It was agreed that the October meeting be held at Southleigh. An invitation was extended to attend the North Berks Branch meeting at East Hagbourne on the following Saturday, it being stated that a good peal of eight was available.

The meeting concluded with the election of several new members and a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. R. Marriott for presiding, voiced by Mr. J. Monk.

The branch tender their hearty thanks to the Rev. M. Frost for his address, and also to the Vicar of Kidlington for the use of the church bells and for conducting the service. They much regret that he was not present at the tea and meeting.

## THE STORY OF A HAT.

## 'ST. CHAPELLIERE'S' EXCHANGE.

In a quaint little Yorkshire town there dwells a band of six bell-ringers, who, as they say up yonder, love to 'set off.' Now, on a certain day in the not too dim and distant past, they did decide to 'set off' and visit 'a cave,' where dwelt a real good sort of a hermit of long, oh, such long standing, who had at his cave a ring of six well-tuned cymbals, their object, of course, being to discourse sweet delights and pleasures on the said cymbals. So they did depute one of their number, who did own and control a rubber bus, to visit this hermit, and by sundry blandishments obtain the use of these cymbals for to hold an evening seance. The said emissary did his him to the cave and succeeded well with 'ye hermit,' and did obtain his permission to make the welkin ring, which so pleased he of the rubber bus that he did call at a certain hostelry, which rejoices in the name of Ye Old Black Swan (locally as T'Duck), and did himself well till a late hour, on the strength of his success with 'ye hermit.' On arrival home in the bosom of his family, he was greeted with the inquiry, 'What's tha been doin' wi thi hat? Whitewashing?' He took off his hat and looked, and to his amazement found he had not got his own prize Lincoln and Bennett, but a much bespattered tile long past its pristine glory.

'Oh,' quoth he, 'nah ahave dune it, ahave coom away wi' t' parson's hut and left mi ohn o' t'hat rack. He'll be iver soa wild. Ah mun tak care on it an' tak it back an' apologise when wi goa to ring.'

So he bade them brush it well and wrap it up carefully, and when the eventful evening came he took it with him and drove up in great style to the hermit's door. Dismounting, he advanced with the hat and commenced to apologise with much ado and humble mien for his misdemeanour. After looking at the bone of contention, 'ye hermit' said, 'But it's quite all right; don't say another word. I don't want the hat.' At which more apologies, and more than one spectator thought that the hermit had found himself very well satisfied with the exchange, and was laughing at the discomfiture of their courier, who had lost a good hat and got the worst of the exchange. But then 'ye hermit' affirmed, 'It's not my hat, and, by the way, where did you call after you left me?'

'Only for a little water to cool my radiator at the Swan,' quoth St. Chapelliere.

'Ah,' quoth 'ye hermit,' 'so that's how my flock acquire new hats, is it?'

UNCLE JUSTACUSS.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, April 24th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 changes of Bob Minor: L. Warner 1, Mrs. L. Warner 2, R. Sharpe 3, W. H. Paget 4, S. Forwood 5, F. Hunt (Luton) (cond.) 6. Mrs. Warner's first 720 inside.

## THE KING'S ACCESSION ANNIVERSARY.

## A RINGING DAY AT OXFORD.

May 6th being the day of the King's Accession, it is decreed that Oxford's bells must be rung. This year the day was well started, when six members of the Oxford Society met at Carfax at 8 a.m. The bells having been raised in peal, a well-struck 720 of Cambridge Minor was tapped off in 24 mins.: G. Horwood 1, W. Simmonds 2, F. Wilkins 3, F. Taylor 4, V. Bennett 5, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 6.

After ringing at their respective churches for morning service, ten members met at New College at 1 p.m., where, after a good 'rise,' a touch of Stedman Caters was attempted, but lost after 20 minutes' good ringing. Lowering the bells again, a move was made to Magdalene College, where an hour's ringing was enjoyed on the fine peal of ten.

The next call was at Merton College, where an excellent 504 of Stedman Triples was brought round, followed by a course of Bob Major. At 4 o'clock the ringers visited the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Here 240 Bob Minor was rung on the heavy peal of six.

After a short break for tea, a good muster assembled at the Cathedral, where Stedman Cinques proved as elusive as Caters did earlier in the day. However, a short touch of Stedman Caters was brought round, and then all twelve bells were lowered in peal.

The day's programme was brought to a close after evensong at St. Martin and All Saints' Church, with an excellent quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, rung in 48 mins., by W. Blake 1, F. Taylor 2, W. Brigham 3, R. Post 4, W. Collett 5, V. Bennett 6, W. Simmonds (conductor) 7, G. Horwood 8.

A feature of the day's ringing was the raising and falling in peal at each tower visited.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At Skipton, Yorks, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering and the bells muffled, in memory of the Ven. H. L. Cook, Archdeacon of Craven, who was interred on Saturday, May 19th: J. Hill 1, E. Holmes 2, C. Brown (conductor) 3, F. Mosley 4, T. Rodgers 5, H. Roe 6, C. Law 7, W. Bailey 8.

On Sunday evening, May 20th, at St. Marie's R.C. Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 53 mins., was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. Father S. Rowland, who was for some time assistant priest at this church: J. Tuke 1, R. Harrison 2, G. Lewis 3, C. Harrison (conductor) 4, F. Shackleton 5, J. Evinson 6, R. Harrison, jun., 7, H. Hurst 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, gave another lecture on church bells and bellringing last week at Shirley. There was a large and influential audience, and £50 was raised for the local fund for rehangings and tuning the bells and adding a new treble. There were a number of interesting lantern slides and demonstrations on handbells from five bells upwards.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the first peal of New Cumberland Surprise Major, rung on May 31st, 1888, at Burton-on-Trent.

The first of the two long peals of Stedman Caters on handbells by the Guildford company was the 14,031, rung in 7 hrs. 3 mins., on June 1st, 1912.

A peal of 5,324 Grandsire Cinques, rung on June 3rd, 1773, was the first twelve-bell peal in Birmingham. The bells upon which this was performed will soon be in the melting pot.

The new peal of ten bells at Bow, Cheapside, cast by Lester and Pack, were rung for the first time on June 4th, 1762.

One of the outstanding performances in ringing history was achieved on June 6th, 1892, when eight Norwich Diocesan Guild members rang 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham in 10 hrs. 32 mins.

The peal of Cambridge Maximus rung at Liverpool on May 5th was a composition by George E. Symonds.

Messrs. William Potts and Sons, Ltd., the well-known church and turret clock manufacturers of Leeds, have removed their registered offices and factory to more commodious premises at 'The Guildford Clock Works,' Bankfield Terrace, Burley, Leeds. (phone 52757).

## 'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

We beg to acknowledge a contribution of 2s. 6d. to the 'Irenæus Pistor' fund from Mr. F. Cherryman, Pirbright, Surrey, and 2s. from 'W.R.', Plymouth. The total is now £206 5s.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

A meeting of the above district was held at Brenchley on Saturday, May 19th, and was attended by about 25 members. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and some good practice was obtained in the various standard methods and in Superlative and Cambridge Major. The usual service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. S. Wholan). Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, presided at the organ, and the service was very hearty throughout. Tea was partaken of at the Bull Hotel, followed by the business meeting, as the Vicar was unable to preside owing to another engagement. The chair was taken by Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst. The minutes of the annual district meeting were read and confirmed. Ten new practising members were elected, and the election of two non-resident life members was confirmed.

It was decided that the next bye-meeting should be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, June 23rd.

The District Secretary referred in feeling terms to the recent tragic death of the daughter of Mr. W. H. Lambert, of Benenden, an old and respected member of the association, and a vote of sympathy was passed by the members standing in silence.

The question of having fixed dates for meetings was discussed, and the district secretary was asked to make enquiries as to dates of meeting of other districts, and report at the next meeting. Mr. G. Edwards said the next meeting was to be held at Penshurst in July, and he hoped it would be a bumper meeting. He would endeavour to obtain permission for members to view the State apartments and grounds of the Castle. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service, to Mr. W. E. Pitman for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. G. Edwards for presiding at the meeting, were passed and replied to, and the members adjourned to the tower.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The bi-monthly meeting was held on Saturday, May 19th, at St. Mary's, Battersea, and, in spite of a dreadfully wet day, was well attended. Methods of all grades were rung, from Grandsire Triples for the beginners to Cambridge Minor for the elite. Tea was served at the Vicarage Room by Mrs. Gray and her lady helpers, and a substantial repast was much enjoyed.

The business meeting followed, and the routine affairs disposed of. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, Rev. Canon Foster Pegg, M.A., to Mr. Barber and the local men, and to Mrs. Gray and her lady helpers. The company afterwards adjourned to the tower, where touches in various methods were again rung, including a good course of London.

## BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

**WARFIELD.**—At St. Michael's Church, on May 16th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 4, 6, 8 covering: T. Wetherall 1, W. Dyer 2, F. Webb 3, F. Buxton 4, G. Higgs 5, J. Brant, jun., 6, J. Brant, sen. (conductor) 7, J. Collyer 8. This is the longest length yet accomplished on the bells by the local band.

**OTTERTSHAW.**—At Christ Church, for Sunday morning service, on May 13th, 120 Grandsire Doubles: S. Sleet 1, D. Sleet 2, H. Chaffey (conductor) 3, Miss M. Thompson 4, H. Hancock 5, G. Sleet 6. First 120 rung for service by the local band, who only started change ringing this year. All are local ringers except the conductor.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. TUESDAY'S MEETING AT HEREFORD.

The second session of the thirteenth Council (the 36th annual meeting) was held at Hereford on Tuesday, the president (Canon G. F. Coleridge) being in the chair.

The Bishop of Hereford gave the Council a hearty welcome to the ancient city and to the diocese.

The statement of accounts was presented by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. A. Young), and these were adopted on the motion of the auditors (Messrs. A. P. Smith and J. Griffin), who were thanked for their services. The balance in hand was £26 15s. 6d., against £45 5s. 10d., accounted for by heavy printing expenses.

### THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Hon. Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), in presenting his report, stated that the sale of publications during the year had been a small one, and instead of being able to hand over a balance of £7 10s. 5d., as he did last year, he had to draw on the Council's funds to the extent of £4 3s. 4d., in order to pay the cost of advertising the publications. This was happening for one or two years previous to the issue of the 'Collection of Major and Cater Methods,' which in 1926-27 found a ready sale and also appeared to create a 'boom' in the other publications. In 1927-28 only 32 copies of this were sold, as against 150 in the preceding year, and there was a corresponding falling off in the demand for other publications. Perhaps they must await the issue of the 'Revised Collection of Minor Methods' to create a similar boom, and in the meantime trade might become better by the appearance of a revised and enlarged edition of 'Rules and Decisions of the Council and an account of its work,' which was now on sale for 1s. 3d. The Librarian asked for the Council's ruling as to what was to be done with the old edition of this publication, of which there were 100 copies left.

With regard to the library, acting on the instruction of the Council, the Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. J. A. Trollope paid a visit to his (the Librarian's) house after the last Council meeting and carefully examined all the books, to advise if there were any that were not worth keeping. In the very full report which the Librarian subsequently received from them, they deprecated the idea of parting with any book, though an exception might be made in the case of a duplicate copy of Sottan-stall; they advised the binding of the various pamphlets by W. H. Thompson, and the careful consideration of what is to be the future of the Library, bearing in mind that it ought to be the best collection possible of ringing literature and of easy access to members of the Exercise. Later, the Librarian sent to Mr. Trollope a parcel of MSS. to examine at his leisure, but concerning this he had not yet been able to make a report. An invitation given through 'The Ringing World' to any reader who could offer or obtain the offer of any book that might be of value to the library to communicate with him, had resulted, the Librarian added, in one response, which had not led to anything. The library now possesses the complete issue of 'Bell News.' The total amount received for publications during the year was £5 4s. 9d., while the expenditure for advertising and postage was £9 8s. 1½d.

The report was adopted, and it was resolved to print a revised edition of 'Rules for Local Companies.'

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Parker were re-elected honorary members, and a vacant place caused by the resignation of the Rev. A. H. Boughey was left open in case of emergency.

Several new members were presented to the president.

In connection with the report of the Standing Committee, it was stated that a memorial to the late Sir Arthur Heywood, in the form of a peal board (provided by members of the Council), recording his last peal, had been erected in Duffield Church, and thanks were accorded Mr. H. W. Wilde for his work in this connection.

The Peal Collection Committee reported that the one-part peals of Treble Bob had now been completed and were ready to add to the collection in the library.

The Literature and Press Committee's report was presented by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and adopted as follows:—

The committee have only one definite piece of work to report, and that is the completion of the revised edition of the Council's 'Rules and Decisions.' It is hoped that this publication, with the summary given of the Council's activities since its inception, and the special references to the period of the Great War and subsequent restoration of peace, will prove both practically useful and historically interesting. The suggestion is here made that each association should obtain at least one copy of this work and keep it among its official documents for reference. The casting and exhibition of the world's greatest carillons in this country have been the subject of many paragraphs in the newspapers, which were generally appreciative and well informed, also of leading articles in one or two of the principal journals. A recent attempt at a peal of record length naturally gave writers cynically inclined their opportunity, but for the most part references in the press to bells and ringing have been both accurate and sympathetic. It is of interest to observe that one of the general knowledge tests published a few weeks ago in the 'Daily Express' included the following question: 'When was the Ancient Society of College Youths founded, and for what purpose?'

### FLORAL NAMES CHANGED.

The Methods Committee's report occupied the attention of the Council for a considerable time, and various instructions to the com-

mittee were given, including the deletion of the floral names for the Treble Bob methods, for which the names of hills and mountain ranges were substituted; the deletion of the word 'Castle' and 'Abbey' from names of the Delight methods, and sundry other alterations, made on various grounds.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn reported for the Towers and Belfries Committee, and a resolution was adopted, at his suggestion, that the committee inquire into and report as to the best way of dealing with the acoustic difficulties both inside and outside towers.

In connection with this matter, the question of the welding of cracked bells was also discussed.

The Records Committee's report, dealing with the new records set up during the past year, was presented by Rev. A. T. Beeston and adopted, and thanks accorded to the committee.

Mr. Milne reported progress on behalf of the Council's 'Legal Liability' Committee, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards reported that the Broadcasting Committee were arranging with the B.B.C. for a broadcast lecture on bells and bellringing in the autumn.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn again brought forward the motion, adjourned from the last meeting, 'That the Council shall issue, at a small charge, peal diplomas for the encouragement of young ringers.'

After a lengthy discussion, the motion was lost by 36 votes to 20.

The following motion was submitted by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: 'That this Council emphatically deprecates the discontinuance of the Curfew, Angelus or other bell traditionally rung in any parish, like on historical, spiritual and practical grounds, and calls upon its officers and members to exert their efforts, individually or collectively, to prevent any such breach with ancient usage.'—Mr. T. H. Beams seconded.

This motion was carried with one dissentient.

The Hon. Secretary proposed the following resolution: 'That the Council should consider the feasibility of supplying and fixing memorial plaques in towers associated with famous ringers of the past.' The proposition, however, did not meet with general approval and was defeated.

### DEFINITIONS OF FIVE AND SIX-BELL PEALS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved the following resolution: 'That in the "Conditions required for Peals" laid down by the Central Council, the following be inserted: "ON FIVE BELLS. That peals of Doubles consist of at least 42 true and complete 120's rung without interval and without 'rounds' or any other rows being included or rung more than once in any 120. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 120." And the following be substituted for the present definition of a peal on six bells: "ON SIX BELLS. That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 120's rung without interval and without 'rounds' or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 120. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 120."'

The Rev. H. Law James seconded, and the resolution was carried, but a rider, moved by the Rev. E. S. Powell, that all peals of Doubles should be rung with as great a variety of calling as the method permitted, was defeated.

Mr. Walter Ayre had given notice to propose 'That a committee be appointed to consider the best method of dealing with cases of extraordinary sickness amongst members of our affiliated change ringing associations with power to report to the next annual meeting.'—There had, however, been no seconder in accordance with rules, and the Council therefore declined to discuss the subject.

A notice of motion, which appeared as an addendum to the agenda, was in the following terms: 'That this Council invites its affiliated associations and Guilds to unite in a scheme for keeping in touch with ringers who remove from one area to another.'

This was proposed on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Guild by Mr. R. Whittington, and seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling.

The brief outline of the suggested scheme was given as follows:—

In cases where a ringer removes from one parish to another in the same association or Guild area, his new address can be sent direct by the local secretary to the local secretary of the band nearest to the place to which the ringer is removing.

In cases where a ringer moves away from the area of his own association the new address can be sent by the local secretary to his association secretary, to be forwarded to the association secretary in the new area, who will, in turn, pass it on to the local secretary of the band nearest to the place to which the ringer is removing.

In each case it should be the duty of the local ringers in the place to which the ringer has gone to seek out the newcomer and invite him to the belfry and there extend to him the hand of fellowship.

The scheme was unanimously adopted.

The Council by standing in silence expressed its deep regret at the death of Mr. Pryce Taylor, a valued member, who had died since the last meeting.

In recognition of her labours on behalf of the Council, the members subscribed the sum of £6 10s. as a wedding gift to Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, and it was presented to her in a felicitous speech by the president, and suitably acknowledged.

The business terminated with a vote of thanks to the president.

Afterwards the members were the guests at tea of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, the Dean presiding, and in the evening a social was held.

# GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

## THE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT BRISTOL. A GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association celebrated its jubilee during the Whitsuntide holidays, and there has seldom been brought together a more representative gathering of ringers from all parts of the country than was attracted to this festival. Born in 1876 of the initiative of two enthusiastic young ringers, one of whom, the Rev. O. D. P. Davies, has been spared to watch the growth of the organisation to its present maturity, and in this auspicious year to fill the honoured office of Master, the association has helped to make a good deal of ringing history while pursuing the policy of elevating the status of the ringers and spreading the art of ringing.



REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.  
President and surviving Founder of the Association.

It was a happy thought that made Bristol the centre of the festivities, for no town in England has so many rings of bells in proportion to its size, and it happens that in the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, which exist largely for promoting the social side of ringing, an organisation was already in being which could undertake the heavy duties of providing for the entertainment of visitors and members alike. Nothing quite so elaborate as the programme of festivities has been attempted before, and thanks to the energies of the committee of the United Guilds and the painstaking and ungrudging services of the hon. secretary, Mr. Edgar Guise, everyone had his comfort and convenience considered.

The festival was ushered in on Friday, May 25th, by the sound of the bells of St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, and St. Peter's, City. At the former church a peal of Grandsire Triples was successfully brought round, whilst at St. Peter's an attempt for Stedman Triples was defeated by a rope breaking after some good ringing. In the St. Matthew's peal it is worthy of note that Master Reginald Parker, who had no idea of ringing a peal, was coaxed from his tea to take part. He is not yet 14 years of age, but he is a wonderful example of what can be attained in carrying out the objects of the association, viz., 'The cultivation and practice of change ringing.'

### VISITORS FROM ALL OVER ENGLAND.

On Saturday visitors had already been well established in the City, and others from all parts of England were continuing to arrive. Peals had been arranged at St. Mary Redcliffe (Stedman Cinques), where, unfortunately, after a repeated start, but excellent striking, the 11th bell went 'groggy,' and Mr. Albert Walker, the conductor, had to call 'stand.' The St. Stephen's peal of Stedman Caters was abandoned, probably through the 'holiday spirit' which prevailed. The peal of Stedman Caters arranged for St. James' was energetically attempted, but there again the need to continue the happy associations with brother ringers from all parts of England was making itself apparent, and after a while it was agreed to congregate at the Crown Restaurant in the old and historic market place to enjoy the fare provided for visitors' entertainment. Hundreds of ringers assembled at this hotel, and a very 'impromptu' programme, alternately under 'the hammer' of the 'President Elect' of the United Guilds, Mr. W. H. Thomas, and the 'Eject President,' Rev. R. H. Whitfield, was immensely enjoyed. 'Professor' Roper gave a musical 'pot-pourri,' whilst Mr. W. S. Emery, the 'stage manager' of the B.U.R.G., further assisted with an excellent rendering of 'The Sailors' Song.' Mr. Sullivan was at the piano, and community singing was greatly enjoyed. The Yorkshire contingent delighted the gathering with 'a clinking course' upon the handbells, and St. Thomas' handbell ringers, Bristol, gave very pleasing items, the choruses of which were assisted vociferously by the assembly. Mr. Fidler, of Loughborough (who was 'fiddling again') gave a few humorous 'Lancashire stories.' This brought the evening to a close 'officially,' but it was near midnight 'before some of 'em got to bed.'

Sunday came, and ringing commenced at St. Mary Redcliffe at 5 a.m., but as no alarm clocks were provided we believe that few visitors were 'spotted' before 10 a.m., when, according to arrangements, St. Peter's (8), St. Mary-le-Port (8), St. Nicholas' (10), St. Stephen's (10), Christ Church (10), St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Philip's (8), St. James' (10), St. Thomas' (8), St. Michael's (6), and St. Luke's (6), were soon sounding out the fact that unusual quantities of peals were being rung. (It must be many years since, if ever before, all these bells were rung at once.) After the morning service further opportunities for ringing were given, and, although a party of ten had motored to Wells to ring on the fine peal at the Cathedral there and 'other places on return,' a good number of visitors had every reason to be pleased with this additional choice of towers. At 2.30 the celebrated leaning tower, the Church of the Holy Cross (Temple Church), was available, and in spite of the fact that an energetic member of the B.U.R.G. was circulating postcards of the tower strapped up with chains to keep the building upright for the jubilee, there was a large number of ringers present. By the by, it has been remarked since by ringers staying at the Berkeley Cafe and looking at Temple Church on the return to 'digs,' that the postcard clearly defines the degree of angle in which the tower is out of upright. (They probably modified their views on the following morning.)

Sunday evening service ringing was well attended, and a great meeting of friends took place after service was over.

On Monday morning the large number was increased by visitors and members of the association who came by road and rail. The visitors were from the following places: Tewkesbury, Cheltenham, Croydon, Surrey, Luton, Beds, Coaley, Chew Magna, Buckfastleigh, Devon, Kent, Weymouth, Chilcompton, Somerset, Gloucester, Newent, Stoke-on-Trent, Woking, Surrey, Banwell, Bath, Portishead, Somerset, Stinchcombe, Wellington, Badgeworth, Nuneaton, Bedwelty, Reading, Taunton, Drayton, Pudsey, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, Dewsbury, Wakefield, Calverley, Guiseley, Elkstone, Reddings, Stroud, Tetbury, Minchinhampton, Painswick, Chippenham, Wilts, Clevedon, Stourbridge, Manchester, Stonehouse, Cirencester, London, Haslemere, Surrey, Derby, Dursley, Erdington, Birmingham, Henbury, Bermondsey, Wolverhampton, Wotton-under-Edge, Devizes, Coventry, Hatherley, Worcester, Loughborough, Winchester, Swindon, etc.

Throughout the morning the bells of the city churches were ringing, and at noon a festival service was held at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, the central aisle of which magnificent building was filled by the ringers. There was no choir, but, led by the splendid organ, the singing was of an inspiring character. The service was conducted by the Rector of St. Mary Redcliffe, and the address given by the Ven. Archdeacon of Bristol, who at the outset extended hearty congratulations to the association on attaining its jubilee. One had heard and read, he said, of the formation of the association and of the progress it had made, and now that they had arrived at their jubilee all bodies connected with the church, not only in the city of Bristol but throughout the two dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol, congratulated them from the bottom of their hearts. The preacher, in an interesting address, then proceeded to enlarge upon the spirit which should govern the work and the lives of the ringers themselves.

Over 200 sat down to luncheon, under the chairmanship of Rev. C. D. P. Davies, supported by the Archdeacon and the Archdeacon of Cheltenham, the Rector of St. Mary Redcliffe, Canon G. F. Coleridge (President of the Central Council), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. R. H. Whitford and Rev. T. C. Fowler. Among the visitors were Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association), Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary) and Mr. J. Cotterell (hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs), Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. G. Pullinger (hon. secretary, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. C. S. Burden (College Youths), Mr. W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association), etc.



MR. EDGAR GUISE.

Present Hon. Secretary of the Association.

After the toast of 'The King' had been honoured, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn submitted the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' which he congratulated upon having come through fifty years and in assembling on that auspicious occasion in such splendid numbers. Their service that day had been an inspiration, and one which they would not forget for many years, if ever. Those who visited that association at any time knew that in coming into that territory they would meet good ringers and good friends, and have good ringing and good fellowship (applause). He coupled with the toast the name of their Master and one of their founders, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (applause).

#### FIFTY YEARS—A CONTRAST.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was greeted with cheers, said he had been deeply touched by the reception which had been given to him, and that was one of the greatest days of his life. With regard to the history of the association, he could not add much to what he had already written for the annual report of the association and for 'The Ringing World,' but he would like to say a word or two as to the great change in everything surrounding ringing in the last fifty years. The younger generation could not understand how great that difference was. Even in the means of transport things had totally changed, for fifty years ago there were no motor vehicles whatever, no bicycles

except the old-fashioned high ones, and the only means of getting from place to place was by train or walking, unless one could afford to engage a horse and trap. In those days men were constantly willing to walk six or eight miles out and home again to practise Grandsire Triples. Then, too, there was very little ringing literature, and what there was was hard to obtain. The only books to be had were 'Banister' and 'Hubbard,' but since they had had the whole of the Snowdon series and many other books besides. They now had 'The Ringing World,' and at one time 'Church Bell' and 'Bell News.' Little was known by the clergy about bells or ringing, and he was afraid many of the clergy regarded their ringers as a troublesome set (laughter). Those who wrote to the press about bells knew little or nothing about the subject, and one gentleman, Mr. Haweis, who wrote a good deal, ran down our English bell founders, and said there was nothing worth listening to except bells cast in Holland (laughter). It was, therefore, very difficult to get bells rehung when they needed it, and they also suffered from the theories put forward by Sir Edmund Beckett, afterwards Lord Grimthorpe, whose ideas resulted in such bells as Worcester Cathedral, which had now got to come out and be recast. Fifty years ago ringers found it very difficult to get church authorities to listen to them; to-day many associations had representatives on Diocesan Advisory Boards, and ringers' considered opinions on bell matters were listened to with respect. He thought their association might congratulate itself upon what it had done during its fifty years. Things were not perfect yet. Reform was needed in some out-of-the-way parishes, and certainly change ringing was not practised in every church in the diocese. However, they had done a great deal, and where there was still work to do it should be an inspiration to continue their labours. They must try to exalt their office and keep before them the great main objects of their existence as an association, which was to elevate the tone of every bellfry in the diocese (applause).

#### FAMOUS PEALS RECALLED.

The Rev. R. H. Whitford proposed the toast of 'The Central Council,' to which Canon Coleridge responded. He said the Council used to come in for a good many knocks at one time, but he ventured to think if they had in their possession the record of what the Council had done—a record which was to be published the next day—they would find proof that the Council had been of inestimable value to the Exercise at large. The Council had always done its very best for the Exercise as a whole, and while it might not follow that everyone agreed with what they did, they had always tried to do the best they could. Continuing, Canon Coleridge referred to some of the noteworthy performances in which he had taken part under the auspices of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, mentioning among others the first clerical peal at Prestbury, the 13,000 of Stedman Caters at Cheltenham, and the peal on Lundy Island. On behalf of the Central Council he congratulated the association, and hoped they had in front of them another fifty years of useful life. Although his old friend Mr. Davies could not expect to be there fifty years hence, he hoped he would be with them for many years to guide the destinies of that great association (applause).

Mr. W. Thomas submitted 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. Percy Johnson replied, extending the good wishes of his own and the association's to the Gloucester and Bristol Association for continued prosperity.

A vote of thanks, moved by the Chairman, to the Rector of St. Mary Redcliffe and the Archdeacon of Bristol was acknowledged by the latter.

#### A BOMBHELL!

The annual meeting of the association was afterwards held, with the Master in the chair.

The financial statement by the treasurer showed that there was £83 9s. 6d. in hand on the general account, against £73 17s. 2d. at the beginning of the year.

Owing to the death of Mr. G. H. Phillott, who had acted for the association as adviser in cases of bell restoration, it was resolved that three advisers should now be appointed, each to be allocated a district. The appointments and the division of the area were referred to the Executive Committee.

It was resolved to hold the next annual meeting at Chippenham. Stroud having also been proposed and withdrawn, and Lydney outvoted.

Different dates were suggested, and Whit Monday eventually chosen. Vice-presidents and hon. members on the committee were then elected, and, amid applause, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was unanimously re-elected Master.

The Hon. Secretary proposed that the office of Ringing Master be not filled, as, he said, the two Ringing Masters in the past had not fulfilled their duties.—As it was provided in the rules, however, that a Ringing Master should be appointed, Mr. Cave was re-elected.

Mr. W. Lansdown was reappointed hon. treasurer, and then a bombshell exploded in the meeting. Mr. Edgar Guise refused to be elected hon. secretary, his reason being the appointment of the Ringing Master. No persuasion would alter his decision, and no one could be induced to take office. Various suggestions were made, but an impasse seemed to have been reached, when Mr. Cave, who commented upon the unpleasant position in which he had been placed, said he would resign the ringing mastership.

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**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—continued.**

This at once relieved the tension, and the Rev. Scott, having commented upon the action of Mr. Cave as that of a sportsman, with whose feeling they must have sympathy, said he hoped their secretary would prove equally a sportsman, continue in office and forget all about the incident (applause).

Mr. Guise acceded and, amid applause, undertook to carry on for another year.

Mr. Alfred Wright was reappointed peal secretary, and thanked for his services.

The auditors were re-elected, and several non-resident life members added to the roll.

A discussion on the proposed Central Council peal diplomas scheme was raised, and it was eventually left to the discretion of the representatives of the association to vote as they might determine after hearing the arguments.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. Charles Dyson, of Tewkesbury, who had been injured in an accident, and with Mr. Frank Howell, of Thornbury, who was also prevented from being present.

Mr. C. T. Coles proposed, on behalf of the visitors, a vote of thanks to the secretary and other members of the association for their kindness to the ringing visitors, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding.

After tea, there was further ringing, and the festivities were brought to a close with a social at the Ship Hotel.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

Of all the delightful spots in Surrey there is none more pleasant than the picturesque village of West Clandon—on a fine day. The church and the rectory stand among stately trees, as tall as any for miles around, but on Sa urday (May 19th), in a drenching downpour of rain, the real beauties of this charming spot could not be so fully appreciated. Nevertheless, a meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild brought together a gathering of nearly fifty ringers from no fewer than 19 towers, and the warmth of the welcome received much more than offset the chilliness of the May weather. Two six-bell towers were available for ringing during the afternoon—Marrow and West Clandon, and the whole party concentrated at the latter church for the Guild's service, which was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Sir John Herschel), who also gave an address. Lady Herschel presided at the organ, and the singing revealed that the Guild has many choristers as well as ringers in its ranks. An offertory, amounting to a guinea, was given to the fund being raised for the augmentation of Clandon bells.

Tea was served in the Parish Hut, and Lady Herschel and her helpers were assiduous in their attention to the wants of the members. Sir John Herschel presided, and those present included Sir Arthur Martindale, K.C.S.I. (Marrow), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., hon. treasurer of the Guild, the Rev. W. N. Willis (Ottershaw), Mr. Walter Harrison (chairman of the Executive Committee), and ringers from Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Marrow, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Shalford, Godalming, Woking, Cranleigh, Shere, West Clandon, Ottershaw, Thames Ditton, Aldershot, Seale, Leatherhead, Banstead, Farnham and Bagshot. Mr. Norman Harding had his first experience as secretary of a district meeting, and very ably discharged the duties devolving upon him.

After tea, Mr. Harrison proposed a vote of thanks to Sir John Herschel for the use of Clandon bells and for conducting the service; also to the Rev. J. P. David for the use of Marrow bells. He also welcomed Sir Arthur Martindale to the meeting.

Mr. C. Hazelden (Ringing Master) moved a vote of condolence with the widow and family of Mr. Thomas Mack, of Haslemere, a foundation member of the Guild, and a very old member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. This was carried by the members standing in silence.

Two members of the Marrow band were elected to the Guild, and Sir Arthur Martindale was elected an hon. member. In acknowledging his election, Sir Arthur admitted that he had once been a ringer himself. He began his ringing career sixty-five years ago, and finished it about sixty years ago, but as it appeared that one could never be too old to become a ringer, he was not sure he would not make another start (hear, hear).

The question of providing help for the ringers at Albury was discussed, and the matter was left in the hands of the general hon. secretary and the District Ringing Master.

Members then returned to the two towers for further practice, while the Executive Committee of the Guild sat to deliberate upon a variety of matters concerning the affairs of the Guild. Among the methods rung during the day was Sandal Treble Bob, which with Oxford was the first stage of what it is hoped to make a progressive study in method ringing. The next methods are to be College Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure. Other methods, from Grand sire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor, were rung.

West Clandon tower and bells were destroyed by fire in 1913, and replaced in 1914. Provision was then made for adding two trebles to the ring of six, the frame for them being installed. A fund is being gradually accumulated to complete the work, but the parish is a very small one, with less than 500 inhabitants.

**MINOR METHOD NAMES.****'CONCERNING THE NAMING OF METHODS.'**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—One can only read with the greatest amazement the letter written with the above title by Mr. Trollope, wondering why a person with his abilities has put himself in such a humiliating position.

He actually has not any scrap of argument with which to support his action at Ipswich and at the Mansion House. He simply has to go on repeating ad nauseam the same statements which have been proved to the hilt to be absolutely untrue.

The discussions at both places were fully and fairly reported, and everyone knows, and has enough intelligence to understand, in spite of what Mr. Trollope says to the contrary, that the report has never been discussed. Discussion was deliberately burked by amendments, which were not negative amendments, but side-tracking amendments. The reason is obvious. The opposition knew that our report was of such a character that they could not find any argument to refute it on its merits, and that they would be defeated if it were discussed, and therefore they deliberately and angrily refused to allow it to be discussed. That the Council gave them a majority is obvious, and we do not deny it. What we deny is that our report has had any hearing at all, let alone a fair hearing.

Previously to this letter Mr. Trollope has always objected that we insisted on the report being voted on as a whole, and that if we had put the resolutions separately, most of them would have got through. Now he says we presented our report in such a way as to make it 'almost impossible to vote against it as a whole. They intended to move thirteen separate resolutions, etc.' These statements cannot both be true. He is convicted out of his own mouth of making at least one untrue statement, but, as a matter of fact, both statements are untrue. For on both occasions the reports we put before the Council could have easily been accepted either as a whole or in detail. We asked for the former at Ipswich, and the latter at the Mansion House, but in such a way that it was clear that it did not matter which the Council decided to do first.

Mr. Trollope says that we stated that an entirely root and branch reform was necessary, 'extending even to the alteration of such a name as Double Norwich Court Bob Major.' It is clear to everyone who knows even the elements of the subject, reading the reprint of the report in your issue of May 18th, that the exact contrary is the case. We did not propose the least alteration of any well-known name, and never mentioned Norwich at all. This is the third time I have repeated this to Mr. Trollope, and the fifth time I have done so in your columns in all. Yet he calmly repeats what he must know to be untrue.

Let anyone take the resolutions, say the first, and he will see that they are matters on which the Council ought to decide, and will have to decide, sooner or later.

'1. No method shall have more than one name.'

Surely the Council is capable of deciding on this without much debate, or with none at all. It is a matter on which a decision should be taken at once. It is not only the members of the defunct committee who say this, but more than fifty members of the Suffolk Guild in general meeting assembled. And I challenge everyone who voted against us at Ipswich to put it to their associations, and I am sure they will get as unanimous a reply in my favour as I did at Bury St. Edmunds.

Not a single word has been said either in favour of this resolution or against it; and the same applies to most of the report; yet Mr. Trollope has the assurance and the folly to say that these proposals 'were considered on their merits, discussed on their merits and rejected on their merits.' Of course, they were never considered, discussed or rejected at all. All that the Council did was to treat us discourteously at Ipswich, and to give us a slap in the face at the Mansion House.

HERBERT DRAKE.

**'LONG STANTON.'**

Dear Sir,—I should like, on behalf of our Long Stanton ringers, to thank Mr. Newton for his letter in this week's 'Ringing World.' The Minor method No. 20, C.C. Collection, was rung on handbells at Long Stanton Vicarage by Messrs. W. H. J. Hooten, J. B. Woolley and C. W. Woolley, and afterwards rung in the tower by our band about six years ago. These 720's were recorded by 'The Ringing World' and the name 'Long Stanton' claimed for this method.

It is satisfactory to note from Mr. Trollope's letter that the name 'Primrose' is to be retained for No. 38 of the Surprise Minor Methods, and I hope that the Methods Committee will be able to adopt Mr. Newton's suggestion regarding our more humble method.—Yours truly,

C. W. COOK.

LOSTWITHIEL, CORNWALL.—On Saturday, May 5th, at the Church of St. Bartholomew, 720 Bob Minor: C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1. H. Bennett 2. W. H. Southard 3. Rev. R. H. Whitford 4. A. S. Roberts 5. J. Woodley 6. First 720 on the bells, and on working bells, by ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th.

EALING.—On May 21st, on handbells, in 19½ mins., 720 Reverse Bob Minor: J. Armiger Trollope 1-2. Ernest C. S. Turner 3-4. Wilfred G. Wilson (conductor) 5-6. First 720 in the method by all the band.



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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 7th and 21st, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. A special meeting will be held at headquarters at 8 p.m. on the 19th to consider the recommendations of the Rules Revision Committee.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pensnett, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A practice meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, at Rendham (6) and Sweffling (6). Bells at both churches available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Geo. Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Donington on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—Hilda F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on June 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) ready 2.30. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — A combined practice will be held at Laverstoke on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 5.30 to 9 p.m.—Geo. Pullinger, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—There will be a ringing meeting at Cuckfield on Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Dore, June 2nd. Bells available 3 o'clock to 7 o'clock. Visitors make own arrangements for tea. — R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Learners specially invited. Will members please look up Bob Minor and Cambridge Minor?—James Wm. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be at disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at 5 p.m., Cooke's Café, Carolgate, opposite Exchange Street, Retford. Members of kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. Divine service from 4.15 p.m. to 4.55 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. F. Gould, Vicar of North Collingham.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available 4 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Celebration of the 51st anniversary of opening of the new tower, etc., at Farnham Royal on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 6 p.m., at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 4th and 18th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 12th, at 8.—S. G. Moye, Gen. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The Annual Cup Contest promoted by the Hoylandswaine Company will be held, as usual, at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, June 9th, commencing 3 p.m. prompt. Tea will be arranged for those who apply before that date. All ringers and ladies welcome.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available at 3. Association service in church at 5. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by first post on Wednesday, June 6th. A good attendance is hoped for at this, one of the rare visits to the island.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Debenham on June 9th. Tea in Parish Room at 4.45 (9d. to all sending word before June 6th to Mr. W. C. Rumsey Debenham). Meeting follows. Bells (8) available from 2.30 and at Stonham Aspal (10).—H. Drake.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Ask for cheap fares on District Railway. Harlington July 7th. Hillingdon July 28th. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, June 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, at usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me if you are coming. Meeting after tea. Cheap return tickets from tube stations to Edgware, thence short bus ride. Harrow Weald bells in the evening. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea arranged only for those notifying me before Wednesday, June 6th. Meeting to follow. Special methods: Oxford Treble Bob Minor and London Surprise. Subscriptions please.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at the two 6-bell towers of Wheathampstead and Sandridge on Saturday, June 9th. Meeting at the former at 3 p.m., Sandridge 6.30 (approx.). Tea by the kind invitation of the Rector of Wheathampstead.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wigmore on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 (free). Business meeting to follow. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 6th. — J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Penarth on Saturday, June 9th. Tea at 3.45. Meeting 4.15. Service at 5.30.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting at Barkway on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8), a nice peal, afternoon and evening. Tea 5 o'clock at Wheatsheaf. All ringers and friends welcome.—George T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davant Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, June 9th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, June 9th (eight bells). Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. H. Wardley King, The Vicarage, Hungerford, Berks, not later than Thursday, June 7th, for tea. Kintbury tower will be available for ringing after 6 p.m. (six bells). — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**YORKS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Castle Café 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head, followed by meeting. Members and friends intending to be present at tea please communicate with Miss A. M. Henderson, Hayfield, Pickering, Yorks, on or before Tuesday, June 12th.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Business is important.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Frensham on June 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present must notify me by June 13th. Bus services to and from Frensham from Farnham Bush Hotel and station: Nos. 16, 16a, 16b and c19.—B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to all who notify Mr. J. T. Miller, Oak House, Midge Hall, not later than Thursday, June 14th. A good attendance requested.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Doncaster and District, Barnsley and District, Sheffield and District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 16th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea in the Gatty Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Price 1s. 3d. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. F. Mortimer, 84, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield, by Wednesday, the 13th. It is hoped all who intend being present will comply with this request. The annual feast and hospital parade, the latter a very interesting affair and well worth seeing, will help to make an enjoyable afternoon outing.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.E. Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Calverleigh on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Business meeting after tea. Please let me know numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 12th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. All those requiring tea must notify me not later than June 13th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Snaith on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available from 1 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea in School at 5 p.m. (1s. 3d. each) to those who notify Mr. H. North, High Street, Snaith, Yoole, on or before Wednesday, June 13th. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**LEICESTER.** — By special invitation of the Lord Bishop of Leicester, a service for all bellringers in the Leicester Diocese will be held in the Cathedral, Leicester,

on Saturday, June 23rd, at 3.30 p.m., at which the Lord Bishop will preach. It is hoped every tower in the diocese will be represented. Visitors and friends from kindred associations and dioceses cordially welcomed. Bells of the Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John the Divine (8), St. Saviour's (8), St. Peter's, Belgrave (8), All Saints' (5) will be available 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at reasonable price may be arranged for any who notify Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, June 20th.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Star Inn 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Half rail fare to members.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—Preliminary Notice.—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 7th. All details in later issues.—W. Nash and C. T. Coles.

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