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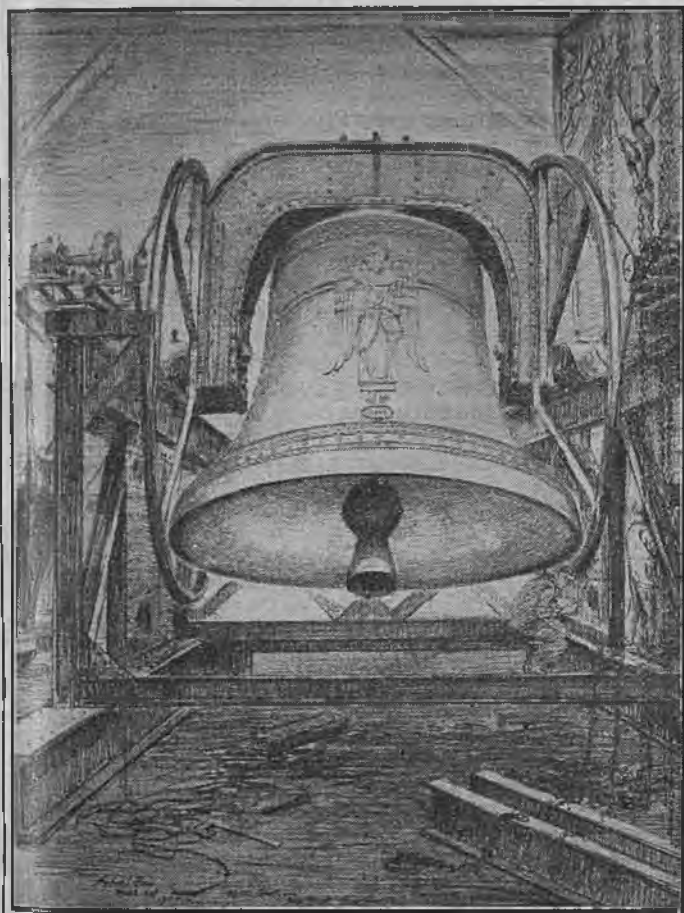
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## THE SECESSION OF GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Quite as important as anything that happened inside the Central Council last Tuesday, was the step taken by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on Monday, when it was decided no longer to be affiliated to the Council. The main ground on which this drastic action was taken was, if we have comprehended the position correctly, that the Council does not recognise the right of any association to instruct its representatives how to vote on any question; in other words, that representatives go to the meetings of the Council as free agents unfettered by any wishes which may have been expressed by those who send them and who, in many cases, pay their expenses. The difference of opinion which has led to this secession has, in the case of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, been somewhat aggravated by other grievances, but we say without hesitation that it is a matter for great regret that such an important organisation should have withdrawn upon any pretext without having first made an effort to remedy what was thought to be wrong.

A vital principle is involved in this matter. There are many who hold that it is useless for a member to go to a meeting with his hands tied, to vote as directed, without having first heard all sides of the question. They argue, and it must be admitted not without reason, that it is waste of time and money for a man to attend a meeting to vote, when the way in which he shall use that vote has already been decided for him and that it is a slight upon his intelligence not to allow him to use his discretion. On the other hand, there are those who hold just as strongly that the Council cannot retain a commanding position in the Exercise unless it is the interpreter of the wishes of its constituent bodies and, for this to be effective, it must accept the principle that 'those who pay the piper shall be allowed to call the tune,' at any rate in all important matters. Among those who take this latter view is the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, as represented by a majority at the annual meeting.

The action of the association in withdrawing from the Council must, we think, bring this question to a head. Obviously it cannot be allowed to remain where it is, for the retirement of the association may have a damaging effect. It is not a question of apathy, or loss of interest which has caused the Gloucester and Bristol organisation to drop away from the central authority; it is a direct challenge to a policy which has been pursued since the Council was inaugurated, and it cannot be ignored. It is a pity, as we have already said, that the association renounced its connection with the Council, before taking

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steps to test the opinion of the Exercise, as might very  
opportunistically have been done through a resolution passed  
by the Council last week, to bring the subject before all  
the associations during the coming year, when the trien-  
nial election of members takes place. But the Gloucester  
and Bristol Association has now taken action and has  
thus forced a position which calls for immediate con-  
sideration by those who value the Central Council for the  
work it has done and can do, and for the welding force  
which it exerts throughout the Exercise.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 8
CHARLES H. KIPPEN ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 9
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 10
HORACE BELCHER ... .. 5	RUBEN SANDERS ... .. 11
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 6	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 9
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, May 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ERNEST RICHARDS ... .. Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 6
GEORGE POPPELL ... .. 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 7
*EDWARD COWARD ... .. 3	†NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... .. 8
†JAMES BILBY ... .. 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 9
WILLIAM LOUD ... .. 5	*EDWARD J. ROWE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters inside. Messrs. G.  
Popnell and W. Williams hail from Bedwelty, Mon, and were elected  
members before starting.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*DENNIS R. MORRIS ... .. Treble	†CYRIL TANSSELL ... .. 6
†WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 8
†FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 4	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. 9
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 5	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal of  
Royal as conductor.

APPLETON, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 6
WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... .. 2	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... .. 3	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 8
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... .. 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 9
GEORGE DENT ... .. 5	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.  
Arranged for Mr. George Dent, of Harlow Common, Essex, and in honour of Empire Day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WALTER FRIGHT ... .. Treble	HARRY BAKER ... .. 5
ARCHIBALD C. KAY ... .. 2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
WILLIAM BIDNELL ... .. 4	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, who is leaving the town. The conductor has now rung a peal on every ring of eight in the district.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 16, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*PRATT CORDINGLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5
*SAMUEL WARD ... .. 2	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 6
*J. CECIL BOOTH ... .. 3	*JOSEPH E. WATERHOUSE ... 7
*J. ERNEST PROCTER ... .. 4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Vicar of the parish, Canon W. T. Forster, M.A., who died on May 11th.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HOBBALL ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 5
HARRY HILL ... .. 2	SIDNEY CARTWRIGHT ... 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 3	JOHN GOODMAN ... .. 7
THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ... 4	ALBERT PRESTIDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

\* 50th peal. The conductor's 125th peal. Rung as a compliment to the leader of the Netherton company, Mr. Albert Prestidge, and Mrs. Prestidge, on the 22nd anniversary of their wedding.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE FLINTHAM ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	HAROLD L. PASK ... .. 6
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 3	*HAROLD WALKER ... .. 7
*HAROLD MARCON ... .. 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal in the method on the bells. A thanksgiving peal for the recovery of His Majesty the King, also rung for the Whitsun festival.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HAROLD HUMFREY ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... .. 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 6
JACK HONEY ... .. 3	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 7
JOHN NOBES ... .. 4	*F. W. BUNCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

\* First peal of Triples.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH H. COX ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 7
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

A. BATTIN ... .. Treble	W. P. TICKNER ... .. 5
C. TRIBE ... .. 2	*C. W. PLAYER ... .. 6
F. BURDEN ... .. 3	K. PATTENDEN ... .. 7
W. LAMBERT ... .. 4	C. BALLARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

\* 200th peal. First peal as conductor.

PRESTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES ARMSTRONG ... .. Treble	FRED HARWOOD ... .. 5
JAMES MILLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 6
E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 7
HARRY FRANCE ... .. 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (64). Conducted by E. R. MARTIN

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Alec Martin, a highly respected member of the local company, who was married at Bamber Bridge earlier in the day to Miss Eva Houghton.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN. Treble	WILLIE PROCTER ... .. 5
JOHN WINDLE ... .. 2	ROBERT W. JENNISON, JUN. 6
EDWARD GREEN ... .. 3	FRED W. RISHWORTH ... 7
VERNEY BAIRSTAW ... .. 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

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CALNE, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Holt's TEN-PART.		Tenor 25 cwt. in D flat.	
*RALPH HORTON ... ..	Treble	THOMAS DAVISON ... ..	5
HAROLD FLEWELLING ...	2	†HERBERT MARSH ... ..	6
JOHN TROUT ... ..	3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... ..	7
SYDNEY WILTSHIRE ...	4	†WILFRED E. PAULL ...	Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY WILTSHIRE.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung, and first peal in the tower since 1907. Mr. J. Trout was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
MISS NOEL COWTHORNE ...	Treble
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ...	2
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	3
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	4
JOHN THORPE ... ..	5
ARTHUR PASHLEY ... ..	6
WILLIAM BIGGIN ... ..	7
SIDNEY F. PALMER ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal was arranged to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal, which was rung on May 19th, 1879, at St. Mary's, Diss, Norfolk, it being the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

*JOHN P. BARKER ... ..	Treble	JAMES E. BURLS ... ..	5
*NICHOLAS McNEVIN NEWBY	2	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... ..	6
*WILFRED BOLTON ... ..	3	ARTHUR STEDMAN ... ..	7
EDWIN JENNINGS ... ..	4	THOMAS METCALF ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ...	Treble
GEORGE WHITING ... ..	2
GEORGE PRYKE ... ..	3
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	4
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	5
GEORGE BENNETT ... ..	6
GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... ..	7
ERNEST E. LANHAM ...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH.

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

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

CHARLES H. WEBB ... ..	Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... ..	5
JOSEPH B. FENTON ... ..	2	†GEORGE WILSON ... ..	6
*WILLIAM A. STOTH ... ..	3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	7
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ...	4	ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

\* First peal in the method. † Elected a life member of the M.C.A. previous to the peal. The ringer of the treble hails from Croft, 2nd and 6th from Rugby, 3rd from Coventry, 4th from Burbage, 5th Sloney Stanton, 7th Anstey, tenor Leicester.

COLCHESTER.—For morning service, on Whit Sunday, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Double Court: G. Dent 1, H. T. Pye 2, G. Williams 3, G. Rashbrook 4, W. J. Schofield 5, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 6.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.	
ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... ..	Treble
*ANTHONY PRICE ... ..	2
ERNEST F. POPPY ... ..	3
FRANK L. FISHER ... ..	4
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ...	5
LESLIE G. BRETT ... ..	6
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... ..	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WM. J. GROOM.

\* First Surprise peal.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
DAVID WHITING ... ..	Treble
ALBERT G. HARRISON ...	2
ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... ..	3
ERNEST F. POPPY ... ..	4
*FRANK CLARKE ... ..	5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	6
WILLIAM STEGGALL ... ..	7
CECIL W. PIPE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.	
*THOMAS J. FOWLER ... ..	Treble
†WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ...	2
*JAMES MARR ... ..	3
*ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ...	4
JESSE ELDRIDGE ... ..	5
WILLIAM WALKER ... ..	6
GEORGE MARTIN ... ..	7
GEORGE GILBERT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. E. Taylor, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. Fred Gilbert (brother of Geo. Gilbert).

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN.	Treble
JOHN WINDLE ... ..	2
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... ..	3
WILLIAM AMBLER ... ..	4
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	5
ROBERT W. JENNISON, JUN.	6
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... ..	7
MILLIGAN HARRISON ...	Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Arranged for F. W. Rishworth, of Perry Barr, Birmingham.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

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

MIDDLETON'S, Tenor 16 cwt.	
SERG. ALBERT LAWRENCE, Herts Constabulary	Treble
DET. CONST. H. J. POOLE, Leicester City Police	2
*P.C. WALTER CLAYDEN, Reigate Borough Police	3
P.C. CYRIL PEASE, Metropolitan Police	4
*P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY, Metropolitan Police	5
SERG. HAROLD G. JENNEY, Leicester City Police	6
INSPR. WILLIAM BOTTRILL, Metropolitan Police	7
P.C. WILLIAM T. BEESON, Surrey Constabulary	Tenor

Conducted by Det.-Const. H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of the Metropolitan Police Force. It was the first peal in any Surprise method rung by a band of police officers.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

HINTLESHAM.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Being 720 of Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY J. MEE ... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNET ... .. 4
CHARLES E. MEE ... .. 2	EDGAR RIVERS ... .. 5
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	FRANK ROLFE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

G. Pryke and G. Bennett from Otley, Suffolk, the rest are members of the Sproughton company.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(MARSHLAND BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*HARRY DOW ... .. Treble	GEORGE MASON ... .. 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE ... .. 2	NORMAN GEARY ... .. 5
JEFFERY GEARY ... .. 3	FRED WIGMORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

\* First peal and first attempt. Great credit is due to all the band for ringing such a well-struck peal, as the bells are in a bad condition.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*EDWIN BROMLEY ... .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2	GEORGE BURT ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

\* First peal of Surprise.

THORNDON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, May 17, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM BURROWS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 4
JAMES BETTS ... .. 2	DAVID WHITING ... .. 5
ALPHASUS J. BERRY ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

\* First peal of Minor.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Being 720 Double Court, 720 Kent, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER KERRISON ... .. Treble	TONY PRICE ... .. 4
WILLIAM BUNN ... .. 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... .. 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged for Mr. Tony Price.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

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

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ROBERT HOWARD ... .. Treble	FRANK HARPER ... .. 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 5
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 3	EDWARD H. FINCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

The ringers of the 2nd and 4th were elected members of the Essex Association previous to starting for the peal, ringers from Dunmow and Great Easton kindly attending to support the election. At the conclusion of the peal, tea was generously provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Widdrington.

Four peals rung during Whitsun week-end by members of

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LYMINGE, KENT.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Edburgh,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES,**

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ARCHIBALD KAY ... .. Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 5
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Believed to be the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen, Hackington,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
*FREDERICK R. WELLER ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

\* First peal of Surprise.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

On Monday, May 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

On Monday, May 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mildred,

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

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 7
ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Surprise on this grand peal of bells.

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### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

Preaching at the service prior to the annual meeting of the Sussex Association at Brighton on Whit Monday, the Rev. W. J. R. Allen (Vicar of the Church of the Good Shepherd) said the ringers were doing the highest service to the Church when they rang the bells.

'They were, he said, helping the Church to carry on in the task of seeing that the world did not forget Jesus Christ. 'All the time they hear the bells they must think,' he added.

The service, which took place at Brighton Parish Church of St. Peter, was preceded by the ringing of a number of touches at the towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'. Ringing continued at these towers after the meeting, and later in the evening the bells of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Dyke Road were available.

A meat tea, served by Morleys, Brighton, followed the service, after which the general meeting was held.

The Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, who presided, referred to the fact that since the last meeting the association had lost through death three of its principal officers. Before proceeding to the business he suggested they should pay a tribute to the memory of their president, the Bishop of Chichester, one of the vice-presidents, the Bishop of Lewes, and their highly respected hon. treasurer, Mr. Ellman Brown.

The Hon. Gen. Sec., Mr. A. D. Stone, associating himself with the Master's remarks, observed that it was exactly 11 years ago that day when Mr. Ellman Brown became hon. treasurer of the association. 'The association has lost an officer, and the hon. secretary has lost a friend,' concluded Mr. Stone.

The meeting stood for a few moments as a mark of sympathetic respect.

#### FINANCES.

The financial position, it was stated, was good. Notwithstanding an increased expenditure on rail fares, a useful balance of nearly £4 was shown on the year's work. At the same time members were receiving the maximum benefits compatible with sound finance. The Benevolent Fund continued to be of assistance to members, and hope was expressed that by collections at meetings—the fund's sole source of income—the balance would steadily increase until a total of £100 invested capital was reached. Several new towers had become affiliated, and the co-operation of every member was urged in this direction. 'We make no apology,' concluded the report, 'for reminding members once more than our first duty is to maintain the level of service ringing in our individual towers at the highest possible standard and to spare no pains to attain this end by punctual and regular attendance.'

The general account showed a balance of £116 8s. 4d. from receipts of £179 6s. 6d., and the balance from general account and reserve and benevolent funds totalled £237 10s. 11d.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The Bishop of Chichester was re-elected president, and the vice-presidents were reappointed with the addition of the Bishop of Lewes. Mr. J. T. Rickman was re-elected Master, and he also agreed to fill the office of hon. treasurer. Mr. A. D. Stone, who was again elected hon. secretary, expressed satisfaction at the financial position of the association. Mr. E. Bennett was re-elected as hon. peals secretary, and the hon. auditors, Messrs. W. C. Hart and R. J. Dawe, were re-elected.

Mr. J. T. Rickman was appointed representative to the Central Council.

It was decided to again hold the annual meeting at Brighton next year.

#### RAIL FARES.

Some discussion resulted from Mr. G. F. Norris' proposition that rail fares be increased from half-fare, maximum 1s. 6d., to half-fare, maximum 5s. He contended that 1s. 6d. was not sufficient to help in journeys to outlying districts, and suggested that an increase might bring other towers into the association.

The Hon. Secretary asked where the money was coming from. He did not think it would bring other towers in. Practically all those with bands were affiliated.

A representative of the Kent Association said they only paid half-fares to a maximum of 2s. once a year for district meetings. He did not think, for a membership fee of 2s., they should stand a chance of getting back 8s.

An allowance up to 1s. 6d. per member is made for 12 divisional meetings, while for the annual meeting the allowance is up to 2s. 6d., with 1s. 3d. for tea.

After the Chairman had read a letter from Mr. F. B. Tompkins, one of the vice-presidents, expressing the opinion that it would be a mistake to alter the present satisfactory position, Mr. Norris withdrew.

The question of making a grant to Holy Trinity, Rudgwick, whose bells were stated to be cracked and unringable, was raised. The Hon. Secretary pointed out that the association had no fund from which such a grant could be drawn.

Mr. Rodgers was thanked for having instructed the Rogate band.

The following towers were represented: Aldrington, Angmering, Battle, Brighton St. Peter's, St. Nicholas and the Good Shepherd, Burgess Hill, Billingshurst, Chichester, Crawley, Cuckfield, East-

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### IRISH ASSOCIATION.

#### CERTIFICATES OF PROGRESS TO BE ISSUED.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held at Drogheda on Whit Monday in glorious weather. About seventy members attended from Bangor, Holywood, Arklow, Bray, Dublin (four towers) and the local tower. By 10 a.m. the bells of St. Peter's were set swinging, and were kept going till late in the evening, except for the usual intervals, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman being the methods rung. Several of the Northern members got their first touch of Triples (Grandsire), in which they acquitted themselves very creditably.

Luncheon was partaken of at the Central Hotel, followed by the business meeting in the Church Hall, kindly lent for the purpose. The president, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., occupied the chair.

The report showed that most of the members had been 'putting their backs into it' during the past year, and although no peals had been recorded, several branches could now ring Bob Minor who only about a year ago were ringing call changes.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. W. B. Allman, A.M.; secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff; treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson.

Arklow was selected for the next annual meeting, and Mr. Murphy was elected to attend the Central Council meeting in London next year, with an invitation for that body to visit Dublin in the near future.

It was also decided that the association rent a space in 'The Ringers' Directory.'

Regarding a proposal for a second trophy for progress in change ringing, in addition to the shield presented to the society gaining the highest percentage of bells rung for Sunday services, it was decided to issue framed certificates to any society in union which showed progress under the following heads: First 120 Doubles by society; first 720 Minor by society; first 720 Minor by society, in a new method; first 1,260 Triples, etc., by the society; first 5,000 by the society; and subsequent peals in a new method; for a record length by association if over 6,000, such diplomas to have room for a number of subsequent additions.

The challenge shield, in making its first visit to Dublin, was presented to Christ Church Cathedral Society, who obtained 100 per cent., Bray and Arklow being very close on their heels. Mr. R. Lynch, who received the shield for his society, returned thanks.

A substantial tea was provided by the Drogheda ringers, after which Mr. Murphy proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. W. B. Allman for the use of the bells and the Church Hall, to the Drogheda ringers for so kindly providing the tea, and to the ladies who assisted.—Rev. W. B. Allman suitably responded.

Then, while some of the members visited the various places of interest in the neighbourhood, others kept the bells going till motor and train time brought a very successful gathering to a close.

### DEVON GUILD.

#### SUGGESTED FOUNDERS' COMMEMORATION DINNER.

The annual general meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Tiverton on Whit Monday, and attracted an exceptionally large attendance of 226 members and friends. The glorious bells of St. Peter's Church started their music at 10.15, and at noon a service was held, conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. E. Chapman), who gave an inspiring address of welcome, exhortation and thanks. The large party were well catered for at Clapp's Cafe for dinner, after which the business meeting was proceeded with, the Rev. E. S. Powell, chairman, presiding.

Sympathy was expressed with the family of the late Mr. E. Munday, whose sudden death a day or two previously deprived the Tiverton band of one of their oldest members.

The annual report and financial statement for 1928, as published, was adopted, and the officers were re-elected as before.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist, and Miss Hanson, branch secretary, for the excellent arrangements made, was duly acknowledged.

A proposal to hold an annual founders' commemoration dinner was referred to a committee consisting of the branch secretaries and officers of the Guild to ascertain the views of the bands severally on the subject.

Exmouth was selected as the place for holding the next annual meeting.

Two life members and nine performing members were elected. Subsequently parties were made up to visit Bickleigh and other neighbouring towns, and Tiverton bells were kept in operation up to 7 p.m.

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bourne St. Saviour's, East Grinstead, Heathfield, Hensfield, Hastings Christ Church, Blacklands, St. Clement's, Hartfield, Lindfield, Pulborough, Ringmer, Seaford, and Worthing, also non-resident members.

A collection taken at the service for the Benevolent Fund amounted to £1 1s. 6d.

The hon. secretary greatly regrets tea could not be provided for all. About 45 were expected according to replies, but 76 were present, and 62 of these were provided for.

### NORFOLK GUILD. THE REORGANISATION.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Pulham, St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Whit Monday, when, by the kind permission of the Rectors of St. Mary-the-Virgin and St. Mary Magdalene, the two rings of eight bells were placed at the disposal of the members. Luncheon was served at the King's Head, Pulham St. Mary, Mr. G. P. Burton presiding in the absence of the president. He was supported by Messrs. C. E. Borrett, A. L. Coleman (hon. secretary), and a small number of representatives from Norfolk and Suffolk.

The toast of 'The King' was proposed by the chairman and duly honoured.

The secretary brought before the meeting Mr. Charles S. Tuthill's notice with respect to the appointment of an adviser to the Guild on matters pertaining to church bells and belfries.—After a short discussion, it was resolved that the secretary should endeavour to obtain an interview with the Archdeacon of Norwich on the subject and of the possibilities of a representative on the Church Fabrics Advisory Committee for the Diocese.

The Secretary read notice of an amendment to Guild Rule I., handed in at the annual general meeting on April 1st last, viz., 'That Rule I. as regards the title of the Guild be altered in accordance with the referendum.' A short debate followed, whether the word 'Association' or 'Guild' be used in the amended title of the Guild. Mr. C. E. Borrett proposed, and Mr. W. L. Duffield seconded, 'That the notice of the result of the referendum as regards the change of the title of the Guild be ratified, subject to the recommendation that the word "Guild" be substituted for the word "Association" in the amended title, and the matter to come up at a subsequent general meeting of the Guild for ratification.'—The motion was carried nem con.

A sub-committee was appointed to make recommendations for the grouping of the eleven existing districts into three divisions, and it was resolved that a report of the sub-committee be sent to the district secretaries. The following members were appointed to serve: Messrs. C. E. Borrett, F. R. Borrett, G. P. Burton, A. L. Coleman, with the president ex-officio.

The Secretary moved the election of five new members and the re-election of one member and the transfer of three members to life members (non-resident), and these were all duly elected.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. E. W. Field and to the Rev. R. Stacey for the use of their bells, and also to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. P. Brice for their genial hospitality and hearty welcome, which more than compensated for the small attendance of members.

### HISTORIC PEAL RECAST AND REHUNG. REDEDICATION OF BIDEFORD BELLS.

The Bishop of Exeter on Friday afternoon, May 17th, dedicated at St. Mary's Church, Bideford, the peal of eight bells which have just been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, extra metal having been added to make a heavier ring.

The inscriptions which were on the old bells have been copied, and the announcement added that the bells were recast in 1929. The fifth bell has been recast and rehung at the cost of the Nonconformists of the town, through the initiation of the Mayor, Mr. H. W. Fulford, and the bell is inscribed to that effect.

The inscription on the tenor bell, which weighs 17 cwt., records the fact that it was recast and rehung by public subscription in 1929, and bears the name of the Rector, Rev. W. E. Manning, and the churchwardens, Messrs. W. Ascott, F. R. Robertson and J. Street. The total cost of the restoration is approximately £1,000, and the whole of this amount was raised by the day of the dedication.

During the recasting, the church was loaned an ancient bell by the Bideford Corporation, taken from the local museum.

The official ceremony was attended by the Mayor and Corporation in State, and the Lord Bishop, in his address, congratulated the people on their gift, and more especially as it had not come from one section of the populace. His lordship recalled that at Bideford the bells were not merely used for calling them to worship, but were used in olden times to warn the town in the time of pirates. At one time, he thought, Lundy was the rendezvous of such pirates. He supposed one of the occasions when those bells were used was on the historic night of the invasion of the Armada. Then those bells had clashed with joy when the news came that the Armada had been absolutely destroyed, and that England was safe from the Inquisition.

Following the service there was a public tea and a dance, and the bells were rung by eight visiting hands of ringers, all of whom were loud in their praises as to the tone and 'go' of the peal.

A special feature of the restoration is the treatment of the tower roof to the designs of the bell founders, Messrs. Taylor and Co. A most wonderful effect has been produced, resulting in the bells being heard over a very large area, and reports came in late on the night of the dedication day that the bells were distinctly audible at villages five miles away, which had never before heard any sound of Bideford bells.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On May 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. D. Boreham 1, J. Kimber 2, R. M. Kimber 3, H. Stratford 4, F. G. Biggs 5, John Evans 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, J. Evans 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

St. Clement's Youths, attached to the famous Church of St. Clement Danes, in the Strand, have just joined the Central Council. The report of a peal at Creswell, Derbyshire, has been sent without the date.

Twenty years ago to-day a peal of 11,040 Double Norwich Major was rung at Leiston.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the 14,031 Stedman Caters rung on handbells at Guildford in 1912. The time occupied was 7 hrs. 3 mins. The previous longest length on handbells was 13,440 Rob Major rung at Pudsey on June 5th, 1911.

The first twelve-bell peal in Birmingham was 5,324 Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's on June 3rd, 1773.

Bow bells were rung for the first time as a peal of ten on June 4th, 1762.

The 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung at Debenham in 10 hrs. 32 mins. on June 6th, 1892.

## THE BELLS OF EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

Some few years ago the bells of this very fine old church were tuned and rehung and a new treble added, making a good peal of six. Not long afterwards hopes ran high for the completion of the octave, as the Vicar of the parish at that time promised to give the bells. But alas! death called him away from Edenham. It was found later that he had bequeathed a sum of money to provide the bells, but once again hopes vanished, for owing to some difficulty arising word came that the money for the bells would not be forthcoming.

The parish is now tackling the job, and with this object in view a bazaar, etc., was held last Whit Monday, and a sum of £50 was realised. There is a band of ten Sunday service ringers who will be grateful if any kind friends, who are interested in their effort to improve the peal, will help them to raise the next £50 or £100 by sending donations to Arthur I. Holmes, hon. treasurer of the Bell Fund, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs. All contributions, large or small, will be gratefully acknowledged.

## FIRST PEAL IN YORKSHIRE.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The rule books of the Ancient Society of College Youths (1912, page 13; 1928, page 14) state that in 1787 the society visited York and rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, and two days previously rang Treble Bob at Halifax, and these are recorded as the first peals in the county. There is a peal board at Sheffield, dated March 8th, 1785, recording a peal of 5,120 Union Treble Bob (eight in), and the band who rang this also rang on November 30th, 1787, 6,018 'Cambridge Surprise.'

Can any of your readers tell me if the 1785 peal is the earliest complete 5,000 in Yorkshire?—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A successful monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Clifton, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 25th. About twenty members and friends journeyed there in delightful weather, the following towers being represented: Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Rugby, Shilton, Willoughby and the local band. Tea was provided by the Vicar (Rev. E. P. Hindley) and Mrs. Hindley, and was much appreciated. It was partaken of in the Vicarage garden.

The five bells of the church were kept going during the afternoon and evening to touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman, some of the local band being shepherded through their first 120.

## F. G. NEWMAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged £18 18s., Mr. W. H. Fussell 3s., Messrs. John Taylor and Co. £1, Mr. Geo. Thompson 2s., Mr. Robert Green 2s. 6d., Anonymous 10s., Mr. Jas. George 2s. 6d., Mr. A. B. Peck 2s. 6d., Mr. W. Willson 5s.; total, £21 5s. 6d. Contributions should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham S.W.4.

## ODDFELLOWS' DATE TOUCH.

At St. Mary's Church, Eccleston, Lancashire, on Sunday, May 26th, a date touch of 1,929 changes, comprising 489 Plain Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble-Bob Minor, was rung in 1 hr. 5 mins.: Bro. T. Barker 1, Bro. H. Nelson 2, Bro. H. Lucas 3, Bro. F. Rigby (conductor) 4, Bro. H. France, P.P.G.M., 5, Bro. G. Bradley, P.P.G.M., 6. This touch was rung before afternoon service in connection with the centenary celebrations of the 'Loyal Orphans Protection' Lodge, of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows.

## THE KING'S RETURN TO WINDSOR.

At the Parish Church, Windsor, on May 15th, for the homecoming of His Majesty the King, 223 Grandsire Triples before arrival, 504 Grandsire Triples after arrival: T. Smith, R. Gale, W. Phipps, F. Knight, A. Bateman G. Barkus, L. Stilwell (conductor), G. Adecock.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### THE ATTENDANCE AT CHELMSFORD.

The third session of the thirteenth Council (37th annual meeting) was held in the Cathedral Hall, Chelmsford, on Whitsun Tuesday. The following representatives were present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, A. A. Hughes and T. Faulkner.  
 Bath and Wells Association: Mr. J. Hunt.  
 Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. E. Sharman.  
 Cambridge University Guild: Mr. E. M. Atkins.  
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. C. A. Clements, Messrs. E. W. Ellwell, R. D. Langford and R. Sperring.  
 Devonshire Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. F. J. Davey.  
 Dudley and District Guild: Mr. S. J. Hughes.  
 Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Messrs. T. T. Goffton and W. H. Barber.  
 Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake and Mr. T. R. Dennis.  
 Essex County Association: Messrs. C. H. Howard, G. R. Pye, W. J. Nevard, and E. J. Butler.  
 Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. H. Pulling, W. Shepherd and R. Whittington.  
 Hertford County Association: Mr. F. W. Elliott.  
 Kent County Association: Messrs. E. Barnett, sen., and T. Groombridge, sen.  
 Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.  
 Lancashire Association: Messrs. H. Chapman, W. H. Shuker and P. Crook.  
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Revs. H. Law James and H. T. Parry, Messrs. R. Richardson and J. T. Brown.  
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. W. Jones and W. Bolton.  
 London County Association: Mr. A. D. Barker.  
 Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild: Messrs. F. A. Milne, C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier.  
 Midland Counties Association: Messrs. W. Willson and J. H. Swinfield.  
 Norfolk Guild: Messrs. A. L. Coleman and G. P. Burton.  
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. J. Evans and F. W. Hopgood.  
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. F. W. Milford, R. G. Black, F. Hopper and T. Tebbutt.  
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. T. H. Beams and S. Hillier.  
 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.  
 Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. C. Mee, C. J. Sedgley and S. H. Symonds.  
 Surrey Association: Mr. C. Dean.  
 Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. A. J. Pitman.  
 Truro Diocesan Guild: Mr. W. H. Southeard.  
 Warwickshire Guild: Messrs. H. Argyle and F. W. Perrins.  
 Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Williams.  
 Worcestershire and Districts Association: Mr. J. Salter.  
 Hon. members: Messrs. J. A. Trollope, J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, H. W. Wilde, J. H. B. Hesse, C. F. Johnston, J. George, J. S. Goldsmith, W. A. Cave and E. Alex. Young (hon. secretary and treasurer).

The chair was taken by Canon Coleridge (president) who opened the proceedings with prayer. At the outset, Canon Morrow, Sub-Dean and Rector of Chelmsford, and the Mayor of Chelmsford were present to welcome the Council, and the President, referring to this fact, said they had hoped to have the Bishop with them, but unfortunately he was prevented by other engagements. Had it not been for these, nothing would have given him greater pleasure than to welcome the Council to the diocese.

Canon Morrow, who extended a welcome to the members on behalf of the Church, said that during the past twenty or thirty years the whole personnel of the ringers had practically changed. The whole idea of ringing had been placed on a much higher level, and this was due to the labours of the organisations which that Council represented. Anything they could do in Chelmsford to make their visit a happy one they would be pleased to do (applause).

The Mayor gave a hearty welcome to the members on behalf of the city to what he described as one of the most beautiful of English counties and one of the 'hubs of the universe,' of which they were very proud. As the members of the Council would have seen for themselves on the previous day, the art which they particularly represented was flourishing in that county with the rest of things. He hoped the Council's session would be as happy and successful as good welcome could make it.

The Council then turned to the business of the day, and after confirming the minutes of the meeting at Hereford, received apologies for absence from the following members: Revs. C. D. P. Davies, A. T. Beeston, H. S. T. Richardson, F. J. O. Helmore, Canon Elsee, E. W. Carpenter, Messrs. J. W. Parker, J. Cotterill and the other representatives of the Yorkshire Association, J. S. Pritchett, A. Paddon Smith, H. Knight, E. H. Lewis, H. Haigh, W. Barton, W. Ayre, J. Clark, J. D. Matthews, T. H. Taffender and H. G. Fretwell.

The President said the reason why some of these members could not be present was on account of illness. He did not like to single

out one beyond another, but if there was one whose absence caused them especial regret it was the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was their secretary for eighteen years, and who was the life and soul of the Council while he held office.

### FINANCE.

The statement of accounts, audited by Messrs. J. Griffin and A. A. Hughes, was then presented by the hon. secretary and treasurer. The balance in the bank at the beginning of the year was £26 15s. 6d. The receipts included £5 5s. for the broadcast lecture on bells, £15 2s. 6d. in affiliation fees from the associations, and £5 interest on investments. The expenditure showed a loss on sale of publications of £3 9s., secretary's expenses £2 10s. 9d., Peals Collection Committee's expenses £5 2s. 6d., expenses in connection with the broadcast lecture £6 19s. 6d., printing and advertising £2 1s. 9d., leaving a balance in the bank of £31 19s. 6d.

Mr. Young added that subscriptions to the Council were due on January 1st, and notice of this fact appeared in 'The Ringing World' within two or three months of this date, calling attention to the fact. Unfortunately, a great number of the subscriptions did not come in until the last minute, and it was therefore difficult for him to get his balance sheet out. He hoped that secretaries in future would send him the affiliation fees as soon after the first of January as possible, or at any rate not after Easter. If they would do so it would be a great help. Mr. Young then explained the expenses incurred in connection with the broadcast lecture, which actually cost the Council about 35s. The subscriptions came from the same number of associations, one association, the Gloucester and Bristol, having gone out, one Guild, the Oxford University Guild, having come in.

The accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Hughes.

The Hon. Librarian (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) presented his report as follows: There is not much to be said regarding the sale of publications during the past year. The amount realised is £6 5s. 3d., that is one pound in excess of the previous year, and this is owing to better business being done by the 'on sale or return' agents. There is an adverse balance of £3 9s. I had hoped to have two revised books for sale, namely, 'Rules for a Company' and 'Minor Methods,' but it was not to be. 'On the Preservation of Bells, etc.,' issued in 1892, may now be said to be out of print, as only a few copies are left. A new issue of this may well be considered. It might be worth while also having some more cards printed of 'Outlines of Change Ringing,' but that is only a small affair. Regarding the library, I have received the last instalment of the Treble Boh Peals Collection, a stupendous work in type, of which the Library possesses three copies and the Peal Collection Committee one. Mrs. Fletcher is again to be heartily thanked for her work and congratulated on its result (applause). The Heywood MSS. are still with Mr. Trollope, awaiting a report from him, when he can spare time to make one amid his many labours for the Exercise.

The Librarian added that it was rather remarkable that there had been a demand especially for their publications which had to do with the care of bells and so forth. Mr. Jenkyn also commented on the fact that he received numerous applications for things which were out of print. He wished members of the Exercise generally would watch the advertisements more carefully, and he would then be saved a good deal of writing and postage.

### THE HEYWOOD MSS.

The Hon. Secretary said he had been in consultation with Mr. Trollope with regard to the Heywood MSS., and it was very difficult to say what should be destroyed and what kept. What they destroyed to-day might be valuable in 25 years' time, and they therefore came to the conclusion that the best thing would be to have the papers sorted out, put into covers, docketed, and put away so that they might be reviewed at some time in the future when, perhaps, they would be of more service than they were to-day.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the MSS. consisted largely of letters which Sir Arthur Heywood received when he was corresponding with various people while writing the articles which appeared in 'Bell News' and afterwards in books like the book on 'Stedman Triples.' They consisted chiefly of letters from Mr. Thompson, Rev. Earle Bulwer and one or two other people. A large proportion of the letters were unintelligible unless one took a great deal of trouble, because they only had one side of the correspondence. They had the letters from Thompson, for example, but they had not got Heywood's letters to Thompson. At that time Thompson was working out the application of the theory of Q sets to methods like Bob Major and also Cambridge Surprise. He (Mr. Trollope) was rather interested to find that Thompson had anticipated lots of things which they thought were not found out until much later. Thompson had anticipated a good deal of what Sir Arthur Heywood wrote in 'Bell News' that proved that there was not more than one true peal of Cambridge Major with tenors together. Those papers, therefore, were not such as could be read like one would read a novel, but they might be of use to some selected person who might turn up in the next twenty or fifty years. He would not advocate their being destroyed. There were manuscripts in Bulwer's writing, on his articles on Stedman Triples, and a fairly complete manuscript in the writing of Haley, and lots of odds and ends of methods and letters on the theory of change ringing, which Heywood thought were worth

preserving, and he (Mr. Trollope) did not think should be destroyed. At the suggestion of the President, the Council decided that the book on the Preservation of Bells should be revised and brought up to date before being republished.

#### NEW HONORARY MEMBER.

The President said four hon. members retired by rotation—Mrs. Edwards, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. James George, and Mr. H. W. Wilde. The Standing Committee had taken this matter into careful consideration and had come to the conclusion that as Mrs. Edwards had not attended any meeting of the Council it would not be advisable to re-elect one who was not an active member. In place of Mrs. Edwards, the Standing Committee were anxious to put forward for nomination a well-known member of the Exercise, one who had done a tremendous amount of work for the Council in many ways, and who had now ceased to be a representative member, owing to the Gloucester and Bristol Association having withdrawn. He was invaluable to the Council, and the Standing Committee thought he ought to be on the Council in some way or other—he referred to Mr. W. A. Cave, of Bristol (applause).

Mr. J. Hunt said it was with great regret he heard of the withdrawal of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and he congratulated the Standing Committee on having suggested the retention on the Council of Mr. Cave, who was an able and capable man. He proposed that the Standing Committee's recommendation be adopted. Several members rose to second, and the Rev. E. S. Powell was accepted as seconder.

The motion was carried, and the President, in the name of the Council, congratulated Mr. Cave. He said it would be a thousand pities if that great district covered by the Gloucester and Bristol Association was not represented in some way or other.

Mr. Cave briefly thanked the Council for electing him.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. J. George and Mr. H. W. Wilde were re-elected.

After presentation of 'new' members to the Council (Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, now representing the Ely Diocesan instead of the Hertford County Association; Mr. F. W. Elliott, Hertford County; and Mr. W. Shepherd, Guildford Diocesan Guild), the Hon. Secretary mentioned the loss by death of Mr. J. D. Drewett (Surrey Association), Mr. R. B. Chambers (Midland Counties Association), and Mr. R. Holloway (Middlesex County Association), and the Council stood in silence as a mark of respect.

On behalf of the Standing Committee, the Hon. Secretary reported that as only about 30 applications were received from members for cheap railway tickets for that meeting, and as the minimum number was a hundred, no request was made to the railway companies for the issue of vouchers, but he hoped, when they met in London next year, there would be a sufficient demand to enable them avail themselves of the facilities.

#### RINGERS AND THANKSGIVING DAY.

With regard to the King's recovery, there would shortly be a thanksgiving day, and the Standing Committee proposed that, in connection with that event, they should send to the King a letter of congratulation, and giving particulars of the peals rung in celebration of the occasion.

The Council's 'Roll of Honour' of Ringers who fell in the war had been brought up to date. It was rather wonderful that Mr. Jonkyn was able to get it as complete as it had proved to be. After four or five years they had only had to add six more names. Those had now been added. Their roll was one of the finest pieces of workmanship of its kind that had been produced, and the writer had called attention to the fact that it had been rather badly treated by those who had inspected it. He asked them all to use the book as tenderly as possible, and particularly to be careful not to finger-mark the pages or to damage the leaves in turning them. With regard to Carter's ringing machine, which was now in the custody of the Council, and was in the museum, a new motor had been put to it, and a form of resistance had been put in whereby a defect in the machine—if one could speak of a defect in such a marvellous machine—had been remedied. In the past the machine had been apt to be a trifle too fast in striking, especially in Cinques, but this had now been adjusted, so that if necessary it could be struck as if it were a muffled peal. The machine had been overhauled, and he hoped it might be exhibited, if not before, at any rate in November.

The President said the Standing Committee thought they should not send a letter expressing thankfulness at the King's recovery to His Majesty at the present time, but that, after the day of thanksgiving, and when peals, possibly, had been rung all over the country, it would be more fitting that they should collect these peals, make a resumé of them, and send them to the King to show what the ringers of England had done in the way of practical thanksgiving. They would let him know how many peals of 5,000 had been rung, where they were rung, and how long each peal had taken. He thought that would open the eyes of those in authority very considerably to the loyalty of the ringers (applause).

It was stated that the date fixed was June 16th, and at a later stage of the meeting, replying to Mr. James George, the President said they hoped to include in the list to be sent to His Majesty all the peals rung as a thanksgiving, whether they were rung on the 16th or before or after. Doubtless many would be rung in the following week. (To be continued.)

#### POLICE GUILD'S FIRST SURPRISE PEAL.

##### CELEBRATION OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE CENTENARY.

Last Saturday was the one hundredth anniversary of the passing of the Metropolitan Police Improvements Bill by the House of Commons, and the event was celebrated by a parade of some 12,000 members of the Metropolitan Force. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales inspected the parade in Hyde Park, and afterwards took the salute in front of Buckingham Palace.

The Metropolitan Police Guild of Ringers were officially detailed to ring for the occasion, and appeared on the official programme and in the orders of the day.

Twelve officers and men of the Metropolitan Police, assisted by Sergt. H. Jenney, and Det.-Constable H. J. Poole, Leicester City Police, Sergt. W. Dowding, Birmingham City, Sergt. A. Lawrence, Herts Constabulary, P.O. W. T. Beeson, Surrey Constabulary, and P.C. Walter Clayden, Reigate Borough Police, took part in the day's ringing.

Prior to the parade a representative band rang on the bells of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, conducted by Det.-Constable H. J. Poole. This is the first peal of Surprise ever rung by a band of police officers, and it was most appropriate that the occasion should be so marked in the annals of ringing, and especially in the annals of the Police Guild.

During the parade and march past the Guild rang on the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, by kind permission of Canon Carnegie, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,259 changes) in 50 mins., the band being: Sergt. G. Schleuter, Metropolitan, 1, Insp. W. Bottrill, Metropolitan, 2, P.C. Elliott, Metropolitan, 3, P.C. Brown, Metropolitan, 4, Sergt. Shipp, Metropolitan, 5, Det.-Sergt. W. Dowding, Birmingham, 6, P.C. C. Pease, Metropolitan, 7, Sergt. T. Walters, Metropolitan, 8, P.C. T. Bannister, Metropolitan (conductor), 9, and P.C. Taylor, Metropolitan, 10. On the bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, by kind permission of Canon McCormick, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,261 changes) in 55 mins., was rung by: Insp. Bottrill 1, Det.-Constable H. J. Poole, Leicester City (conductor) 2, Sergt. W. Dowding, Birmingham City, 3, P.C. C. Pease 4, P.C. F. Digby, Metropolitan, 5, Sergt. T. Walters 6, Sergt. A. Lawrence, Herts Constabulary, 7, P.C. T. Bannister, 8, P.C. W. T. Beeson, Surrey Constabulary 9, P.C. Wilmington, Metropolitan, 10.

The Metropolitan Police Guild wish to thank Mr. W. Hewitt, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and Mr. J. D. Matthews, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, for the excellent arrangements made at those towers, and Rev. W. Neep, Rector of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, for the use of the bells, and Mr. R. Spink, towerkeeper, for having the bells in readiness.

#### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Chiddingfold on Saturday. About thirty members and visitors from St. Nicolas' and the Cathedral Church, Guildford, Godalming, Haslemere, Old Woking, the local company, Crawley, Seale, Pulborough, Aldershot, and Kirdford were present. The bells were available from three o'clock. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar. Tea was provided in the Village Hall, and the business meeting followed. The Vicar (Rev. E. P. Pellos) was unable to stop to the meeting, but before he left a vote of thanks to him and to the organist was carried with applause. He was also elected an hon. member of the Guild.

The Surrey Association North Western District, having suggested holding a joint meeting with this district at Guildford, it was resolved, subject to obtaining the bells, to agree to this. The loss by death of two members, namely, Mr. William Moorey, of Godalming, and Mr. Sidney Radford, of St. Nicolas', Guildford, was reported, and the members stood in silence for a few moments.

Three new ringing members and one compounding member were elected.

Mr. A. Pulling gave an interesting report of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford.

Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major, and a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung during the day.

#### A 'LONG' 240.

To mark the anniversary of the induction of the Rector (the Rev. the Hon. S. G. W. Maitland, M.A.), after meeting short for a peal, with the assistance of the captain of the local ringers, Mr. Wright, visitors to Ingestre, Stafford, on Whit Saturday rang several touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. The church, on the estate of the Earl of Shrewsbury, is full of interesting features, not the least being the bells, which, with one exception, No. 5, were cast in Rome in 1692.

On the wall of the ringing chamber it is recorded that a peal consisting of 240 changes was rung (for a wedding) in one hour and five minutes!

The visitors, Messrs. C. Smith and R. G. Lewis (Uttoxeter), A. W. Hall (Cheddar R.C.), W. H. Curson (Overseal), and R. H. Dove (St. Peter's, Croydon), take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for his excellent hospitality afterwards.

## GLoucester AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Chippenham, Wilts, on Whit Monday. Proceedings commenced with ringing at the towers of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Churches, both very nice peals of eight bells.

At noon a ringers' service was held in St. Andrew's Church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. W. F. Wood.

Luncheon was partaken of at the Bear Hotel, where the Mayor of Chippenham welcomed the association to the town and wished them every future prosperity.

The business meeting was afterwards held, by kind permission of the Vicar, in the grounds of the Vicarage. In delightful weather, the beautiful setting of the gardens was enhanced by the steady waters of the River Avon, upon which some very fine swans moved gracefully.

A tree was used as a 'dais,' and the meeting opened with the hon. secretary reading a letter from the Master (Rev. C. D. P. Davies), stating that infirmity prevented his attendance that day, and, furthermore, asked for his release from office upon that account.

The Hon. Secretary asked the meeting to elect a chairman, and this position was entrusted to Rev. E. S. Saleby, an hon. member.

Arising from the minutes, the Secretary stated that Messrs. Leaker, Hale and Shepherd had been appointed advisers on behalf of the Association.

Apologies for absence were read from the Revs. Davies, Phillips, Pennington, Stephens, Gott, and Chambers, and from Sir Audley Need, Messrs. Howell and Spurrier.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. Lansdown) presented a statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £80 in the general fund, £39 in the belfry repair fund, and £8 12s. in the peal book fund, making a grand total of about £120.

Mr. Yeend (Cheltenham) thought that the members were neglecting the belfry repair fund.—The balance sheet was adopted as read.

Mr. E. Guise (the hon. secretary) moved that the association cease to affiliate to the Central Council of Church Bellringers. His points in favour of this step were that ringers throughout the country really thought that they sent 'delegates.' Only a few weeks ago 'The Ringing World' had recorded the meeting of the Midland Counties Association, and the committee of that body had used these words: 'That they agreed the expenses of their "delegates" to the Central Council should be paid,' and later in their report that the 'delegates' be instructed to vote in favour of an item upon the Central Council agenda. The whole difficulty had arisen by the Council referring an item from their agenda to the associations, yet, at the following meeting, upon a member stating that he had been instructed to vote in favour, although he was personally against, the ruling given was that he was there as a member of the Council and not as a 'delegate' from his association. Another point was that the associations were not considered. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association had placed an item upon the Central Council agenda in 1926, and although it was accepted by the Central Council officials several weeks before their meeting, with the proposer and seconder given, it was left to the day of the meeting and then not allowed to be put, the ruling being, 'I will not allow it to be put as it is the pious opinion of one association.' Furthermore, not only was the association so treated, but the officials had, during the last few weeks, been treated somewhat discourteously in the following way: On March 19th, 1929, the hon. secretary of the Central Council had been informed that the affiliation fees could not be paid pending a decision on the motion upon the agenda of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and to this he had replied acknowledging the information. It was clearly pointed out that these fees, in the event of the motion being defeated, would be placed in the hands of the Central Council's hon. secretary at 9 a.m. on Whit Tuesday, so that the representatives would be qualified to vote. On or about April 23rd the hon. secretary of the Central Council actually accepted anonymously affiliation fees from the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and without ascertaining its validity forwarded an official receipt. Upon being pressed for further information, he replied unless the donor relieved him of his anonymity he could not give his name, also that he failed to see how he had been discourteous to the duly appointed officials of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Mr. Guise asked, Could the meeting conceive that such an action was possible on the part of the hon. secretary of the Central Council?

The Chairman thought that the definition of the word 'representative' was not clearly made out, and suggested a motion. Mr. Austin favoured this, but Mr. Yeend thought it too mild, and supported the motion as put.

Mr. Jeffries, in the absence of Mr. Gould (through illness), seconded the motion.

Mr. Cave, speaking against the motion, asked what would the association have done without the publications of the Central Council? Passages were quoted from the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood's speech at the inauguration of the Council. Mr. Cave mentioned that the Council were trying to place practical ringers as advisers upon the Diocesan Advisory Boards. There was, he urged, a good deal to thank the Council for.

Mr. Bishop, in a brief speech supporting Mr. Cave, said that in his opinion the Council had not only done their work, but had done it extremely well.

Mr. Prescott, expressing an opinion upon the motion, said it was in the interests of the representatives to regard their associations' views, and he felt certain that if a representative did not do that, he would soon find himself left out in the subsequent elections.

Mr. Braven, waving a frame, said, 'Look what the Central Council does for the young ringers.' (Since the meeting it has been ascertained that the frame contained a letter from the hon. secretary of the Central Council commending him upon his work in teaching the young ringers at St. Luke's, Bristol, and further congratulating him upon the ringing of 100 peals on the tenor behind, to Triples, Caters and Cinques.)

No one else wished to speak against the motion, and the Chairman asked Mr. Guise to speak, and then the motion would be put.

Mr. Guise, replying first to Mr. Prescott, said that it was impossible, according to the rules of the Council, to be other than a member of that body, and he would ask what was the value of two members who, as was quite possible, each voted for opposite views. Better to have spared the expense incurred and only send one. Replying to Mr. Cave, he said that there were books that could be obtained for a small sum, and, after all, the Council had been in existence for nearly 40 years, and as this meant a sum of £4,000 provided by ringers and associations, they would expect some results. He mentioned the sum of £4,000 as an approximate sum, of course, but the members would realise what this sum of money was worth. It had been suggested that he (Mr. Guise) should place the matter before the Council, but his reply was that the Council could not be approached from within, and a good deal of talking would be done by other associations when they realised that a large association like theirs decided to withdraw. Upon all matters of importance to the Exercise, the associations should be considered an authority, and they alone should have the right to decide which way their representatives voted. Upon scientific matters the representatives could be entrusted to use their discretion, but the Council was a Council of 'church bellringers' according to their own terms, and the question of scientific matters was of secondary importance. Another point, Mr. Guise said, was that the five and six bell ringers had had their enthusiasm damped by the continued bartering of what they could ring, and what they must not, and the effect of that upon the Gloucester and Bristol Association was a drop of from 14 to 8 peals upon five and six bells during the last year.

He then moved, 'That the words "and shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers" be deleted from the rules.'

Upon being put to the meeting, the motion was carried by 35 votes to 25 votes against.

It was decided that the recently created office of Ringing Master should be abolished.

A new rule was agreed to in which prize ringing would not be allowed.

A necessary adjustment was made to a branch rule.

The vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

Rev. E. S. Saleby was elected Master, Mr. P. C. Williams was elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. Guise was re-elected hon. secretary. Mr. A. Wright was re-elected hon. peal secretary.

Rev. E. J. Phillips and Mr. C. H. Gordon were reappointed hon. auditors. Messrs. Perrens, Coles, Duffield and Bennett were elected life members, and the popular Mayor of Chippenham was elected an hon. member.

Lydney was chosen as the next place of meeting in 1930 on May 31st.

Votes of thanks to Rev. E. S. Saleby as chairman, to the Vicar, organist of St. Andrew's, and the Mayor of Chippenham, were accorded, while the officials of the past year were also thanked for their work.—This brought the meeting to a close.

## BELLS ON BALL BEARINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to our notice that a pamphlet recently issued from Croydon contains a statement to the effect that the first peal of bells to be fitted throughout with ball bearings was at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, in 1919.

May we, through the medium of your columns, draw the attention of those interested to the fact that in the early part of 1914 we fitted ball bearings to the eight bells of the new peal from our foundry which we hung at Hensingham Church, Cumberland.

We may add that in 1913 we had hung on ball bearings six of the eight bells at Chester-le-Street, and in that same year, 1913, we had hung very many bells on ball bearings, including the tenors of such well-known peals as Lincoln Cathedral, Loughborough Parish Church, Chewton Mendip, Somerset, Rainham, Kent, Newport, St. Woolos' (now Cathedral) St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Also, in 1914, the tenor at Waltham Abbey, and at Longney, Glos, the full peal of eight bells.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN TAYLOR AND CO.



### WINCHESTER AND OXFORD GUILDS JOIN HANDS.

A very successful joint meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild and the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Highclere, Hants, on Saturday, May 18th, over 40 members and friends being present. The following towers were represented: Binfield, Brightwalton, Bucklebury, East Isley, Newbury and Thatcham from the Oxford side, and Highclere, North Stoneham, St. Mary Bourne, Winchester, Wootton St. Lawrence, and Woolton Hill from the Winchester area. Ringing, carried on in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major, commenced upon the musical ring of eight at 3 p.m., and continued, with a break for service and tea, up to 9 o'clock, a feature of the ringing being the handling and striking of the band of ladies from Bucklebury.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Highclere, the Rev. G. D. Dunlop, M.A., who, after welcoming the members to Highclere, gave a very interesting and helpful address upon 'Fellowship,' which the Church and the ringing Guilds, as part of the Church, stood for.

A splendid tea was enjoyed in the school, the Vicar of Highclere very generously paying half the cost. The Rev. L. R. Majendie (Rector of Newbury) presided, and was supported by Rev. F. C. Sear, Rev. G. G. Dunlop, Mr. W. Andrews, etc.

The Rev. L. R. Majendie said that all present would be sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. H. W. Curtis (Newbury Branch secretary), who was thus prevented from being present. Mr. Curtis had looked forward to this meeting, and was keenly disappointed.—Mr. Andrews, in reply, voiced the regret of all present at the absence of Mr. Curtis, and the Chairman promised to convey to him the best wishes of the members.

The Chairman said that it was hoped to arrange a return meeting at Newbury on August 10th.

### A NEW PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

BY REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

234567	645237	376452
672453.2	536472.2	473265.5
346572.1	245736.1	734265.4
543267.5	532467.3	237546.5
675324.2	745632.1	742365.3
436275.1	647253.5	537642.1
674352.3	536724.2	745326.2
236574.1	735462.5	637245.1
742653.2	437256.5	376245.4
537264.2	374256.4	273564.5
375264.4	273645.5	572438.5
273456.5	342756.3	645372.1
472635.5	673542.1	576423.3
234756.3	736542.4	345276.1
672534.1	647325.3	243657.5
346257.2	476325.4	432657.4
243765.5	534276.1	634725.5
572643.1	475362.3	576234.1
435267.2	234675.1	635742.3
674523.2	472356.3	276435.1
236457.2	374625.5	632754.3
742536.1	743625.4	546273.2
237465.3	647532.5	735624.2
432576.5	736425.3	637452.5
534627.5	437562.5	246537.1
275463.2	374562.4	632475.3
632547.2	573246.5	436527.5
246375.3	735246.4	534762.5
532746.1	547362.3	275634.1
245367.3	235647.1	342567.2
732645.1	472563.2	673254.2
637524.5	574326.5	736254.4
246753.2	635274.1	547623.2
532674.2	746523.2	475623.4
635427.5	237654.2	H. 235476.2
436752.5	542763.2	642735.1
274536.1	375642.1	576342.1
432765.3	543726.3	H. 234567.1
734526.5	435726.4	or
347526.4	734652.5	S. 324567.2
543672.5	347652.4	753624.1
645237.5	643275.5	467253.1
	376452.3	S. 234567.1

This is the first peal of Grandsire Triples having only three bells called Before. There are 118 bobs and 2 singles.

### EMPIRE DAY.

At Farnham, Surrey, on Friday, May 24th, in celebration of Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: C. Edwards 1, J. Read 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, C. Wells 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at Heckington on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Pinner, Saturday, June 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea (usual terms) and meeting to follow. A nice summer outing, lovely bells and pretty country! Cheap trains from Baker Street, and other Metropolitan Stations.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, June 1st. Meeting at 2.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Institute. Service at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's, Portsea. Tea at 5 p.m. in Institute. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (8), 12 to 2 p.m. and during the evening, St. Mary's (8), during afternoon (if meeting finishes early) and evening. All ringers and friends welcome.—G. Pullinger, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Bedford District will be held at Willington (6) on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Cople bells are not available for this meeting.—J. T. Newington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, June 1st. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be at disposal of ringers early. Meat tea will be provided at Cooke's Café at 5 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. to 4.50 p.m. Preacher: Rev. H. R. Peel, Vicar of Cuckney. Please notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, number for tea. Members from kindred associations will be heartily welcomed.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secretaries.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Bagshot on June 1st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea, in Parish Hall, 5.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this meeting.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—A. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.



**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District. — The next district meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Reports (6d.) may be obtained. A good attendance requested.—John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. — The monthly meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Rowde bells (6) also available afternoon and evening. Bus service from Devizes to Rowde (2 miles), Bromham (4 miles).—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — Next meeting will be held at Bolsover, June 1st. Bells will be open early. Tea at 5. Entries will be received for ringing contest to be held at Ecclesfield in July.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — A quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dallington, Northampton, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 2.30, service 4.15, tea at 5 o'clock. Business important.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Kingston, near Corfe Castle, on Saturday, June 1st. Ringing from 3, service 4.30, tea 5.15.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, June 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next meeting for ringing only will take place at Lancaster Parish Church on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Kingston, near Corfe Castle, on Saturday, June 1st. Ringing from 3. Service at 4.30. Address by Vicar (Rev. B. D. Beeley). Tea at 5.15, by his kind invitation, in the Vicarage grounds (if wet, in the Reading Room). Corfe Castle bells (6) are also available.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, 2nd, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 3rd and 17th, at 7.30 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

**ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.**—St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice, Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8.30 p.m. Ringing, Sundays, 2nd and 16th June, at 5.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Annual outing Saturday, June 22nd, to Stratford-on-Avon. Train leaves Paddington

Station at 11.28 a.m. Fare 5s. Will all members desiring to attend advise hon. sec.?—Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, M.A., Rector; F. W. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 6th and 20th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th, Southwark Cathedral on the 13th, \*Coffee Pot on the 25th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Petham (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. So that arrangements may be made for tea, will those intending being present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, June 6th? — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) and meeting to follow. Archdeacon Howson will be present. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting and notify me before Tuesday, June 4th, of their intention of doing so.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Fordingbridge on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on June 8th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. W. E. Mills is providing tea free. All ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Members make own arrangements for tea.—F. M. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting is to be held at Tring on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. All welcome. Cheap fares by train and bus. Numbers for tea would help.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, June 8th. Will members kindly reserve this date?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The branch meeting, which should have been held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 8th, is postponed to a later date, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held jointly at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on Saturday, June 8th. Kirkby bells available from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., with Peckleton to follow. Tea at Kirkby Mallory. A good meeting is hoped for.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—June 8th, the annual meeting, at Steeple Claydon. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. C. Bass, the Vicar. This service will be the thanksgiving for the rehang of the bells; it is 30 years since they were rung. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please send numbers to the hon. sec. on Monday, June 3rd.—The Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Debenham District.—Meeting at Framsdon on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m., also the restored ring at Helmingham, it being proposed to meet there first at the above hour. Tea in Mission Room, Framsdon, 5 p.m., 1s. each, to be followed by short business meeting. Please notify for tea by Thursday, June 6th.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The annual meeting is to be held on June 8th at Middleham in Wensleydale, Yorks, where the peal of 8 bells, by kind permission of the Vicar, will be available for ringing. All members are requested to make this meeting a success, and ringing friends will be cordially welcomed. Tea will be served at the Commercial Hotel, Middleham, at 2s. per head, and notice should be sent to Mr. H. Parrish, Castle Hill, Middleham, by Thursday, May 30th, who will make the necessary arrangements.—J. W. Addison, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 5th.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Offley on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. A short service and dedication of a peal board at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Bus service from Hitchin and Luton every half-hour. A good attendance is requested. Please notify me if you require tea.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Wednesday Guild will be held in Sunderland on June 12th. Meet at St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, at 2.30. Tea at North of England Café, Fawcett Street, at 5. Ringing at St. Ignatius' Church after tea. Those intending to be present please advise Mr. G. Siddle, Sec., 16, Poplar Street, Chester-le-Street, not later than June 10th.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Mid-week practice meeting at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Thursday, June 13th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bewdley on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. All those requiring tea must notify me not later than June 11th.—A. J. Skelding, 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rackenford on Saturday, June 15th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1s. each.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Hoylandswaine Cup Contest.—Open to all towers in above association. Will be held on Saturday, June 15th. It is hoped all will join at once. The last practice day is June 1st. Draw 2.45. First band to compete at 3.15. All ringers and friends are invited. Tea will be provided in Parochial Church Room, 1s. 6d. each. It is essential for number to be sent to Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, before June 12th. The village is purely agricultural, and no other accommodation for tea exists.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Marsden on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available from 1.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. per head, to all those who send in their names to Mr. S. Whitehead, Throstle Nest, Marsden, near Huddersfield, not later than Friday, June 14th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Cot Dairy. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 12th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—Annual meeting.—**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Ringing meeting.—Both at Worplesdon, June 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Bruce, to all who send in their names by June 10th. Ladies' Guild members please notify Miss H. F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham. Guildford Diocesan Guild members please notify G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea following. Those requiring tea kindly let me know before Wednesday, June 12th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A district meeting will be held at Newdigate on June 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at the Six Bells Inn, 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. Brett, New House Farm, Newdigate, not later than Wednesday, June 19th? A special appeal is issued to friends in neighbouring associations to join us in making good use of this pretty peals of bells.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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LITTLE MUNDEN.—On May 26th, for morning service, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. For evening service, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams 1, W. S. Lawrence 2, S. Head 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, S. Carter 5, A. Phillips (conductor) 6.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, May 26th, for morning service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. A. Doick 1, W. Falconer 2, W. Scott, sen., 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, G. Marshall, sen., 5, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 6, J. B. Blake 7, W. E. Ticehurst 8. It was also rung in honour of Her Majesty's 62nd birthday. Mr. W. Scott was on a visit from the Isle of Wight.

WORCESTER.—On May 26th, at St. Helen's, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. Jefferies 1, C. G. Bowkett 2, G. Checketts 3, T. Lewis 4, G. Hinten, jun., 5, W. Lewis 6, W. Page 7, F. Giles 8. Conducted by W. Page. First quarter-peal of Stedman by Messrs. T. Lewis and F. Giles.

FEERING.—For early service, on Whit Sunday, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, T. Groombridge, sen., 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. J. Rogers 4, G. Hayward 5, F. Fludder 6. For 11 o'clock service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): W. Keeble (conductor) 1, J. C. Newman 2, C. J. Rogers 3, T. Groombridge, sen., 4, F. C. Newman 5, F. Fludder 6, G. Hayward 7, J. Hunt 8. For evening service, 720 Bob Major: J. Hunt 4, T. Groombridge, sen., 5, W. H. Shuker 8, the rest as before.

KELVEDON.—On Whit Sunday, after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, W. Elliott 2, W. H. Shuker 3, J. Elliott 4, J. Hunt 5, T. Groombridge, sen., 6.

WEST GRINSTEAD.—On Whit Sunday, May 19th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Turrell 1, G. Warnett 2, R. Warnett 3, R. Stredwick 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6. For evening service, 240 Cambridge Surprise, 240 Norwich Surprise, 240 Oxford Treble Bob. First touch of Cambridge by R. Warnett, who hails from Hillingdon.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Whit Sunday, May 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: R. J. Pugsley (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Goddard 2, W. J. Symons 3, E. W. Marsh 4, W. J. Rundle (conductor) 5, R. J. Baldry 6, W. G. Hiscott 7, G. Line 8.

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