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## THE DEFINITION OF A 'SPLICED' PEAL

For a year, at any rate, the Central Council settled the question of the designation of the various types of 'Spliced' peals. They arrived at a compromise decision, in view of the late hour at which the subject came up for discussion. A topic such as this, which is bound to create division of opinion, cannot be disposed of in a few minutes, and the Council took the wisest course in adopting Mr. Stephen Wood's suggestion which, after twelve months' reflection, may possibly prove a more permanent and generally satisfactory way of meeting the wishes both of those who seek to distinguish between the different classes of spliced peals and those who look upon the performances, however rung, as 'splicing.' The linking together of different methods, whether in half peals or in leads, is the same process, except, of course, that one is much more elaborate and difficult than the other, and the problem, as those who have thought most about the subject best know, is where to draw the line? It is all a question of degree and there is much to be said in favour of Mr. Wood's temporary suggestion of indicating in the record of a performance the number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another.

But the brief discussion which took place revealed two things. It revealed the impossibility of debating such amendments as Mr. James Hunt proposed, when formulated on the spur of the moment and without the members having seen it in writing and having had the opportunity of considering its effect. It is a very difficult thing to draw up definitions affecting ringing in any case; to attempt to devise a technical amendment in the middle of a debate, which would cover such a subject as differentiation in spliced ringing is as futile for the proposer as it is unfair to the members. Notice ought to be required of all amendments of this type and it would be well, as was revealed in a discussion on another subject the same day, if the Council provided itself with a set of standing orders, under which matters of this kind could be regulated. When one sees it in cold print Mr. Hunt's amendment actually had little bearing on the carefully drawn up definitions submitted by Mr. Coles. All that it really did was to add another, if impracticable condition—impracticable, at all events, under many circumstances if it meant exactly what it said. If it did not mean exactly what appears on the face of it, it only adds point to our contention that these things cannot be done in the hey presto! style.

The other point that was revealed, and it came out further in informal talks afterwards, is that some ringers

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have the idea that in a peal containing more than one method every bell should do all the work of all the methods. As an ideal that is a thing for composers to aim at, but at present, at any rate, it would have an extremely restraining effect in a field where scope for composition is already exceedingly limited. And is it really essential? The Exercise has from its very beginnings recognised as peals performances in which not all the bells do all the work of the method. For more than two hundred years we have been ringing peals of Grand-sire Triples on the three-lead course plan, and in those peals the observation bell does not do anything like all the work of the method. And coming to more modern times, what of the short-course peals of London Surprise, and even of Bob Major? Are they not peals? If they are, then spliced peals, in which the tenors do only a limited amount of the work of a course in the methods rung, are equally peals.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE... .. Treble	*ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 3	FREDERICK SEAGER ... .. 8
WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 9
FRED HODGSON ... .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.  
\* 250th peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT... .. Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 6
*REGINALD CHANCE ... .. 2	REGINALD ROWE... .. 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 9
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 5	ROBERT LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.  
\* First peal of Caters.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5113 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Treble	GEORGE WIGGENS ... .. 6
HENRY STALHAM ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
RICHARD V. FULLER... .. 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 8
WINGFIELD A. DURHAM ... .. 4	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 9
*ALFRED C. LEVETT ... .. 5	GEORGE P. ELPHICK ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Caters. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Dawe, of Lewes, who was unfortunately unable to take part; also in honour of the wedding of Mr. William Morland, of Court Lodge, Lamberhurst, and Miss Monica Bolton, of Blackhurst, Tunbridge Wells, which took place in the afternoon at Pembury, Kent.

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APPLETON, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

F. STEDMAN WHITE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE ... .. 6
FRANK BARRETT ... .. 2	FRANCIS TAYLOR ... .. 7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
WILLIAM DYER ... .. 4	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 9
WILLIAM T. PATES ... .. 5	CUTBERT G. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.  
Ringers of 4 and 5 hail from Cheltenham.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BROOKS ... .. Treble	*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 5
JACK RANGE ... .. 2	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 6
WILLIAM J. PAICE ... .. 3	REV. ALFRED G. G. THURLOW ?
LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.  
Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Rector's ordination  
and to mark the ordination of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow as priest.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS ... .. Treble	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 5
MISS KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 2	PERCY NEWTON ... .. 6
ARTHUR G. JAMES ... .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 4	VICTOR EVANS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late  
Mrs. G. Herbert-Jones, the wife of the Vicar of Hughenden, who  
passed away on June 28th.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
*JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 6
*FRED HARTMAN ... .. 3	*J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Richards, hon. treasurer of the Chester Branch.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 16 cwt, 2 qr. 2 lb. in P.

*HUGH ROBERTS ... .. Treble	*GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 5
†WILLIAM STRONG ... .. 2	†FRANK VARTY ... .. 6
DAVID HUGHES ... .. 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 7
J. NORMAN BENSON ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a compliment to  
the Rev. L. O. Davies on the occasion of his collation to the benefice  
of the church.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire  
Triples: Miss Muriel Barrett (first quarter-peal) 1, G. M. Kilby (con-  
ductor) 2, J. H. Riding 3, E. Lancaster 4, E. H. Kilby 5, J. H.  
Botham 6, H. Kilby 7, W. F. Holloway 8.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES SHAW ... .. Treble	ERIC A. SPEAKE ... .. 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 6
THOMAS G. MARTIN ... .. 3	HAROLD L. FLAVELL ... .. 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 4	*HOWARD BOTLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. D. COLLINS.

\* First peal on eight bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

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

*ARTHUR DURLING ... .. Treble	†NORMAN SOMMERHAYES ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	RICHARD A. CONSTANT ... 6
†W. J. ERIC PEARTREE ... 3	E. GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 7
EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal 'inside' in  
the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. E. Peartree.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*ALBERT GRAYSTON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY ... .. 5
MISS KITTY WILLIERS ... .. 2	†FREDERICK WOODROFFE ... 6
*FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 3	*WILLIAM A. WOODS ... .. 7
CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 4	*ALDERMAN LING ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. ROMSEY

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung upon the occasion  
of the horticultural show and in honour of the golden wedding of the  
parents of Mr. J. Trotman, leader of the local band.

HARWELL, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 2	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 3	HARRY W. SMITH ... .. 7
MISS PATRICIA HOLLOWAY 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 11, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS I. B. THOMPSON ... .. Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY ... .. 3	TOM CLARKE ... .. 7
SAM PINDER ... .. 4	FRED A. SALTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At Christ Church,

**A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. Treble	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

First peal of Triples in the method by all the band.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 2	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 5
WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. 6
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... .. 7
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

First peal in the method as conductor.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES ROSE ... .. Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
*CLAUD WOODWARD ... .. 2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 6
FREDERICK J. TILLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal in the method. Ring as a birthday compliment to G. E. Symonds. This was his 200th peal as conductor.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWARD STEELE ... .. Treble	†HAROLD ROSE ... .. 5
ALAN D. STEELE ... .. 2	JAMES WILLIAMS ... .. 6
HAROLD HOUSON ... .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
MATTHEW BUCKLEY ... .. 4	†WILLIAM WADE, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. Ring as a wedding peal for the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Brooks), whose marriage took place on June 24th.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
TONY PRICE ... .. 2	EDWIN HIMS ... .. 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*KENNETH W. MAYER ... Treble	*GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*JOHN WALDEN ... .. 6
†GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 3	HAROLD WALKER ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4	*JOHN A. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDS. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.  
\* First peal of Superlative Major. † 50th peal. Arranged as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. Marcon and Miss S. Norton, who were married at Lincoln earlier in the day.

REDHILL, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in F.

WALTER CLAYDON ... .. Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. 5
ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 2	*ARTHUR G. WILLEY ... 6
*ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 7
*FRANK B. JEAL ... .. 4	†GORDON F. WOODMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. Quarterly peal for the Southern District.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSIAS D. HARRIS ... .. Treble	JAMES TOPP ... .. 5
*WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

\* First peal in the method.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt, 17 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
CHARLES T. COLNS ... .. 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. Ring as a birthday compliment to Ernest J. Butler.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*STANLEY HARRISON ... Treble	HARRY HOWARD ... .. 4
JOSEPH LITTLER ... .. 2	†HARRY PARKER ... .. 5
CECIL RADDON ... .. 3	†CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

\* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal. ‡ First peal of Minor in four methods. The conductor has now rung peals in 50 towers.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Willesden Delight, College Bob IV. Delight and Old Oxford Delight, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARVEY E. BURRELL ... Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 4
ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 5
VERNON TAYLOR ... .. 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

First extents of the three Delight methods by all the band. First peal in five Treble Bob methods by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Being two 720's each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and one 720 of Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*MISS H. M. DARVILL ... Treble	WALTER TOPPIN ... .. 4
*RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 2	HORACE EDWARDS ... .. 5
†ALFRED J. BULL ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Minor. † 275th peal.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Being 240 of Pitman's, five 240's of Morris' and thirty 120's.  
Tenor 9 cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES ... Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 3
V. JAMES CARLES ... 2	REGINALD MORRIS ... .. 4

ALBERT E. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. E. JONES.

R. Morris has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise.  
Tenor 7½ cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE ... Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 4
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... 2	ROLAND PARK ... .. 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

FREISTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES SHARPE ... Treble	ARTHUR ELLIS ... .. 4
*ROBERT BROWN ... 2	SYDNEY JESSOP ... .. 5
FRANK DEWEY ... 3	WILLIAM WILKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES SHARPE.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Doubles by all the band except ringers of 3 and 5. First peal as conductor.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Being 720 each of York, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Killamarsh, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.  
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST TWIGG ... Treble	FRANK EDWARDS ... .. 4
GEORGE HULME ... 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. 5
HENRY CARNWELL ... 3	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 6

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

First peal on the bells, which have just been relung and augmented to six by Taylor and Co., the 'go' being excellent.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Old School House,

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

*HORACE L. WAITE ... 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
WALTER AYRE ... 3-4	*WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 7-8

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by J. BRAY.

Witnesses—Mrs. J. Bray and Mrs. W. Ayre.

\* First peal on eight 'in hand' and first attempt at Major.

**FOR BEGINNERS.**

**DON'T GET INTO A GROOVE.**

There are many bands, particularly at country churches, who get to the Grandsire Doubles stage, and stick—not to progress, but to stagnation. Individual ringers stick to the same bell, and the conductor to the same calling for a six-score, until the monotonous groove becomes so deep they are unable to struggle out of it. And thus week after week, month after month, and even year after year, whenever they ring it is the same bell, the same 120—in some cases only the same plain course. In fact they know it so well by heart that any departure from their usual practice is made all the harder.

It is the biggest mistake a ringer can make to ring one bell and no other. It 'cramps his style' in unbelievable fashion. Unless he can ring 'his own' bell, he is hopelessly at sea, even in method ringing in his own tower, while, as to visiting other towers, which is the best of all experiences, he simply will not go because he is afraid he may show his failings.

He may have begun his bellringing full of enthusiasm, but his eagerness gradually evaporates as he finds his capabilities becoming atrophied by want of expansion.

No band, however limited their capacity, should ring with always the same men on the same bells. Even when they are in the 'call change' stage, if the progress to method ringing be through that channel, the men should ring different bells, so that they not only learn how to control bells of different weights, but get a sight on the others from a different angle.

This is more than ever essential when it comes to method ringing. Even in a tower where at first no one can call a touch, and, as a consequence, only plain courses can be rung, the ringers should change their bells, so that they become able to ring any of them in the method.

If, then, you are in the habit of always ringing the same bell, don't do it any longer. Change on to another one. You will find a great similarity in the order in which you meet the bells, and you will realise that it is not so very difficult to ring the other man's bell after all.

It will be easier still if you have not forgotten how to commit changes to paper and sit down and write out a course before trying to ring it. In fact, write out the course twice. On one, draw a continuous line all down the course through the figure that represents the bell you have been in the habit of ringing—perhaps the third. On the other draw a similar line through the figures representing one of the other bells, say the 4th, and then compare them. You will see that the line, or 'diagram,' is exactly the same, except that it is begun in a different place.

Hunting, dodging and place-making have already been explained in these hints for beginners. Study them again in connection with the courses and diagrams which you have put on paper and you will find many of your supposed difficulties will have disappeared when you go into the belfry and try to ring some other bell than the one you have been sticking to for all these unproductive months.

But how about it, if you have forgotten, or have never learned, to write out courses by figures? This may help you to begin paper study, which is so essential in the making of a successful ringer: Begin with the row 12345. Immediately underneath each of these figures write the next row by changing 1 and 2 and 4 and 5, leaving 3 underneath the original 3; i.e., 21354. Now make a series of rows by changing alternately the last two pairs and then the first two pairs:—

12345  
21354  
23145  
32145  
etc.

Continue this process until 12 come together in front. Then let the bell in 3rd's make a place as before; and repeat the operation until once more 12 are in front. Again let the bell in 3rd's make a place and go on changing the back and front pairs. The bells should come round at the end of 30 changes—the plain course of Grandsire Doubles. If they do not come round you have made a mistake somewhere, and, if so, try again.

**COUNTRY VILLAGES SHORT OF RINGERS.**

**A NORTH NOTTS LAMENT.**

A glorious day brought ringers from a very wide area to try the excellent ring of six bells which the village church at Everton possesses. The ringing was enjoyed throughout the day, although the heat was tremendous.

Tea in the Parish Room was supervised by Mr. Swindin, captain of the local company. When the meal was about to commence the room looked more like a belfry, jackets being rapidly removed. The caterers were thanked at the close of the meal 'for doing us so well,' as the proposer said.

In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. J. Bartram presided, but there was very little business to transact.

The Chairman pointed out the shortage of ringers in some country villages which have splendid peals of bells, bells which, he said, 'we should like to take home with us.' Everton were very short, but it was not the fault of the bells, and he asked the association to help villages in need of ringers.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

### SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION.

Rev. F. L. Edwards' answer to those who dislike Sunday Bells.

About seventy members attended the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Basingstoke on Saturday week, the towers represented including Andover, Basingstoke (St. Michael's and All Saints'), Bishopstoke, Blackmoor, Bramley, Christchurch, Deane, Farcham, Kingclere, North Stoneham, Overton, Oakley, Portsea, Ryde, Southampton, Sheffield-on-Loddon, Swanmore, Wickham, Winchester, Wonston, Wootton St. Lawrence, etc., and visitors from Aldershot, Buckland Newton, Godalming, Newbury, etc. During the morning ringing took place at the two Basingstoke churches, and the business meeting was held in the afternoon in Church Cottage.

The Master (Mr. G. Williams) presided, and, in the absence of the hon. treasurer, presented the accounts. The balance on the treasurer's account had increased to £79 8s. 2d., compared with £63 2s. 1d. in the previous year, the receipts from the districts having amounted to £54 9s. 11d. Grants from the General Purposes Fund amounting to £10 10s. had been made, and the balance in this fund was £55 3s. 9d. In addition the districts had in hand an aggregate of £63 19s. 8d. The Master said he thought this showed that the Guild was in a strong financial position.

In moving the adoption of the balance sheet, Mr. W. Barton said the sum of five guineas given to Godshill Restoration Fund was money well spent. Since the bells were done the Guild had given the Godshill ringers every support, and the local band rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles for the Jubilee. It was a great credit to them.—The accounts were adopted, and it was resolved to send a letter of congratulation to the Godshill band upon their success.

The report, which was also adopted, said subscriptions from members showed a further increase, and there were now 771 full members and 166 honorary members, almost half of the latter being in the Winchester District. The bells of Holy Rood, Southampton, Ringwood and Sheffield English had been rebung during the year by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. (for which the Emma Barron Bell Trust was again to be thanked), as well as West Meon, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and Godshill and Petersfield (also by Taylor and Co.). Thirty-seven peals were recorded in 1934, against 26 in 1933 (excluding the 1933 ringing tour), in 25 different towers, with twelve local conductors, compared with six the previous year. It was regretted that no peal was rung in the Andover, Basingstoke or Winchester Districts. It was felt that there were plenty of young ringers in these districts who would be glad to have the opportunity to take part in peals if properly organised. It was hoped, therefore, that the northern members would not let the late Mr. Harry White's enthusiasm that he put into the Guild die away for want of a successor. The new Alton and Petersfield District had completed its first year of existence and had amply justified its formation.

All the officers were re-elected, with the exception of the peals recorder (Mr. C. E. Bassett), who resigned on account of having undertaken duties as secretary of the Alton and Petersfield District. Mr. R. C. H. Connolly was appointed to succeed him.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S WORK.

The representatives on the Central Council were also re-elected, although one of them, Mr. George Pullinger, said it was an honour and experience which he thought should go round.

Three new honorary members were elected. Three places were proposed for the next annual meeting and Southampton selected by a narrow vote over Bournemouth, the meeting to be held on the first Saturday in July.

Reports were received from the Central Council representatives, and Mr. Pullinger made the suggestion that the Council should meet at an earlier hour in the day. Ringers, he said, came from all over England to attend the meeting, but many had to rush away before the end in order to get home the same night. If the Council met at 10 a.m. instead of 11 o'clock, more of the members could stay until the end of the business.

Mr. W. Barton, who commented on the usefulness of the Council and its importance to the Exercise, said the time might come when they would have to defend themselves against sections of the public who were trying to suppress all kinds of noise. When that time came the Council would be the body that could chiefly organise the defence of ringing. He added that the Council had officers and a Standing Committee of men of ability and integrity, who had the best interests of the Exercise at heart.

The reports were accepted and the representatives thanked for their attendance at the Council meeting and for their services.

A motion was put forward by the committee to regulate the management of the General Purposes Fund by providing that the income should be derived from life members' subscriptions and such funds as might be voted from the treasurer's account, and that the committee be empowered to make grants not exceeding five guineas.

In the course of a short discussion it was pointed out that the motion merely brought the rule concerning the fund into line with present procedure, except that the committee's powers to make grants were extended from two to five guineas.—The proposal was agreed to.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) presented a report on the result of a meeting held at Stockbridge to consider the question of

rearranging the boundaries of the Winchester, Andover and Christchurch Districts, and the outcome was a recommendation that the towers of Over and Nether Wallop should be transferred from Andover to Winchester District. It now appeared that Over Wallop did not wish to transfer.

It was resolved to transfer Nether Wallop to the Winchester District. A grant of five guineas was made towards the restoration of the bells of Alresford, where a scheme costing about £350 is to be undertaken, about £160 having already been raised locally.

A vote of sympathy with the relatives on the death of Mr. Ernest Bishop, a life member of the Guild, had been conveyed by the hon. secretary, and an acknowledgment was read.

The Master expressed pleasure at the presence of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and the Rev. F. L. Edwards, and the meeting then terminated.

### BELLS SHOULD BE RUNG EVERY SUNDAY.

Afterwards the members attended service in St. Michael's Church, the Guild office being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Boustead). The preacher was the Rev. F. L. Edwards, who took as his text the words, 'Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.' Referring to the occasions when the sound of the bells was used as an expression of public rejoicing, he spoke of the ringing for Sunday services and of the ringing on other occasions, remarking that it was a mistake to call one entirely sacred and the other entirely secular. It was a mistake to divide them into watertight compartments. They wanted the sacred to permeate the secular, and when the bells were rung on great occasions of national rejoicing it was a mistake to regard it as a secular use of the bells. Bells rung on such occasions as this were rung in the spirit of the text, bidding people rejoice in the Lord. Bells had a more definitely spiritual message on church festivals and on Sundays, and the point he wanted to impress was that it was always an expression of joy. He urged that the bells of the churches should be rung more generally than they are on Ascension Day. Whenever they rang on Sundays it was a message of joy bidding all Christian people rejoice in the Lord. Sunday had become, by law established, a day of rest, but there were many who forgot the sacredness of the day, and, while they availed themselves of the rest, they forgot that Sunday was also appointed as a day of worship, and it was only through that that it had become a day of rest. Whenever they rang the bells on the Lord's Day they were not simply ringing them to give notice of the hours of divine service, but were sending forth a message for all who heard to rejoice in the Lord and praise His holy Name. Two points of practical interest arose from that. It made it important that in every parish the bells should be rung at least once on every Sunday. He knew there were different practices in different parishes. Every Sunday was a feast day and every Sunday was the Lord's day and was a weekly commemoration of our Lord's resurrection. It was, therefore, right and proper that the bells should be rung on every Sunday in the year, and it was better to ring once on every Sunday than twice a day on alternate Sundays and not at all on the intervening Sunday. The other point was that bells were instruments of sacred music employed by the Church through long established tradition to express Christian joy and do honour to the Christian festivals. It was no argument on the part of those who objected to the sound of bells to say that in these days, when most people have clocks and watches, and indeed wireless sets, they did not need bells to tell them of the hours of service. There were several fallacies underlying that argument in any case, but the point was the bells were not used simply to notify the hours of service, but to send forth the message of joy and gladness in honour of the feast day, whether it be Sunday or any other feast day, on which services are being held. While people might know the hours of service and had facilities for knowing the time, the bells still had their duty to perform in proclaiming the message of joy. As ringers they rejoiced in the actual ringing, in the exercise of their art; they delighted in the physical and mental exercise as well as in the music which their art afforded, but let them rejoice above all else in the fact that they were called to high service in the church, that their part in the service of God was the sending forth of the grand and sonorous music of the church bells and that they were permitted to employ their powers of mind, body and spirit in the service of God for the good of His Church and for the glory of His Name.

After service the members sat down to tea together in Church Cottage, and later in the evening, in addition to ringing again at the two Basingstoke churches, parties were made up to visit Bramley, Church Oakley, Deane and Sherborne St. John.

### A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

After the memorial service at Ashfordby, Leicestershire, for the late Rev. W. R. Finch, formerly Rector of the parish for 18 years, who was killed in the Swiss Alps on June 26th while on holiday, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled: G. Saddington 1, H. Alecy 2, R. Looker 3, R. Alecy (conductor) 4, E. Lomas 5, H. Bell 6. Also 240 in the same method, in which E. Littlewood took part.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### PRESENTATION TO MR. C. D. HEGINBOTHOM.

A most enjoyable time was spent at Trowbridge on the occasion of the half-yearly meeting of the Devizes Branch on Saturday week. It was the first meeting held there since the new ring of twelve was installed, and the Guild have much to be proud of in having such an excellent peal in its area. The Rector (the Rev. S. J. Nisbet Wallace) conducted the service in the church, after which tea was prepared in the Co-operative Hall, to which 34 sat down.

Mr. E. F. White, branch chairman, presided at the meeting which followed, and welcomed many visitors, mentioning by name Canon Bidout, from Johannesburg, Capt. Ridout (Swanage) and friends from Swindon, Wootton Bassett, Bath, Calne and Chippenham. He went on to congratulate the Trowbridge band on the work they had accomplished in getting the ring of twelve installed in the tower. He then introduced the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. Hugh Gundry.

The Master, in a few well-chosen remarks, said he had been asked to perform a most pleasant duty. They were all pleased to see Mr. C. D. Heginbothom (late chairman of the branch) amongst them again. Mr. Gundry went on to give a brief summary of what Mr. Heginbothom had done for the branch during the 13 years he had been in office, and asked him to accept, as a token of gratitude from the members, a framed illuminated address, hoping he would be spared for a considerable time still to help the branch keep in the present state of efficiency, which he had done so much to achieve.

In accepting the address, Mr. Heginbothom said that for once he was at a loss for words. After a pause he continued, saying he had tried to carry out that which he thought was right, and had done his best. He did not wish to assume he had been successful in all he had attempted, but he was sure they had every reason to be proud of their branch of the Guild. In conclusion, he thanked all for the presentation and accepted it with great pleasure.

Mr. White then proposed votes of thanks to the Rector for taking the service and the use of the bells, to the local ringers for their kindness in the belfry, and to others who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

Ringings continued during the evening, rounds being arranged for those who wished, with touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques. Representatives, besides those already mentioned, attended from the following towers: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Bradford, Bratton, Rowde, Holt, Westbury, Warminster, Melksham, Trowbridge and Wylke.

After the bells had been lowered, touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung on handbells.

### DORCHESTER BRANCH.

There were representatives from ten towers at the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Upwey on June 29th. They were from Upwey, Preston, Wool, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, Bere Regis, Hardington Mandeville, Stratton, Dorchester St. Peter's, and St. James', Poole.

The meeting was preceded by the guild office in Upwey Church, when the service was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector), assisted by the Rev. A. F. Godley (Vicar of Bradford Peverell and Stratton).

In the absence of the chairman, the Rev. E. S. Tarrant, of Wool, the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. A. S. Bryant. The secretary announced that the next quarterly meeting would be held at Bere Regis on September 7th, and that by-meetings would be held at Preston and Hilton during the summer.

Six members of the Hardington Mandeville (Somerset) branch were elected as life members of the Dorchester branch. They were Messrs. W. Delamont, L. J. Hawkins, F. J. Marsh, D. R. Ransom, G. W. Rendell and Mrs. R. E. H. Rendell.

After the meeting further ringing took place at Upwey, Abbotsbury and Wyke Regis.

### SALISBURY BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at Hindon, Wilts, on Saturday, June 29th, the large company present including members from the Devizes and North Dorset Branches. Towers represented were Warminster, Hindon, Wilton, Winterbourne, Westbury, Salisbury (St. Martin's and St. Thomas'), Mere, Kington Magna, Tisbury, Berwick St. John, etc.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Hogbin, D.D., the organist and choir being in attendance. A brief but interesting address was given by the Vicar, and the company afterwards sat down to an excellent tea at the Lamb Hotel.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the branch chairman (Mr. E. Caple), in the course of which the branch secretary (Mr. F. W. Romaine) welcomed the visitors from Devizes and North Dorset branches.

The Chairman expressed the meeting's thanks to the Vicar, organist and choir for their good offices and for the use of the bells.—The Rev. Hogbin replying, spoke of the encouragement the local band received by a visit from the Guild, to which they were newcomers.

Ringings were then resumed in a variety of methods, including Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Cambridge, etc. It was gratifying to note that it was unnecessary to have recourse to call changes throughout the afternoon. Later a party journeyed to Tisbury and made good use of the bells there.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The hon. secretary of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association complained at a meeting that although he had sent a postcard to each district secretary about the meeting and had advertised it in 'The Ringing World,' he had come across cases where members did not know the meeting was taking place.

Local secretaries may be lax, but every ringer could make himself independent in these matters if he would only purchase a copy of 'The Ringing World' each week.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. will shortly be taking in hand the recasting and rehangings in a new frame of the light ring of five bells of Aldridge Church, near Walsall. The peal is to be increased in weight and a new treble added to make six.

The Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, has been admitted to membership of the Worshipful Company of Musicians. The Duke of Kent was made an honorary member on the same occasion.

Mr. Edwin Hims, of Bicester, Oxon, took part in a peal of London Surprise on Saturday. It is 38 years since he previously rang a peal in the method.

The visit to Harwell on July 10th, which culminated with a peal of Double Norwich Major, was arranged to coincide with the birthday of an old friend—Mr. H. Pryor. After the peal the ringers were entertained to a sumptuous tea by Mr. and Mrs. Pryor in the beautiful surroundings on the lawn at their home. The host and hostess were suitably thanked for their hospitality.

His many friends will be glad to see that Mr. W. T. Pates, the Cheltenham veteran, once more able to take part in a peal. He rang in one at Appleton on Saturday—and during the height of the heat wave, too. Another veteran, George Holifield, sen., was also in the peal.

Ringing is temporarily stopped at Kettering during the repairs to the spire.

The Vicar of Marldon, Devon, makes an appeal to all lovers of bells to help raise a fund of £200 to rehang the existing peal of five, and add a treble to make a peal of six if possible. The inhabitants are doing all they can, but it is a very poor parish, so outside help is sorely needed. All contributions would be thankfully received by the Vicar, Marldon, Paignton, Devon.

## LEGENDS OF THE BELLS

A new book is now in the press and will be published in the autumn by Messrs. Sampson, Low, Marston and Co., Ltd., of London. It is entitled 'Legends of the Bells,' and is a collection of legends, traditions, myths and folk-tales centred round the bells of many lands. It is by Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., author of 'The History and Art of Change Ringing.' Mr. Morris is the well-known general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association and attached to St. Margaret's, Leicester.

## A TEXT FOR EVERY BELFRY.

### ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AT BURNHAM.

A quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at Burnham on Saturday, July 6th, and was a complete success. The tower was opened at 3 p.m., and Mr. G. Gilbert and his Burnham boys were there in strong force. There was plenty of ringing to suit everyone, and the bells were kept going continually up to service time, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Treble Bob Major, as well as rounds. Service was conducted by the Vicar, and the psalm and hymns were heartily sung, accompanied by the organist. The Vicar also gave a most inspiring address, taking for his text, 'For my brethren and companions' sakes I will wish thee prosperity.' He would like to see these words in every belfry. Although they were not yet in his own belfry, he would see that they were put there in the near future.

Service over, a hurried inspection of some of the main items of interest in the church was made, and afterwards a splendid tea was partaken of on the lawn of the Five Bells. The Vicar paid the party a brief visit and said how very pleased he was to welcome the society to Burnham. He hoped it would not be long before they paid another visit. The Master (Mr. C. Cross) presided over the business meeting, at which seven new members were elected through the energy and perseverance of that most staunch supporter of this society, Mr. George Gilbert.

Further ringing took place after the meeting, and a very pleasant surprise was sprung when old friends from Chelsea paid a visit to the tower and had a pleasant hour with the party. The methods rung after tea included London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. Everyone expressed satisfaction at the success of the meeting.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, October 19th, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

## LONG-LIVED SHEFFIELD RINGERS.

On Sunday, June 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the recently rehung peal at St. Marie's Church, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, was rung by G. Lewis (conductor) 1, W. Bugar 2, J. Osgathorpe 3, T. O'Hara 4, J. Dixon 5, G. Holmes 6, R. Harrison, jun. 7, H. Hurst 8. The band wished many happy returns to Mr. Dixon on attaining his 76th birthday. Three others who took part averaged 73 years. It is evident ringing activities conduce to a long life.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 448.)

### 'SPLICED' PEALS.

The notice of motion by Mr. C. T. Coles, regarding the definition of a 'spliced' peal, was next on the agenda, and the President explained that in view of certain things which had come to light since the motion was originally drafted, the proposer and seconder (Mr. E. C. S. Turner) wished to substitute an amendment which had been circulated and which, with the consent of the Council, would be taken as the motion.

The Council having agreed, the motion, therefore, read as follows:—

'That in view of the extension of the practice of splicing methods, this Council resolves that the term "spliced" shall be applied only to those peals in which there are at least as many changes of method as there are courses in the peal, subject to the following stipulations:

'(a) In peals in even-bell methods in which singles are used, the number of changes of method before a single shall be at least equal to the number of courses preceding the single, and, similarly, after a single, equal to the number of courses which follow it.

'(b) In peals in odd-bell methods, the number of changes of method shall be at least equal to the number of changes of the bell in the hunt, or of the courses in the peal. Subject only, in peals in which less than six methods of Triples are rung, to any reduction of the number necessitated by two or more hunt bells, relating to the same method, being consecutively called into the hunt.

'(c) The conditions relating to even-bell methods shall apply in peals of Minor to each 720 individually, and for the purposes of this rule each 720 with a Treble Bob hunt shall be considered to have six courses, and each 720 with a Plain hunt or with an Alliance and Little hunt, twelve courses.

'(d) Peals of Doubles shall be deemed to comply with this rule if there is at least one change of method within a 120 and not more than half a six-score is rung without changing into a different method.

'Peals which contain more than one method, but which do not conform to the foregoing, shall be called "Combined" peals.

'That as splicing involves changes of methods at plained, bobbed and singled leads alike, it is further resolved that peals in which the change of method is not made at the lead-end, such as certain peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, shall not be termed "spliced peals."

'These decisions shall apply to peals on all numbers of bells.'

### TIME FOR DIFFERENTIATION.

Mr. Coles, in proposing the motion, said in view of what had gone on during the last few years in the ringing of spliced peals, it was time they distinguished between the different forms in which methods were spliced. At first they had peals in which they rang approximately one-half in one method, followed by a second half in another method, even to the extent of joining Caters and Royal. That was followed by 'block' splicing, in which, say, a block of Bob Major was followed by a block of Double Norwich, and so on, two, or three, or four times in the peal. Next he believed Mr. Joseph Parker produced a composition of Cambridge and Superlative, in which each method appeared in each course, and later they got Mr. Law James' wonderful peal of spliced Surprise Major in four methods. Since then they had had some very clever spliced peals by Mr. Turner and Mr. Wood, one in 14 methods by Mr. Turner and one in 21 methods by Mr. Wood, neither of which had yet been rung, while, as they knew, Mr. A. J. Pitman had produced Surprise peals in all numbers of methods up to 12, which had been rung, and one in 16 methods. It was true that, in a sense, all these peals were spliced peals, but if they were to differentiate between them it meant that some types would not be known as spliced in future. If they were to do that, they would ask which class of peals should retain the old name? The peals which were most popular were those in a number of methods, such as Mr. James' and Mr. Pitman's peals, which had become very popular and, by reason of their popularity, should, he contended, retain their name of spliced peals. A new name should be found for the other class. There might be some members of the Council who would object to the suggestion that it was necessary to make any definition at all, but he would remind them that in days gone by, and even early in the history of the Exercise, it was found necessary to differentiate between methods. It had been found necessary, for instance, to define what Surprise is, and what Treble Bob and Delight and Court methods are. It was found necessary to classify these things, and he suggested that the time had arrived when they should classify these different types of spliced peals. The original motion placed on the order paper was one which was arrived at after several attempts to find something which would make a peg on which to 'hang their hats,' but it was quickly found that to specify that the limit without a change of method should be the length of a normal course was not enough. Mr. Pitman had sent him a peal in which he had found a way to put in nine consecutive leads of London. That was a very wonderful thing, which up to now had defied the attempts of other composers. That opened the way for finding a spliced peal of four Surprise methods, in which every bell did all the work of all the four methods. Mr. Pitman had succeeded in doing that, and, further, he had spliced into the peal nine consecutive leads of London. With Mr. Goldsmith's assistance they had been able to draw up this new series of recommendations which they thought satisfactorily

covered the ground. The peal of Spliced Surprise Minor rung a few weeks ago, conducted by Mr. Ralph, was one which everybody would heartily agree would come under the higher class of a spliced peal, but that peal included nine consecutive leads of one method, and if they put on the limit of a normal course, this peal could not be claimed as a spliced peal. Then, too, the forty-two method peal of Treble Bob rung in Cheshire in the alternative form that was first published transgressed the normal course proposal, although no one could say it was not in the highest class. Having explained the objects of the individual paragraphs of the motion, Mr. Coles went on to refer to the proposal regarding Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. He reminded the Council that the way in which peals in these methods had been rung in the past was by changing the method when a call was made, but by this means the change of method did not take place at the lead end as it did in other peals of Minor and Major, and he called attention to the definition of a regular method given in 'Rules and Decisions,' in which it was stated that 'Each lead shall reverse true to itself, and, together with the hunting and placemaking that connect it with the next lead, shall contain the whole working of the method.' If they spliced Kent and Oxford under the conditions under which peals had been rung in the past, they did not get, in the lead where the change of method was made, the whole working of the method. Seeing that it was possible to get peals of Kent and Oxford with the methods spliced at the lead ends, he suggested it was time they made a different definition for that particular class of peal. In conclusion, Mr. Coles thanked Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. A. G. Driver for the assistance they had given in drawing up the amended definitions.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded.

### 'LAMINATED' RINGING.

Mr. J. Hunt contended that the changing of the method in the middle of a course was as straightforward a spliced peal as ever they wanted to ring. There was no such thing as combined ringing. In his opinion the right term was 'laminated,' a term which the president, as an engineer, would thoroughly understand. Laminated meant overlapping, and when they rang methods that were spliced in the middle of a course they 'laminated' those methods, and where they rang two or three courses of a method before changing to another, that was splicing and they could not get away from it. Mr. Coles' resolution had not gone far enough. Every credit was due to the men who rang these spliced Surprise peals, but he contended that when they rang a spliced peal which did not produce a full course of some of the methods, they could not say the peal included those methods. To ring, say, only 160 changes of one method in the peal was not, he contended, ringing that method. There should be at least a complete course of each method in the peal. He considered the most perfect spliced peal ever composed was the Superlative and Cambridge by Mr. J. W. Parker, which had an equal number of changes of each method. If, however, they rang 160 changes of a method and finished the peal with eight or nine other methods and did not come back to the first method, they ought not to count it as a method. They could not say they had rung a Major method unless they had rung seven leads of it. He moved, as an amendment, 'That a spliced or laminated peal shall contain a full course of each method rung.'

Mr. James Parker seconded.

Mr. Coles asked if Mr. Hunt was prepared, on that amendment, to rule out practically all the spliced Surprise peals that had ever been rung.

Mr. P. J. Johnson asked what was the object of this motion. Was it merely that they should amuse themselves with a discussion on terminology? Didn't the ordinary ringer understand what he saw in a peal report when it stated the number of methods rung and the number of changes? Was it worth while bringing men from the ends of England to sit there like owls and listen to something which did not seem worth while? (laughter). He could not see that the Exercise was going to be any better off for it, and, while it might be amusing to some people, to others it was sheer boredom (laughter).

Mr. Trollope said if Mr. Johnson was not interested there were other people who were, and among them people who had rung peals in four methods and upwards. It was one thing to ring a method and be called upon to take up another method at a particular lead, when they could learn the change beforehand, as they did the start of each method in a peal of seven different methods of Minor, but those who had rung spliced Surprise knew it was a very different thing to have to change to any one of a number of methods at any lead. Here they had two things called by the same name, and the proposal was to call one thing by one name and one by another. Whether Mr. Johnson was bored or not did not affect the matter at all, the point remained that at present both things were called 'spliced.'

### A COMPLICATED SUBJECT.

Mr. S. H. Wood said this was a very complicated subject; it would be another Minor controversy, and they would agree that the hour of five minutes past five was too late in the day to start going into it. If they acted hurriedly they might pass a resolution which they would afterwards regret. He asked Mr. Coles if he would be prepared to put off a discussion of this matter until next year; if so, he would suggest that in the meantime they adopt an amendment that peals containing more than one method should be called spliced peals, but that the reports of spliced peals should include a reference to the

number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another during the peal. That would get over the difficulty to a certain extent, for it was extraordinarily difficult to draw an exact line between what they would call 'spliced' and what they would call 'combined,' although he knew that if they had spliced Surprise in two methods with 87 changes of method it was a very different matter to a peal of Plain Bob and Double Norwich with one change of method.

Mr. Coles, in accepting the suggestion, asked to be allowed to reply to Mr. Hunt's fallacies. Mr. Hunt had said that if a peal was rung with 160 changes of one method and all the other changes in another method, that ought not to be called a spliced peal. He (Mr. Coles) agreed with him. That was not splicing as he hoped the Council would define it. Mr. Hunt's amendment was not a fair one to spring on the Council after all that had been done to try and find a satisfactory solution.

Mr. Hunt: In a spliced peal you should ring a full course of every method, but if in a peal you only ring five leads of Bob Major you cannot say you have rung Bob Major.

The President said it seemed to him that Mr. Hunt's amendment cut out nearly the whole of the spliced peals already rung and made splicing easier rather than more difficult, because he insisted on a full course of every method being rung, presumably a full continuous course, although it did not say so.

Mr. Wood's amendment was agreed to by the Council.

#### OLD PEAL RECORDS.

Mr. W. H. Hollier proposed that 'In the opinion of the Council, it is desirable that a record should be made of all peal records contained on tablets, boards or otherwise in the church towers of the country prior to the year 1825, and that a committee be appointed to undertake this work.' Mr. Hollier said they should do their best to preserve the records of those who so ably laid the foundations of the art of change ringing. He gave several instances of old peal boards in the towers of the diocese which he represented.—Mr. C. T. Coles seconded, and the motion having been carried, a committee was formed, consisting of Mr. Hollier, the Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. W. Ayre, with power to ask for help from members of the Council generally, the President remarking that the Standing Committee suggested that the committee should get the members of the Council to co-operate in their respective districts.

#### PEAL FOOTNOTES.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed 'That to ensure the accuracy of the Council's peals analysis and as a matter of general interest, those responsible for sending the reports of peals for publication in the ringing Press are urged to denote all "first peals" and "first peals in the method" both by any of the ringers and "as conductor." He pointed out that one of the most interesting things in peal reports was to observe where first peals had been rung or called and to observe the progress made by ringers from method to method. It was also important that these things should be recorded if the Council's analysis was to be accurate and the committee saved a waste of valuable time in compiling statistics which, not being complete, were largely useless. To those who argued that such details were only of interest to the actual first pealer or conductor, and, therefore, need not be published, he pointed out that, carried to its logical conclusion, they might say the same of all the particulars about a peal. The ringers in the peal knew who the conductor was; therefore, they might ask, why publish his name? The ringers themselves knew who had taken part in the peal; why then publish their names? The truth was, all the details were interesting to those who followed ringing with any attention to things that happened outside their own tower, and they were important as a matter of record and even of history. Therefore, they should all be included.—Mr. A. C. Hazelden seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

#### PAST MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher moved and Mr. G. R. Pye seconded 'That a record be prepared of past members of the Council, giving a short account of their work, and, where possible, a photograph, and that a committee be appointed to undertake this work.'

The motion was agreed to without discussion, and a committee, consisting of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. W. A. Cave and Mrs. Fletcher, appointed to carry out the work, in consultation with Canon Coleridge in the case of the earlier members.

#### TRURO GUILD'S POSITION.

This was the last of the motions on the agenda, and under the heading of 'Other business,' the Rev. W. H. Trehella raised the question of the position of the Truro Diocesan Guild under the new rules of the Council, which would come into force next year. Although they had about 800 members, up to the present they had always paid 5s. and sent one representative, although they were entitled to four. Next year they would have to pay for all four. Their membership was not individual, but went by towers. If a ringer became a member of a tower that was affiliated to the Truro Diocesan Guild he automatically became a member of the Guild. Out of their 800 members only about 55 were change ringers, and while the Central Council might interest the change ringers, it did not interest the non-change ringers, and he could not say what this section of the Guild would say to the increased subscription. If, therefore, they broke away from the Council, he would be sorry, but the Council would understand that their position was rather different from the rest of the

associations, and it would not be because they were against any of the Council's rules, but more on financial grounds.

The President suggested that Mr. Trehella should not let the Truro Diocesan Guild take any drastic action. The Council realised that their circumstances were of a very special kind, and if they could not afford to pay for four members they should come back and talk it over with the Council before they broke away (applause).

The Rev. W. H. Trehella thanked the president, and said he would do his best with his members next February. They were a long way away from the rest of the ringing world, but they liked to be linked up with the ringers of the rest of England and to welcome the change ringers who came to Cornwall and could show them how to do things they had not been able to do themselves, such as was done in that wonderful week last autumn (applause).

#### PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. W. PYE.

The President said he understood that in a few weeks' time a scheme was to be launched for a memorial to the late Mr. William Pye, sponsored by the Middlesex Association and backed by the Essex Association. That appeal would be a national appeal, and it would help the organisers if it had the backing of the Central Council. He was not going to suggest that they should make any subscription, certainly not that day, because after all their finances were not primarily for that kind of purpose, but if they passed a resolution approving of the scheme and notifying all the affiliated societies that it was approved by the Council, it would do more to help than if they merely gave a donation. He proposed that the Central Council back up the scheme and notify the affiliated societies that it did so (hear, hear).

The motion was at once agreed to.

The President said the hon. secretary had found it very useful to have copies of association reports as they came out. He would be very glad if the hon. secretary of each association would send him two copies.

The President said the next meeting of the Council would be in London, when the new rules would come fully into force and associations must pay affiliation fees based upon the number of members to which they were entitled.

#### 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Mr. C. H. Kippin asked what had happened with regard to the committee appointed the previous year to go into the question of advancing the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'

The President said the committee had had one meeting and still had the question before them. The Editor had introduced a new feature to try to interest more young ringers, and members of the Council could now assist by trying to induce young ringers to subscribe to the paper.

Mr. F. E. Dawe said this was one of the most important matters that could be brought before the Council. When Sir Arthur Heywood brought the Council into being it was principally to protect the rights of ringers and their interests in the future. Sir Arthur never had any idea that the members would come hundreds of miles to listen to a lot of twaddle that sent some of them to sleep and bored the remainder (laughter). What they should talk about were matters concerning their own future. There was a strong feeling growing up in many places and particularly in towns about church bellringing, and they would have to be very alert and prepared to meet that opposition. The only means they had of keeping in touch over things like this was through the ringing paper, and that paper only received scant support all over the country, compared to what it should receive. There were even a number of good ringers who did not support it, and in far too many cases there was only one copy taken for a tower and passed round. They could not put pressure on ringers to take the paper, but they could use their persuasive powers to induce them to do so. Hints for beginners were all very well, but in a month's time there was a fresh batch of beginners and it needed repeating all over again. What they wanted was more general support, and it behoved all ringers to do their best to increase the circulation.

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

Canon Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to the president for the able way he had conducted the day's business, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

Mr. W. H. Shuker proposed a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary, who did a lot of work, not only during the meeting, but all through the year. He would also like to thank the secretary's able assistant (Mrs. Fletcher) for all she had done.

The President said he was sure the Council wished to give their best thanks to the Mayor and Corporation of Shrewsbury for the use of that beautiful Council Chamber, one of the nicest rooms in which they had ever met. They also wished to thank the Bishop of Lichfield for his presence in the morning and for his address of welcome, the Shropshire Association for their hospitality, and Major Trevor Corbett, Mr. R. E. Pole and the committee who had made such excellent arrangements for the Council, the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells, and all the towerkeepers.—These votes were duly accorded.

Mr. Walter Ayre moved a vote of thanks to the Methods Committee for all the work they had put in. They spent an enormous amount of time in the interests of the Council, and he could speak

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**A HOT WEATHER CONTEST.****LIVERSEDGE WIN BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION'S SHIELD.**

The annual shield contest of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Silkstone on Saturday, July 13th. The test piece was 504 changes of Minor. The draw for order of ringing resulted as follows: Shelley A team (1), New Mill (2), Wath (3), Sandal (4), Liversedge (5), Shelley B team (6), Holmfirth (7).

The Vicar (the Rev. C. H. A. Bagshaw) opened his grounds to the public and had chairs placed under the trees round the lawn, which the visitors gratefully availed themselves of, the day being very hot. Bowls and clock golf were also played on the lawn by anyone who wished to mix them with the ringing. A company of about 60 sat down to tea, served at the Ring o' Bells. The last band came down from the tower about 7.30.

The meeting was held on the lawn, the Vicar being voted to the chair, after being introduced to the company by Mr. C. D. Potter. Six new members were elected, and it was agreed to hold the next monthly meeting at Kirkthorpe.

The judges, Mr. W. Idle and Mr. G. Lewis, announced their adjudication as follows:—

Shelley A team: 110 faults, 10 penalties, total 120.

New Mill: Ring out.

Wath: 169 faults, 5 penalties, 174.

Sandal: 75 faults, 75.

Liversedge: 59 faults, 5 penalties, 64.

Shelley B team: Ring out.

Holmfirth: 70 faults, 70.

Liversedge were, therefore, declared winners.

The Vicar presented them with the shield, and Mr. Potter presented each member of the band with a case of fruit spoons.

The Vicar also presented some small prizes to winners of the clock golf tournament which had been played during the afternoon.

The usual votes of thanks were passed and concluded a most pleasant day.

**BELLS OF ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM.****RECAST AT CROYDON FOUNDRY.**

During the week-end the ringers of the St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, visited the Croydon Foundry to view the ring of ten bells which with one exception have been recast and entirely refitted. It certainly looks a magnificent job, and the final verdict is looked forward to with confidence when the rededication takes place some time about the end of August.

Each bell retains its original inscription, but in modern lettering, the cleanness of the casting being a strong point on all the bells. The new tenor is particularly ornate, and a delightful contrast to the stern simplicity of its predecessor. This makes the sixth new tenor to the peal.

A specially designed headstock has been fitted to the grand old ninth bell (date 1595), which resumes a long and faithful service, clean and fresh both in body and voice. The small sanctus bell, undated, but older even than the 9th bell, is accommodated in a small cage at the side of the frame. There will be something worth seeing in St. Mary's tower when ringing is resumed.

The ringers wish to thank Mr. Cyril Johnston, Miss Nora Johnston and the members of the staff, who individually and collectively made the visit so pleasant and interesting.

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personally of Mr. Trollope's willingness to supply Surprise methods to anyone who asked for them.—The motion was carried.

This concluded the business of the Council, which rose shortly before 6 p.m.

Afterwards members and their friends were the guests of the Shropshire Association at tea, which was served at the Lion Hotel.

Thanks to the association were voiced by the president and acknowledged by the Rev. E. C. Pigot, the hon. treasurer, in the absence of Major Trevor Corbett, the Master, for whose absence he apologised. He hoped the visit of the Council would put new life into the association.

Ringings took place at various churches in the evening, and afterwards a social took place, when many old friends had the opportunity of enjoying an hour or two together.

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND RINGING TOUR****BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED ON AUGUST 14th.**

The book on the Australian and New Zealand ringing tour will be published on Wednesday, August 14th.

As already indicated, there will be only a limited edition, and those who wish to make sure of a copy must order at once from the office of 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey. The price will be 2s. post free.

In addition to the story of 'A Great Adventure' the book will include many hitherto unpublished photographs and the history of ringing in Australia.

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**RIPPINGALE BELLS RESTORED.****AN AUGMENTED RING.**

On Saturday, June 29th, the bells of Rippingale were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Lincoln. The original peal of five have been retuned and a new treble added by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. They have been rehung in an iron frame and ball bearings. It was a glorious day and nearly 70 ringers came to try the reconditioned peal. Their verdict was unanimous, 'A fine job.'

Tea was provided and afterwards the bells secretary (Mr. S. Laxton) gave an account of the means used to raise the amount, about £300. He stated that the sum received from the postcard competition was £85 (net £66 6s. 3d.).

The captain (Mr. Challand) welcomed all the ringers, and Mr. G. Harrison, of Messrs. Taylor and Co., also spoke.

Ringers came from Bourne, Morton, Edenham, Rotherham, Folkingham, Oakham, Deeping, Grinton, Boston and many other places. The Guild Ringing Master (Mr. Rupert Richardson) and Mrs. Richardson came from Surfleet, and were very pleased with the tone of the peal and their sweet running.

The effort to raise funds for the work has only been started about three years, but the Rippingale band of ringers gave their salary of £10 for four years, and, thanks to the energetic work of the Rector (the Rev. J. E. Williams), practically all the necessary funds have been raised.

In addition to the work on the bells and frame, a new silence floor has been fixed.

The dedication service was very impressive and a good congregation assembled. Special singing by the choir and a splendid address by the Archdeacon helped to make the day a memorable one for all who attended, and also for all those who have so generously helped to make the peal second to none in Lincolnshire.

It is over 100 years since the bells were hung in a wooden frame and for some years they have been very difficult to ring. Then the death-watch beetle got to work and so weakened the frame that something had to be done immediately. Now it is hoped to reap the benefit of the work. The Rector and churchwardens are very grateful for all the help they have had from fellow-ringers. The inscription on the new treble (weight 5½ cwt.) is as follows:—

'Jubilee Bell, 1935. J. E. Williams, Rector. J. T. Bryan, Churchwarden. W. B. Williamson, Churchwarden. G. Challand, Capt. C. Pickering, Vice-Capt. S. Laxton, Bells Sec.'

**ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL RINGERS VISIT MOULTON.****A LINK THROUGH DR. MADGE.**

St. Albans ringers, under the leadership of their foreman, Mr. Goodenough, recently paid a visit to the Moulton, Northants, tower. The Moulton ringers, men and ladies, under the leadership of Foreman Tom Tebbutt, and the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Turner) were waiting to welcome them. The St. Albans ringers had the honour of being accompanied by Dr. S. Madge, F.S.A., who entertained both bands as his guests to tea at the Church Room. Both towers are indebted to Dr. Madge for his kindly gift in each case of a new treble bell.

The party were joined during the afternoon by the Rev. J. White (Rural Dean and president of the Northampton Guild) and the Rev. R. C. Thursfield (president of the Kettering Branch), Mr. F. Wilford, Mr. R. G. Black (diocesan secretary), Mr. T. Law (foreman, Weston Favell), Mr. J. Taylor (ex-foreman, St. Giles', Northampton), Mr. T. R. Hensher, of Finedon, late secretary of the Northampton Branch.

The ringing throughout the evening was of a high order, and did justice to the fine toned ring of eight. The handbell ringing after tea also was most enjoyable, and seemed to develop into a contest of touches between St. Albans and Northampton.

After a happy evening, the St. Albans band, having been allowed to ring to their hearts' content, drove off in their charabanc with all good wishes from Northamptonshire, which some had never visited before.

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### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. LOWEST PEAL TOTAL RECORDED.

The annual meeting of this society was held at Lichfield and proved very enjoyable. Upwards of 90 members and their friends were present, including visitors from Birmingham, Crewe, Derby, Erdington, Loughborough and Stoke. The bells of the city, including those of the Cathedral, were made good use of during the afternoon and evening in a variety of methods. A bountiful tea was prepared in St. Mary's Hall by Mrs. Cresswell and her lady helpers.

The general meeting followed, when the Rev. — Cresswell, Vicar of St. Mary's, presided.

The report and statement of accounts were approved and ordered to be printed.

The hon. secretaries and auditor were re-elected, and Mr. F. Brotherton unanimously elected as Ringing Master. Messrs. B. Horton, J. Perry and H. Knight were chosen as representatives on the Central Council.

The following places were selected for the coming meetings: Kinver in September; St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, January; Walsall, April; and Lichfield (annual), June. Bi-monthly meetings, for practice, are to be arranged for the autumn and winter, of which due notice will be given.

Mr. C. Wallater made an appeal for help in the proposed scheme for rehanging the bells at Willenhall. In due course a letter of appeal will be sent to affiliated towers in the Archdeaconry.

The Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to the Venerable Archdeacon Hugh Bright in his serious illness, and thanking him for what he has done for the society in the past. Needless to say, this was unanimously agreed to. The Chairman expressed the hope that the Archdeacon's advice and counsel would still be available for the Church and diocese which he loved so well.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, received with acclamation, terminated the meeting.

The committee's report stated that meetings held during the year were at Lichfield, Tettenhall, West Bromwich (Christ Church) and Pelsall, and were all well attended. A pleasing little ceremony was performed at the conclusion of the business at the annual meeting, when the Ven. Archdeacon Hugh Bright made a presentation of a gold bell-shaped pendant to Mr. H. Knight, accompanied by a cheque, in recognition of his services as honorary lay secretary for 26 years.

Messrs. T. J. Elton and H. Knight attended the Central Council meeting at Shrewsbury, which was held in the fine old Council Chamber at the Castle, by the kindness of the Mayor and Corporation of Shrewsbury. The Lord Bishop of Lichfield gave the Council a welcome to the diocese. The number of peals rung during the year was the lowest for many years. One of Grandsire Cinques was rung in honour of the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Kent; one of Stedman Cinques to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the reign of His Majesty the King; and one of Stedman Caters to commemorate the 70th birthday of His Majesty the King. The list was made up as follows: Grandsire Doubles 1, Grandsire Triples 4, Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Triples 2, Stedman Caters 2, Stedman Cinques 2, Darlaston Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 2, total 15.

Through serious illness, the Venerable Archdeacon—who has been president of this society for the past twelve years—has felt obliged to resign his office, much to the sorrow of the members. His interest in the society and his chairmanship at the annual meetings have been greatly appreciated. The committee regretted to record the death of Mr. G. A. Martineau, of Solihull, and Mr. William Pye, of Leytonstone; also of Mr. W. A. Wood, hon. lay secretary for the society during its first two years, who attended the jubilee meeting 50 years later, as Mayor of Lichfield.

### WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING AT CLENT.

The summer meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Clent, which is situated in some very beautiful country round the Clent Hills. There were about 75 members present, including Mr. William Short (Ringing Master of the association), Mr. Thomas Hemming (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. William Webb (Central Committee representative), Mr. Robert Matthews and others, including two visitors, Mr. J. Pagett and Mr. Albert Ward, of Derby.

Ringing on these nice old bells (tenor 12½ cwt.) was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Hamilton Fox) and tea in the Parish Room.

At the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Old Hill in September, subject, of course, to the necessary permission being obtained.

The Chairman agreed to the quarterly peal being attempted at Clent, and the arrangements were left in the hands of Mr. William Short.

Among the new members elected were Mr. Connolly, of North Stoneham, a life member, and Mr. Horace Lacey, of Belbroughton, an ordinary member.

The meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, particular mention being made of Miss Thatcher, who had provided such an excellent tea.

Owing to illness near the church the ringing afterwards was somewhat curtailed, but handbell ringing was indulged in at the tower.

### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

#### HANDSOME GIFT TO ASTON BELLS FUND.

The summer quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild was held in delightful weather at the old-world village of Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 6th. Before ascending the tower Mr. Roland Bragg showed those present over the ancient Parish Church, pointing out some interesting features. The peal of ten bells were recast and the tower and spire restored in 1932. Since then the chancel has been completely restored, and in due course, as funds are available, other portions of the church will be proceeded with.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in various methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. Later on a very pleasant hour was spent on the bowling green of the George Hotel, which is reputed to be 600 years old.

Tea was served in the lovely garden of Dascombe's Cafe, and the business meeting was held there. In the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., the chair was taken by Mr. Vice-President Paddon Smith. He congratulated Mr. Tom Miller on attaining his 77th birthday anniversary that day, and, on behalf of the Guild, wished him still more happy returns of the day. He also greeted Mr. Vice-President Tom Russam and Mrs. Russam.

The secretary announced that the total amount contributed by the Guild to the Aston Bells Restoration Fund was £20 15s., and thanked them for their generous support.

The following tower elections were duly ratified: Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Chislehurst; Mr. Malcolm Melville, Anstey, Coventry; Mr. Harold G. Jenney, Leicester, all as life members; Mr. Eric Evans, Erdington, as a country member.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston Parish Church on Saturday, October 5th, and the bi-quarterly meeting at Harborne Parish Church on Saturday, August 10th.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Roland Bragg for making all the local arrangements was proposed by the chairman, and this concluded the business.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### WESTERN DIVISION ATTENDANCE.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Bosham on Saturday, July 6th. Twenty ringers were present from Bosham, Brighton, Arundel, Chichester, Heene, Lymington and Portsmouth. At the short service an address was given by the Rev. G. Street, Vicar of Bosham, who extended to the ringers a hearty welcome. An excellent tea was provided at the Collins Tea Rooms, the Vicar and his wardens being present, also the choirboys.

At the business meeting the Vicar and his helpers were thanked for their kindness, and thanks were also accorded to the ladies and the organist.

The district secretary (Mr. A. W. Groves) said he was glad to see a good muster, but could not help thinking that there might have been many more if the local secretaries would only notify their bands after receiving intimation of the meeting. He had sent postcards to each one and gave notice in 'The Ringing World,' but had come across cases where members did not even know the meeting was taking place.

### SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

#### 312th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.

The Saffron Walden Society has celebrated another anniversary, this being the 312th. Ringing took place in the evening of June 27th so that the day should not pass unobserved by the members, the method rung being Stedman Cinques.

By the kind permission of the Vicar, the festival was held on Saturday, June 29th, when there was a good attendance of visiting ringers. The bells were set going at 2 p.m., and touches were rung on 8, 10 and 12 bells during the afternoon.

A meat tea was served at the King's Arms, Mr. A. E. Pitstow (Master of the society) presiding. A choral service was held in the church, at which the Rev. F. T. Fogarty preached a very interesting sermon. After service all moved to the tower and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

The Saffron Walden Society held its annual outing on Monday, July 1st, and were once again favoured with beautiful weather. Leaving home at 9 a.m., the first call was made at Chelmsford, where the party was met by Mr. J. H. Clark. The bells of the Cathedral were set going to a well-struck touch of Stedman Caters, after which Stedman Cinques and London Surprise (on the back eight) were rung.

It was intended to ring at Prittlewell, but on arrival the bellhangers were found in command and so ringing was impossible. An excellent hot lunch was served at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Mr. Lufkin, of the local band, being a guest.

The afternoon was spent at Southend, some of the company going on the water to see the battleships lying out at sea, some going as far as Sheerness, whilst three, more musically-minded, made their way to the Westcliff bandstand and listened to a nice programme of music by the band of the Irish Guards.

On the return journey a call was made at Great Baddow, the methods rung being London and Cambridge Surprise, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The next tower visited was Writtle, where a course of Superlative was attempted, but the ringing was stopped owing to a musical rehearsal in the church.

The homeward journey was ended at 10.45 p.m., all agreeing that a most enjoyable day had been spent.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th. \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival, 1935, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. Howes, Vicar of Beenham, Berks. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund. Ringing as usual. The G.W.R., L.M. and S. and L. and N.E. will issue cheap tickets to Oxford for that day from any station not more than 60 miles rail journey.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District. — The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Netherseal, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the New Village Hall. A hearty welcome will be given to ringers from other districts. Let us have a good meeting in this beautiful village. — Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hadley on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed. —C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The midsummer quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8, tenor 24½ cwt.) available 3. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting, in the Denbigh Arms, at 5.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, at a charge of 1s. per head. —Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pitminster on Saturday, July 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Jubilee Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Nayland on Saturday, July 20th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Taylor's, Mill Street, at 5.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurmaston (6) on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Buses every few minutes from Jubilee Road (Belgrave Road), Leicester. — Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Machen on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. I should be glad if all who can make it convenient will attend.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Earlsheaton on Saturday, July 20th. Draw 2.45 p.m. — L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at Great Doddington, near Wellingborough. Bells (5). Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—A. Bigley, Hon. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Hodnet July 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Uphill on Saturday, July 20th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, Local Sec., 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the Rochdale and Manchester branches is being held at Moorside on Saturday, July 20th. These bells are in perfect order and have a grand tone. Roll up and make the meeting a success. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.—H. Hamer and D. Brown, Hon. Branch Secs.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Pavenham on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Ideal spot for a summer meeting. You will be very welcome. — Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, July 20th. This grand ring of bells will be available from 2.45 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — A meeting will be held at Tenterden to-morrow (Saturday, July 20th). Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Make it a record attendance. — H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Barnes, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (sweet 8) 3.30. Service 5. Tea, followed by meeting, 5.30. Further ringing till 8.30. A welcome for all, but please advise me re tea. Buses 37, 33, 73, 9. S.R. half a mile.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at Rippingale. Bells (6), lately restored by J. Taylor and Co., will be available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. — C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

**SPICED PLEASURE.**—Rickmansworth, Herts (8 bells), Saturday, July 20th. Ringing from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea and meeting 5.30. Direct train or coach service. Plenty of room for your bike. A real pow-wow meeting.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Drayton-to-morrow (Saturday, July 20th). Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—A mid-week meeting will be held at Woodford on Wednesday, July 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea (gd. per head) notify me not later than Tuesday, July 23rd? Important business to be discussed at this meeting. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Pebmarsh on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday morning, 24th? This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Baslow (6 bells) on Saturday, July 27th. Edensor bells (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening. No arrangement made for tea. Subscriptions are due. — J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec., North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. If fine, tea will be held, by kind permission, in the grounds of Cecil House, if wet in the Schoolroom. It is most essential that all those intending to be present advise me not later than Wednesday, July 24th. There is a frequent bus service to and from Brentwood.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival and meeting will be held at Norbury Church (Hazel Grove), near Stockport, on Saturday, July 27th. Service, with dedication of the Memorial Tablet to the Rev. A. T. Beeston, at 3 p.m. Meeting 4 (in the schools). Tea (also in the schools) at 5, price 2s. Members 1s. 6d. Tickets may be obtained from the general secretary, the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich Vicarage, Cheshire, or from the branch secretaries.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Summer meeting at Whitley Bay on Saturday, July 27th. Bells of St. Paul's available at 3 o'clock. Evensong in church at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5. Members intending to be present please advise me before the 24th.—G. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitechurch Canonicorum, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Everybody welcome. — C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A meeting will be held at Titchmarsh on Saturday, July 27th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea should advise me by July 24th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Nominations of officers. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Rectory Garden, followed by business meeting. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 24th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

**A JOINT MEETING** of the Suffolk Guild and South Norfolk Association will be held at Elveden on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. C. Sharpe and Nolan Golden, Dis. Secs.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Sedlescombe on Saturday, July 27th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

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**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Swainswick, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — T. Grant, Hon. Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Iron Acton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than the 24th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch. — The summer meeting of the above will be held at Mapledurham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 till 8 p.m. Ringers' service in church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head) at Mapledurham Lock. By special permission cyclists can use the bridle path from the Warren, Caversham, and pedestrians can cross the 'Roebuck Ferry' and walk across the fields. Corporation buses run from the centre of the town to the Roebuck Hotel. Please let me know how many for tea by Wednesday, July 24th.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch. — A meeting will be held at Stanground on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. A new treble bell has just been added to this tower. — H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Otley Parish Church on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).**—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 27th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 and tea afterwards. Everybody welcome, but please send numbers for tea to Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham, by Thursday, 25th.—A. H. Smith and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at All Saints', Higher Walton, on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. All welcome and a good attendance hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business important. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

## MARRIAGE.

**MARCON—NORTON.**—On July 13th, at Boultham Church, Lincoln, by the Rev. W. W. Leeke, Harold, younger son of the late Rev. H. A. and Mrs. Marcon, Wragby Road, Lincoln, to Sylvia May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Norton, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln.

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