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BELL BROADCASTS.

The subject of bell-broadcasts was discussed by the Central Council on the report of the Press and Broadcasting Committee. There were two points on which there was no disagreement expressed—that when bells are broadcast, only the best ringing should be sent over the air, and that, in many cases, the ringing that is heard is definitely bad and, from the viewpoint of the Exercise, likely to do more harm than good. As to the best method of assuring the one and remedying the other there was a diversity of opinion—as was to be expected—and, while suggestions were made, it is left to the Committee to endeavour to devise a way out if they can.

It will be generally agreed, as the President remarked, that no such indifferent exhibitions as are sometimes put up by ringers would be tolerated in any other kind of B.B.C. performance, and yet the public get rank bad ringing thrust upon them. The causes are various. When a broadcast is to take place from a church, those concerned, looking at it from a parochial point of view, want their own people to share the 'glory'—which perhaps is natural. But the trouble is, in the case of ringers, there are many local bands who are not capable of giving, in their ringing, anything like a proper performance and, what is more unfortunate, they do not themselves realise their own limitations and that they are incapable; neither does the incumbent. These broadcast services and the accompanying ringing are among the things of which there is no trial audition, so that the B.B.C., even supposing they knew what the ringing should be like, have no means of knowing what kind of performance to expect.

As to the remedy, the Committee are left with a difficult task if they are to find one which will provide fewer deplorable exhibitions and yet preserve unity in the belfries concerned. More than one speaker urged that interference, not merely from outside, but even from incumbent or captain, might break up a band. That is unquestionably so, and will be as long as ringers remain selfish and fail to accept the view that in the case of a broadcast the perfection of the ringing stands before their personal pride. Even interference through the county or diocesan associations would in such cases be resented, but, while everyone desires to see bell broadcasts retained, and even increased in number, as providing a characteristic English atmosphere as a preliminary to these services, it is not too much to say that, where the bands are incapable of good ringing, it would be better to have no broadcast of the bells at all. But who is to decide? It is a delicate problem. One poor ringer may spoil the efforts of the whole band. It

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looks as if improvement can only be effected in two ways, first by persuading the indifferent ringers that they should be prepared to stand down on such occasions in the interests of good ringing; and secondly by adopting the very sensible action of the ringers of Sheffield, and specially practising the touch to be rung. But what can be done with the band who do not know that their ringing is bad?

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 7
HARRY HOSKINS 2	JAMES BENNETT 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ERNEST BRETT 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 10
STAFFORD H. GREEN 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

* F. W. CECIL CURTIS Treble	RUSSELL W. CURSON 6
GEORGE LAYERS 2	HENRY TOOKE 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING 3	ALBERT G. WARNES 8
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 9
GEORGE BAILEY 5	† A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

E. DENNIS POOLE Treble	GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 3	WALTER LAGO 8
WILLIAM A. FARMER 4	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 9
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON ... 5	ALAN JONES Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by E. V. RODENBURST.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. T. C. Rowley, for many years headmaster at the Boys' Council School, Coalbrookdale, who was also a sidesman at Holy Trinity Church.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*ROBERT BROWN 5	*JOHN YOUNG 5
ALBERT APPLEBY 2	*JAMES SHARPE 6
*ARTHUR ELLIS 3	WILLIAM WILKINSON 7
FRANK DEWEY 4	†WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal of Major. † 100th peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ARTHUR HEYWOOD Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 5
OSWALD J. HUNT 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 6
†ARNOLD BRUNTON 3	LESTER L. GRAY 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First Surprise peal. † 50th peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 7, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	*CYRIL J. BURNS 5
*PHILIP W. J. FRYER 2	RUSSELL CURSON 6
GEORGE T. PEGMALL 3	WALTER R. FARROW 7
*THOMAS E. SPEIGHT 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. CLOVER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of the ordination to priesthood of the Rev. F. Jarvis, Vicar of Wymondham. First peal on the bells by an entirely local company.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 5
*THOMAS E. DENYER 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
RICHARD V. FULLER 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD W. R. COATES Treble	ANDREW L. WAITLING 5
CHARLES F. SAYER 2	*WILLIAM C. PORTER 6
GEORGE LEE 3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN 7
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON

* First peal. The conductor's 200th peal and 115th peal as conductor.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CHARLES LOOME Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
FREDERICK G. GUNTON 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
GEORGE W. HOWLETT 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
STANLEY W. COPLING 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

A. P. Cannon's 30th peal as conductor.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 11, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
A. PATRICK CANNON 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
FREDERICK J. ROOPE 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
*CHARLES BAKER 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* 275th peal and aged 77.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 11, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*FRANK W. BROWN Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
†GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
†WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER 7
FREDERICK PICKARD 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER Tenor

Composed by E. F. GOBEY.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in two Treble Bob methods. † First peal of Major. First peal in two methods as conductor. Rung in honour of the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the 4th.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
WALTER AYRE 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
*JOHN E. ROOTES 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. Mr. Hibbert has now rung 25 peals on each of the 7th and tenor in this tower.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	REGINALD MARTIN 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	*HARRY G. FELTON 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
*BASIL REDGWELL 4	ALBERT WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method and rung at first attempt.

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SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WALTER FRANKS 1	JAMES G. POWELL 5
C. ALFRED LEVITT 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD 6
WILLIAM GORRINGE 3	ALBERT RELFE 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 4	GEORGE KING Tenor

Rung non-conducted and silent.

First non-conducted peal of Grandsire for the association.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

KATELEEN E. FLETCHER 1	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILFRED EDWARDS 2	JOHN T. FOWLER 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
JESSE HARRISON 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN 1	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 5
JAMES DURRANT 2	GEORGE LILLEY 6
JAMES ROSE 3	GEORGE W. ASLITT 7
GEORGE MOORE 4	WILLIAM STANNARD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Blake, one of the local ringers.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER 1	*MRS. E. K. FLETCHER 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD 2	HARRY KILBY 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
ERIC B. HARTLEY 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. J. LOCK.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob on tower bells. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the consecration of the church. First peal in the method on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. TIMMIS 1	ERIC E. SPEAKE 5
WILLIAM BRANT 2	CHARLES R. COLLINS 6
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
THOMAS G. MARTIN 4	JAMES SHAW Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to 'Jimmy' (the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Collins), who died in Wolverhampton Borough Hospital on Friday, June 5th. Mr. Collins is the captain of the St. Luke's band of ringers. With the exception of Mr. Shaw (who hails from Bushbury), all are Sunday service ringers at St. Luke's Church.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—At the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, on Tuesday, May 19th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Wood (first 720) 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, W. Brown 3, W. F. Sheraton 4, W. Sheraton 5, J. A. Brown (conductor) 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

LEONARD PRYKE Treble	LEONARD OFFORD 5
WILLIAM R. J. FOULSON 2	WILFRED JARVIS 6
LAWRENCE POULSON 3	MAURICE T. SYMONDS 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	ALFRED H. WATSON 5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON 2	DAVID CRACKNELL 6
ROBERT RICHES 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	CHARLES LOOME Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 14, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*A. OLIVER LEWIS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
JAMES WOODYATT 3	WILLIAM LEWIS 7
WILLIAM R. POWELL 4	†GEORGE COLLEY Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE A. PACKHAM, JUN. Treble	CHARLES H. WICKENS 4
FREDERICK C. PACKHAM 2	ERNEST F. PACKHAM 5
*FREDERICK GODSMARK 3	*JOSEPH MANSBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by G. A. PACKHAM, JUN.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells. Rung on the back six, as a birthday compliment to J. Mansbridge and in celebration of 'The Ringing World's' silver jubilee.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEORGE BIGGS Treble	†MISS SYLVIA R. BOWYER 4
*GORDON C. LEACH 2	*REGINALD J. ARBON 5
STANLEY G. MOSS 3	Cecil H. Aldous Tenor

Conducted by C. H. ALDOUS.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor in three Minor methods. Miss Bowyer is the first lady to ring a peal on the bells.

EVERTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The extent of Double and Single Court, Double Bob, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LUNN Treble	G. LESLIE A. LUNN 4
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL ... 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

Rung for the patronal festival.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.
*WILLIAM MORRIS Treble | EDWARD HILL 4
CHARLES E. EDWARDS 2 | WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
HAROLD WALKINS 3 | DENIS A. BLAKEWAY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. McCorquodale, of Cound Hall, chief donors to the cost of the rehanging of the bells.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Canterbury, 10 six-scores of St. Simon's, 10 six-scores of Plain Bob, each with four different callings, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire with 10 callings.

THOMAS M. JORDAN Treble | NORMAN STATHAM 4
LEONARD P. WARD 2 | FRANCIS R. DEACON 5
*E. HAROLD FARMER 3 | E. ARTHUR HALL Tenor

Conducted by F. R. DRACON.

* First peal. First peal in four methods by all the band. Rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years in Holy Orders by the Rev. S. R. Pocock, Rector of Peckleton.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS HARPIN Treble | WILLIAM STAPLETON 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2 | *GEORGE WRIGHT 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3 | HERBERT SHARPE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss Spurgin, a devoted worker of this church and a friend to ringers.

TYDD ST. MARY, Lincs.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.).

FRED WIGMORE Treble | CLAUDE COUSINS 4
WALLACE W. COUSINS 2 | WILLIAM SEEKINGS 5
JOHN C. FRANCIS 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON
First Surprise peal on the bells.

GREAT BARFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores (10 callings) and one 240 of Grandsire, and 20 six-scores of Bob Doubles. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

HUGH E. HARDING Treble | C. HENRY HARDING 3
REGINALD HOUGHTON 2 | EDMUND WAGSTAFFE 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

First peal of Doubles by all the band.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.
CHARLES V. CADE Treble | JOSEPH A. LUNN 4
*ROBERT W. PARKER 2 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
*ARTHUR A. CLARKE 3 | GEORGE LESLIE A. LUNN Tenor

Conducted by G. L. A. LUNN.

* First peal. Rung on the eve of the festival of Corpus Christi.

WALLINGTON, Herts.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.
EDWIN C. BOCK Treble | JOHN CHURCH 4
JOHN PRESTLAND 2 | PERCY TOMPKINS 5
WALTER D. POOLEY 3 | R. THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

Rung in the octave of Corpus Christi.

ALGARKIRK, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 57 methods, viz.:-

- (1) Benington, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Alford, Candlesby, Langton and Tattershall Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
- (2) Elston, Clarence, Old Oxford, Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Marple, Braintree, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood and St. Albans Delight.
- (3) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury, College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob, and Wath, Carisbrooke, Pontefract and Dunsott Delight.
- (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise.
- (5) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob.
- (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree.
- (7) Double Court, Hereward, Oxford Bob and Single Court.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL Treble | HAROLD BARSLEY 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2 | CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL 3 | VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Arranged by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

There were 196 changes of method. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal. Alford, Candlesby, Langton and Tattershall Alliance are now all rung for the first time.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, Herts.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1936, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpire—Stephen H. Hoare

The peal consisted of 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol and 672 Cambridge and Superlative and 111 changes of method. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor size 12 in F.
KATHLEEN M. JOHNSON 1-2 | AMY R. JOHNSON 3-4
*FLORENCE A. JOHNSON 5-6

Conducted by AMY R. JOHNSON.

* First peal on a working bell and 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to Florence A. Johnson.

FOR BEGINNERS.

A STEP FORWARD FROM BOB MAJOR.

Many ringers who have reached the Bob Major stage turn to Double Norwich as the next step in their advancement. It is an excellent step to take, too; one of the reasons being that the place making of the method forms a good introduction to the place making in a very large group of more advanced methods, such as Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

The places are made in front of and behind the treble as it passes through 3-4 and 5-6 up and 6-5 and 4-3 down.

When going up, the 4th's is made before the 3rd's (that is you go up to 4th's and stay a whole pull, and then step back for a whole pull in 3rd's) and the 6th's before the 5th's; coming down the 5th's is before the 6th's and the 3rd's before the 4th's—in each case you go to the farthest place first.

One effect of making the places when the treble is in each of these positions is that the place making bells all have a single dodge either before or after the place, and another effect is that, except when the treble intervenes, all the bells, both in front and behind, double dodge.

This double dodging is by some ringers known as 'first,' 'full' and 'last' work (either in front or behind). 'First' work is after your whole pull, when you take the treble off lead or turn it from behind; 'full' is when you have a double dodge both before and after leading or lying behind, and 'last' is when you dodge only before leading or before the treble turns you from behind.

The place making is known as 'near' and 'far,' according to whether you are nearer to or farther from the front or back, as the case may be. Places in 3-4 going up and in 5-6 coming down are, therefore, 'near' places, and in 5-6 going up and in 3-4 coming down are 'far' places. The single dodge attached to the place is always made *after* the 'near' place and *before* the 'far' place. This dodge is with a bell that makes no places at all and is called the 'Treble Bob bell,' because, as it passes up, it simply dodges in 3-4 and 5-6, or, as it comes down, in 6-5 and 4-3. This is the bell that takes the treble off at lead (or turns it from behind, for, remember, all the work is doubled and is the same from the back as from the front). At the end of its Treble Bob path, which, of course, begins and finishes with a *double* dodge, it is turned from behind (or taken off at lead) by the treble. It is also well to note that this bell also passes across the treble in 4-5 or 5-4, according to the direction in which it is travelling.

Another point about striking over the treble is worth remembering. The places are made across the treble, so that when you are making places going up your *second* blow in 4th's or 6th's is *over the treble*; when you are making places coming down your *first* blow in 4th's (having already made 3rd's) or 6th's (having already made 5th's) is *over the treble*.

In fact, the treble is of the greatest aid in ringing Double Norwich, and for that reason we agree with those who say that the treble should be rung by the safest ringer in the band. You can, of course, memorise the order of the work, without the aid of the treble, thus:—

After 'first work,' Treble Bob.

After 'last work,' make near places.

After 'full work,' make 'far' places.

You get these pieces of work alternately in front and behind. First work in front is followed by last behind; last behind by full in front; full in front by first behind; and so on. But with the treble for a guide, put it like this:—

Pass treble 1-2 (or 8-7, down), make near places.

Pass treble 2-3 (or 7-6), make far places.

If you do not pass the treble in either of these positions you are the Treble Bob bell. This way of putting it supplements the first and is especially useful, when you are beginning, if, when you leave front or back, you are not sure, for some reason or other, whether you have done 'first,' 'full' or 'last' work. Another helpful point is that both front and back the bells dodge in their proper coursing order.

Double Norwich differs from Bob Major in its bob making. Whereas in the latter the bob is made on the three front bells, the bob in Double Norwich is made by the three back bells.

The Treble Bob bell going up makes 6th's after dodging in 5-6 (up), then dodges in 6-5 (down) and becomes the Treble Bob bell down. The two bells behind continue to dodge until the treble comes up and separates them: the bell dodging down (passes treble 7-6) goes to far places (dodge 4-3, make 3rd's and 4th's) and the bell dodging up, being turned by the treble, that is, actually passing it in 8-7, goes to near places (5th's and 6th's, and dodging afterwards).

FORTY YEARS AT CATHEDRAL.

On Wednesday, June 10th, at the Cathedral Campanile, Chichester, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: H. W. Storey 1, W. Falconer 2, T. A. Doick 3, W. E. Tickhurst 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, C. Marshall 6, J. H. Blake 7, W. Carver 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. Arthur, who had been a regular Sunday service ringer at the Cathedral for 40 years, and was also a member of the Sussex County Association.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

MR. GEORGE LADD'S JUBILEE.

One of the stalwarts of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Mr. George Ladd, of Pinchbeck, hon. secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch, has reached his jubilee of membership, and the event was suitably celebrated when the branch met for a quarterly meeting at Pinchbeck on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ladd received gifts as a fitting memento of the auspicious occasion.

Despite the inclement weather, the meeting was well attended, ringers being present from Long Sutton, Holbeach, Whaplode, Fulney, Spalding, Deeping St. Nicholas, Surfleet, Gosberton, Donington, Bicker, Branston, Lincoln, Blankney, Rotherham, Oakham, Market Deeping and the local band.

Ringling commenced about 2.30 and service was attended by upwards of 60 ringers. An excellent address was given by the Vicar (who is also the president of the branch) on the subject of 'Worship.' An excellent tea was provided at the Bull Inn by Miss Orbell, 70 sitting down.

Afterwards the president of the branch (the Rev. E. C. Gee) made the presentations. That to the hon. secretary took the form of a grandmother clock, while Mrs. Ladd received a beautiful thumb handbag.

The inscription on the clock read as follows: 'Presented to Mr. George Ladd by the members of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers on the 50th anniversary of his election to the Guild, and in appreciation of his work as secretary during the last 26 years. June 13th, 1936.'

The president expressed great pleasure at making the presentation, as Mr. Ladd and himself were boys together, and because of the work Mr. Ladd had done for the church as a ringer and during the last 16 years as churchwarden.

The secretary, in thanking the members for their beautiful present, said that during the time he had been a member he had only missed two meetings and wondered if that was a record.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and organist, and to Miss Orbell for providing such an excellent tea. Afterwards the bells were kept going in various methods up to 9 o'clock.

The following telegram was received during the evening: 'Grimsby District ringers assembled at Bigby send heartiest congratulations to Mr. Ladd and wish him many more active years with us.'

NEW BELLS AT TETSWORTH.

GENEROUS GIFT TO OXFORDSHIRE PARISH.

By the generosity of Mrs. A. E. Hutt, the ancient peal of six bells at Tetworth, Oxon, have been recast and rehung. The present church, described by an architect as 'a sound Victorian job,' was built in 1855. It replaces one, which, in part, was Norman and had a wooden belfry at the west end. This undoubtedly contained three bells in the reign of Edward VI., 1553, and there is a record of a bell which had the inscription, 'In Honor Sancti Egidii' (In Honour of St. Giles), upon it. Such inscriptions are very early and may go back to the 13th century. Three of the old bells, now replaced, were dated 1695, one 1702, one 1787 and the treble 1853. The earliest were cast by R. Keene, of Woodstock; the next by Richard Chandler, of Drayton Parslow, Bucks; the fifth by J. Rudhall, of Gloucester; and the treble by Charles Warner, of the Crescent Foundry, London.

The new bells and the old are about the same weight, 20 cwt. 22 lb., the lightest ringing peal, so far as could be traced, ever to have been cast in the Whitechapel Foundry and amazingly sweet in tone. All the old inscriptions have been reproduced, and a new one added, 'These bells were recast and rehung by Mrs. A. E. Hutt in memory of her husband, late churchwarden of Tetworth.' This by request of the Parochial Church Council. The date medallions from the old bells have been mounted on oak as a memento, and are now hanging in the church where people can see them.

Messrs. White, of Appleton, undertook the contract and carried it out exceedingly well. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were the founders of the new bells.

Tetworth is indeed blessed in having such a wonderful and timely gift, for the old bells were greatly worn, one was cracked, and the timber of the frame crumbling, in places, to dust.

The dedication service took place on Saturday, May 30th, and was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Henderson, Rural Dean, in place of Bishop Shaw, who was detained by illness. The Rev. S. J. Nightingale (Vicar) took the prayers, the lessons were read by the Vicar of Thame and the Rector of Chinnor, and a very helpful address was given by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Many other local clergy were present and also the donor of the bells, Mrs. A. E. Hutt, and her son, Mr. J. Hutt. The large village church was crowded with ringers from all parts and local friends.

After the service Mrs. Hutt entertained nearly two hundred guests to tea, prepared by Churchwarden Eccles, in the Old School, and skilled change ringers from many towers delighted listeners with touches which had not been heard for close on a century in this steeple. However, the parish now has a band of keen young ringers who promise well for the future.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DORCHESTER BRANCH MID-WEEK MEETING.**

A mid-week meeting of the Dorchester Branch, which proved most enjoyable, was held at Abbotsbury on Thursday of last week. The weather was all that could be desired, and 'fleming June' lived up to its reputation.

The bells were raised about 3 o'clock and practice with a few learners in method ringing was encouraged. The Guild office was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon W. S. Moule, and an excellent address was given by the Rev. G. H. Moule, who had just returned, after many years, from Japan. He said it was appropriate that the gathering should be held on St. Barnabas' Day. The saint was a man of brightness and cheerfulness, and their bellringing, he said, brought brightness and cheerfulness.

Following the service the members adjourned to the Reading Room, where a bountiful tea, arranged and provided by lady members of the Church Council, was enjoyed. Forty-eight members and friends sat down including Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bird, welcome visitors from Heston, Middlesex.

A short business meeting was presided over by the chairman (the Rev. A. W. Markby), and the secretary reported that the next meeting would be held in August at West Lulworth.

Four new members were elected, and Mr. C. S. Bird was elected a life member.

The Chairman gave the visitors present a hearty welcome, and proposed the usual vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation.—The Ven. Archdeacon Moule replied.

The secretary gave a short resume of the meeting of the Central Council, which he attended, on Whit Tuesday.

The belfry was again visited, the bells being available until 9 p.m. The Tropical Gardens—the great attraction which this noted village affords—were open to the visitors. The following towers were represented at the meeting: Abbotsbury, Dorchester, Fordington, Sydling, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Tempsford, Beds, on Saturday, May 30th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 300 Grandsire, 480 Bob Doubles): H. E. Harding 1, T. Bartram 2, R. Houghton 3, E. Wagstaffe 4, C. H. Harding (conductor) 5, B. F. Sims 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon Williamson, for over 30 years Rector of this parish, whose funeral took place earlier in the afternoon.

HENRY JOHNSON'S SON.**DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH JOHNSON.**

Mr. Joseph Johnson (youngest and last surviving son of the late Henry Johnson) died from bronchial pneumonia at Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, on Monday, June 8th, in his 80th year.

Mr. Joseph Johnson, who was a member of St. Martin's Guild for many years, was not so well known as a ringer as was his famous father, or his brother Henry ('young Harry'), who was an exceptionally fine heavy bell ringer attached to St. Martin's. He, however, was a service ringer for many years at Edgbaston Parish Church when the tower only contained six bells. He also rang the tenor behind to two eight-bell peals, and was a regular attendant at the various meetings of the Guild. Until this year he regularly attended the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, where he was a familiar figure. Mr. Johnson married twice. His first wife died in March, 1920, and his second wife about two years ago.

The funeral service, conducted by the Rev. Canon Dunne, Vicar of King's Norton, took place on Friday at Brandwood End Cemetery, the chief mourners being his daughter and three sons. St. Martin's Guild sent a wreath and was represented at the cemetery by Messrs. W. Dowding, H. Withers and A. Walker.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wargrave on Saturday, June 6th. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon S. M. Winter), who gave a most interesting address based on the opening words of Psalm 122. He spoke of the number of people who visited our Parish Churches and found much to interest them, and dwelt especially on many points of interest in his own church, mentioning amongst other things the chalk font made from chalk taken from a pit in the parish. The Vicar concluded by saying that ringers visited churches for another purpose, which was to ring the bells to remind people of their duty to God.

About 30 ringers partook of tea kindly provided by Canon Winter, who was heartily thanked by Canon Coleridge, who also gave a brief and interesting account of the Central Council meeting in London.

It was encouraging to see many young ringers present, most of whom rang for the first time on eight bells. The methods on this fine ring during the afternoon and evening included Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire, Cambridge Minor and rounds. The towers represented were Wokingham, Sandhurst, Hurst, Sonning, Twyford, Wargrave, Waltham St. Lawrence, Finchampstead, Sunbury, Middlesex; Wooburn, Bucks; Caversham; St. Laurence, Reading; and Nettlebed. The visitors included Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, from Kent.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Another peal in four Spliced Surprise methods on handbells by the Oxhey band! On Wednesday of last week Messrs. Hodgkiss, Woolley, Cashmore and Brinklow 'did it again.' Two such performances in so short a time shows that they have mastered the job. What next, we wonder?

In connection with the Ladies' Guild meeting at Handsworth, Sheffield, to which we referred last week, we are asked by the hon. secretary, Mrs. E. Dorice Kelly, to say that every member of the district, including the vice-president, was informed of the changed date a fortnight before the meeting took place.

The peal at St. Peter Mancroft last week was arranged for the conductor (Mr. Pat. Cannon) by Messrs. B. Thompson and N. Golden, and those on the two succeeding days at Redenhall and Pulham by Mr. E. Whiting. Mr. Cannon wishes to acknowledge the kindness of these gentlemen and the bands who rang with him.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, are to make a new ring of six bells for Lansallos Church, near Looe, Cornwall. Lansallos tower is a particularly fine one, and it is gratifying to know that a good peal is now to supersede the one cracked bell which the tower hitherto has contained.

Sunday next is the 26th anniversary of the dedication of Truro Cathedral bells. At the dedication Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Kent Treble Bob Royal were the methods rung. To date peals in these methods have been rung on the bells with the exception of Bob Royal. It is to be hoped the anniversary will be suitably remembered.

At this time one calls to mind the peal of Cambridge Royal of September, 1934, when the late Mr. William Pye rang the tenor. Although a sick man, it was done faultlessly. It proved to be his last ten-bell peal.

A determined effort is being made to complete the octave by adding two bells to the present ring of six at Stoke Poges. Extra practices are being arranged, the first is on June 20th at 6 p.m., in the hope of interesting the large number of visitors to this church during the summer months.

The ringer of the 7th in the peal of Bob Royal at Cudham, Kent, on May 30th, was Frank Corby.

ASSOCIATION EXCLUDES PEAL.

Mr. R. G. Black, hon. secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, asks us to call the attention of the Peal Analysis Committee of the Central Council to the fact that the peal of Doubles rung at Whiston, Northants, on April 11th, 1936, for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, is not included in their records, one of the ringers not being a member.

ACCIDENT TO GUILDFORD RINGER.

Mr. William R. Melville, a member of the band at the Cathedral, Guildford, met with a somewhat serious accident at Winchester on Whitsun Tuesday. He was on the point of catching a bus to return home to Guildford when he stepped off the pavement and was knocked down by a motor-car. His head was injured, his right arm so badly lacerated that numerous stitches had to be inserted, and one leg was damaged. He was conveyed to Winchester Hospital, where, we are pleased to say, he is making good progress towards recovery.

Mr. Melville has taken an active part in the affairs of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and served for some years as Ringing Master of the Guildford District. Mrs. Melville is also a member of the Cathedral band, and their daughter (Mrs. C. H. Kippin) is among the most expert of lady ringers.

CHARLES CHURCH BELLS, PLYMOUTH.

The ring of ten bells, with a 24 cwt. tenor, at Charles Church, Plymouth, has not been in use for three years. Ringers of the district will, therefore, be interested to know that the bells are to be rehung and No. 8 bell recast by Gillett and Johnston.

PRESENTATION TO LAMBERHURST LEADER.

On Thursday evening of last week, after practice, the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Lamberhurst, made a presentation to Mr. A. Relfe in recognition of his services as leader of the band during the last ten years. In making the presentation, the ringers expressed the hope that he would lead them for many years to come. Mr. Relfe thanked the ringers for their gift and said that they had already repaid him for what little he had done by their regular attendance for Sunday service ringing. The bells are rung for matins and evening-song every Sunday. The gift was a copy of 'Legends of the Bells,' by Mr. E. Morris, and is inscribed, 'Presented to A. Relfe by the ringers of St. Mary's, Lamberhurst, in recognition of your services as leader and conductor during the last ten years. June, 1936.'

THE SPLICED SURPRISE HANDBELL PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The members of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association desire through your columns heartily to congratulate the Oxhey handbell ringers on their magnificent performance.

J. CHARNOCK, Branch Sec.

THE BROADCASTING OF BELLS.

CRITICISMS AT THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Better Ringing Wanted.

Some outspoken criticisms of recent broadcasts of bells were made in the course of an interesting discussion at the Central Council meeting. It arose on the report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee.

On the subject of broadcasting the report said: Broadcasts of bells have been commendably frequent, chiefly before evening services, with the welcome addition of well-struck Stedman Triples from Croydon Parish Church on a few Sunday mornings. On some of these occasions the transmission of the bells has been deplorably curtailed or interrupted—two particularly regrettable instances were the fading out of a fine touch of Stedman Caters at Bristol, in which several members of the Council were taking part, and Croydon bells being heard one Sunday for only 35 seconds—but a number of protests were seriously considered by the B.B.C., and a great improvement has been effected.

A highly gratifying feature has appeared in a series of broadcasts entitled 'The Ringing Isle.' Bells of various churches in the North have been broadcast on Sundays at 5.15 p.m., and a record taken of the ringing and reproduced on Monday evening. These broadcasts would serve their purpose better if they were arranged in consultation with responsible officers of the county or diocesan association concerned, so that towers might be selected not only for local or historical interest, but also with a view to a high standard of change ringing. The performances on these occasions have been, to say the least, uneven, but it is satisfactory to record that the latest example, Grandsire Caters well rung on the magnificent bells of Selby Abbey, was entirely admirable.

An intensely interesting broadcast was given from the Municipal Belfry at Berwick-on-Tweed on New Year's Eve, and the midnight ringing from London towers was most effective. In the broadcast of his late Majesty's funeral, the solemn tolling of Big Ben and the muffled peals from Westminster Abbey 'with measured beat and slow' were profoundly impressive.

The bells of St. Peter Mancroft were included in a talk to schools on East Anglia, but the record was not satisfactory, and protests from the Norwich Association and the Church authorities evoked an apology from the B.B.C.

Amongst notable performances for the purpose of broadcasting may be mentioned a touch of Major at Portsea, and touches of Caters at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, and Cinques at St. Laurence's, Reading.

The Bells of Bethlehem were again heard in the memorable Empire broadcast on Christmas Day. Another familiar feature has appeared in a new guise. A new record of Bow Bells was transmitted one evening in the 'Saturday Magazine.' It remains to be seen whether it will prove such a favourite as that of the old ten bells.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, in moving the adoption of the report and referring to the broadcasting section, said apart from the beautiful broadcasts of muffled bells at the late King's funeral, there were two matters of exceptional interest, one being the broadcast from the Municipal Belfry at Berwick-on-Tweed on New Year's Eve, and the other the series of broadcasts on Sunday evenings under the heading of 'The Ringing Isle.' The quality of the ringing in the latter was referred to in the report, although not so bluntly as the president would probably have put it (laughter). But the intention of the B.B.C. was admirable.

'SIMPLY AWFUL.'

Mr. A. P. Smith, in seconding, said he thought it was time somebody like the president did speak bluntly with regard to the quality of the ringing in some of the broadcasts. Much of the ringing put over was simply awful. They had heard ringing where the ringers could not even ring rounds. Instead of doing any good to the ringing Exercise, it definitely did harm. Whether that Council could do anything he did not know, but he suggested that if it could be done, associations, or church authorities, or captains of bands, should be prevailed upon to pick the best ringers available for the job, and not, if they were not competent, men who ordinarily rang at the tower.

Mr. G. R. Newton, referring to a broadcast from a Lancashire tower, said he offered to get a band so that they could have good change ringing, but the local ringers decided that their own company should ring rounds and call changes rather than let an outside band come in to broadcast. That was all right, if they got good rounds and call changes, but it was not what members of the Exercise set out in the early days to do. Their idea was to put across good change ringing and let the public know what good change ringing really was. He was not decrying good rounds and call changes—one of the best broadcasts he ever heard was from Buckfast Abbey about 1925, when rounds and call changes were rung with mechanical precision. The point he wanted to make, however, was that on every possible occasion they should have a good touch of change ringing, and not encourage the ringing of rounds or even call changes (hear, hear).

The Rev. H. Drake suggested that representations should be made to the B.B.C. that they should have some person on their staff or have an honorary adviser competent to tell them something of what was necessary for ringing, so that the B.B.C. should not make mistakes in the future.

Canon Marshall said the secretary of the Yorkshire Association had received a letter from the B.B.C. asking him to suggest towers where good ringing took place. He did not know whether other secretaries had received any such letter.

POOR BROADCASTS FROM LANCASHIRE.

The President said it was a good thing to have the subject ventilated, particularly as to the quality of the ringing that was broadcast. He thought they could leave it to the committee to go on trying to get into touch with the B.B.C. He doubted whether such a course as suggested by Mr. Drake would be acceptable to the B.B.C. He thought it would be far better if the B.B.C. wrote to the associations in the way Canon Marshall had mentioned. He did not know whether that letter had anything to do with the fact that the four Yorkshire broadcasts had seemed to be so much better than the Lancashire broadcasts. He heard two of the latter, and he said to his family that he would be ashamed to make such a noise on practice night with his beginners. The playing of any other instrument in such a manner would not be tolerated for a single instant. When it was put out as change ringing it did a tremendous lot of harm.

Mr. A. P. Smith: It is a disgrace to the Exercise.

The President said the trouble was how to bring it home to ringers. Evidently there were parts of the country where ringers did not know what good striking was. They did not seem to have heard bells rung with rhythm, or to make any attempt to attain it. How to remedy this state of thing he did not know, except that they must go on trying to be missionaries to get better striking. It applied not only to Lancashire, but to many other parts of the country. It was one of the most serious things they, as a Council, had to tackle.

Mr. E. P. Duffield asked if the committee had considered the advisability of sending a letter to all the associations suggesting they should try to impress on their members the necessity of providing competent bands when bell broadcasts were to be given.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards said one of the chief difficulties in that matter was the feeling of the local clergy and ringers. Many of the parochial clergy took the view that, when a broadcast was given, their own men should give it, and in the great majority of cases the local clergy did not understand what good ringing was. There was also the feeling among the local ringers.

Mr. A. P. Smith: That is exactly the case, and I am glad to hear Mr. Edwards, as a parson, admit it. All this trouble is due to the cussedness of the parson. It only requires the Vicar to say, 'My own ringers are not good enough. I hear them every Sunday, and I am not going to allow such rubbish to be broadcast.' The incumbent should say to the captain, 'Choose a good band; we will have the best ringing it is possible to get from this tower next Sunday night.' That is what you want to tell your brother parsons.

SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES.

Mr. J. Parker said that in many towers the ringers did not know that they did not ring as well as other people, and if the Vicar told them a special band was to be brought in for a broadcast, they would turn round and say, 'Get them to come every other Sunday,' and finish.

Mr. A. E. Sharman said he belonged to a band who rang for Sunday services a hundred times a year. He personally would not object to asking a band to come and broadcast, but it seemed to him if they were to turn round and say to their regular ringers, 'We do not want you on Sunday when we broadcast,' they would not get a band on the following Sunday. They had to be very tactful when they had a voluntary band.

Mr. S. H. Wood said he had heard no suggestion that any competent band should seek outside assistance. The point was that ringers who were not competent to ring properly should get outside help. There were a lot of local ringers, not very good ringers, who would rather make a bit of a noise, even though it was being broadcast, than call in outside assistance. It would be much better if they would take the wider view. It was very important to the whole Exercise that only the best ringing should go over the air.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said there seemed to be a great deal of haphazard method in the way the B.B.C. had been choosing the places from which to broadcast. He thought a way out of the difficulty would be to suggest to the B.B.C. that they approach the county or diocesan associations and ask their advice as to the bands in their districts which would be best for their purpose. Unfortunately, there were some individuals in bands who would insist on ringing, although it was known they were the very last persons who should be included if they wanted decent ringing. These broadcasts were arranged long before they took place, and it would be better if the responsible associations were consulted as to the qualifications of the ringers to broadcast. The only other alternative seemed to him to be for the B.B.C. to hold auditions at Broadcasting House. They would be 'fed up' more than the public (laughter).

Mr. G. Pullinger pointed out that a church was not chosen for the bell broadcast, but because it was a popular church and had a popular parson. It did not follow that the latter had a good team of bell-ringers.

Major Hesse said on the occasion of a broadcast to America from his own church (Haslemere) he chose two outsiders because he felt he could not include two of his own band. The two who were omitted had had 'the hump' ever since. That sort of thing broke up a band.

Mr. S. F. Palmer said at his own tower (Sheffield Cathedral), when they were asked to provide a broadcast, they immediately set themselves to practise specially for it on every available occasion. The broadcast was to consist of a course of Stedman Cinques, and he was proud to say they put a perfect course over the air. In the same way another church in Sheffield with eight bells a few weeks after followed this course and put some excellent change ringing over the air. In his opinion, if ringers at other churches would get in some special practice for the broadcast, the results would be better.

SUGGESTED APPROACH TO THE B.B.C.

Mr. F. W. Rogers suggested that the secretary of the Council might get into touch with the B.B.C. and get the programme of the proposed bell broadcasts for the next twelve months. He believed this would be available, because in the case of his church (Portsea) they had already been asked to broadcast next Palm Sunday. If the secretary got a list of these broadcasts and communicated with each guild or association, the secretaries of the latter, where they knew there was no competent change ringing band, could arrange for such a band to be formed.

Mr. A. Walker thought it would strengthen the hands of the committee if the approach to the B.B.C. were made by the committee. He could not say that it was always best to put over change ringing. If a band could not ring changes properly they could not put it over. It should be left to the ringers to decide; if they could ring rounds best, let them ring rounds. The ringing was put over not for the benefit of ringers, but for the general public, who were the people to be considered.

Mr. Duffield supported the suggestion of Mr. Rogers. He thought it would be possible to get advance information from the B.B.C., if they represented to the Corporation that their only desire was to take steps to secure better broadcasts, and then to approach the incumbents and say they hoped, if there was not a competent local band, that they would invite assistance from some ringing authority in their vicinity. It would, at any rate, diminish the number of very indifferent broadcasts.

The President said the whole thing required doing with a great deal of tact; there were all sorts of snags. He thought they could leave it to the committee, who had heard the various suggestions, including the suggestion about getting the list of broadcasts beforehand and then trying to influence the local incumbents or the local bands to put something good across.

This course was accepted and the report adopted.

THE LANCASHIRE VACANCY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the report of the Central Council meeting in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' the Lancashire Association is tabled as having left a vacancy on the Council.

This vacancy was caused by the lamented death of our president, and the officers and committee felt that, for this year, this vacancy should remain as a token of respect to Canon Elsee's memory.

I can assure the Council, through you, that the Lancashire Association will endeavour loyally to fulfil its obligations to the Council.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES, Hon. Treasurer.

Liverpool.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PUDSEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We must congratulate and thank both the B.B.C. and the Pudsey ringers for the fine performance given to us from the North Regional on Sunday. Apart from the slight hitch, the tapping was excellent, and it was a treat to follow a course of Surprise Major from start to finish.

A. BIGLEY, Branch Hon. Sec.,
Wellingborough Branch,
Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

AS IT SHOULD BE.

Dear Sir,—I have just been able to enjoy some excellent ringing from Pudsey. Apart from three or four false blows about half-way through and two more near the end, it was as broadcast ringing should be.

In these Northern programmes I have heard Wigan and Worsley as well, and, judging from results, it has been proved that a ring of eight suits ringer and listener far better than ten. Non-ringers with me appreciated this ringing of Major from Pudsey, which was definitely good. It made me want to be there.

Isle of Man.
Trinity I.

A. S. ROBERTS.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE TREASURER'S OBSTINACY.

As hon. treasurer, Mr. Fletcher formally presented to the Central Council the audited accounts, details of which were given in our issue of June 5th.

Mr. A. A. Hughes (auditor) proposed the adoption of the accounts. He had only one criticism, and that was that the hon. treasurer had not charged the Council as much as he should have done on certain items of stationery and printing; he was far too generous to the Council. He (Mr. Hughes) thought the Council should have paid, but Mr. Fletcher was very obstinate (laughter). He could do nothing with him; he did not know if the Council could.

The President: Do you propose a resolution that the hon. treasurer be less obstinate? (laughter).

Mr. Hughes said the things which Mr. Fletcher had bought were of immense advantage to the Council. They remained the property of Mr. Fletcher for the use of the Council. They ought to be very much indebted to him for the way in which he treated the Council (applause).

Mr. Coles (auditor) seconded the accounts, which were adopted.

NEW DEMONSTRATOR FOR RINGING MACHINE.

In a report on the Carter Ringing Machine in the South Kensington Science Museum, Mr. E. A. Young, one of the trustees, said on May 22nd an official inspection was carried out. A defect or catch-up in the mechanism was discovered, but before it could be located, closing time arrived and they had to leave. Mr. Sharman (the demonstrator) would attend at an early date and rectify the defect, and the payment to him of the fee of one guinea was recommended. Mr. A. G. Driver had attended three times to have the machine explained to him. The trustees thought Mr. Driver would make a good assistant demonstrator and recommended him for appointment.

Mr. Young said they had to fill the post vacant by the death of Mr. Fardon, and, after seeing Mr. Driver, they thought he would be a suitable person to appoint. His knowledge of the science of ringing was far beyond that of the average ringer, and he had in addition a flair for machines. He had a number of inventions of his own, and he developed ideas some years ago for producing changes by machinery. In connection with these ideas he got into touch with Mr. Woodhouse. They thought Mr. Driver could safely be appointed to fill Mr. Fardon's place. Mr. Young expressed regret that through the defect which was discovered, the machine could not be demonstrated on the previous day.

Mr. Hughes (the other trustee) seconded, and the report and recommendations were adopted.

The President said they regretted that Mr. Woodhouse had not been able to bring his machine to show the Council on that occasion as he had hoped. He did not feel equal to driving to London with his machine, and did not like to send it by train, as already one sent by train had unfortunately been smashed up.

Mr. Hughes said Mr. Driver had had a lot to do with Mr. Woodhouse's machine, and understood it almost as much as Mr. Woodhouse himself.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The report of the Standing Committee was a purely formal one, stating that the agenda had been considered and recommendations had been or would be made to the Council in the course of the meeting.

The President, in formally proposing the adoption of the report, said he wanted to take the opportunity of saying something about the Standing Committee. He believed there was a feeling among one or two of the members that the business of the Council was largely 'cut and dried' by the Standing Committee the day before and that the average member came there and voted 'yes' or 'no.' That was not at all the intention or the fact. If they did not have a Standing Committee they would have to have at least two days for their meeting. The object of the Standing Committee was to go through the business first, and when they made recommendations they made them because they thought they would shorten the business. It was just to give the Council a lead for discussion, but he hoped no member would think that because the Standing Committee made a recommendation they were not to get up and make a suggestion if they had something else which was better. He wanted to get rid of the impression that the Standing Committee tried to rule the Council. It did not try to do that at all; it tried to shorten the business by going through it and getting it into order beforehand.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

On the question of the election of the Standing Committee, the President pointed out that in 1933 the number of elected members was fixed by resolution at 12, with the officers and conveners of committees ex-officio. This time under the new rules they had two more officers, the auditors. Formerly the auditors were appointed by the Standing Committee from the Standing Committee at their meeting, and they audited the accounts then and there. They had changed that arrangement under the new rules, and the auditors were appointed officially by the Council for three years. The question arose whether the auditors were to be treated in the same class as the other officials and become ex-officio members of the Standing Committee. It was thought it would be a good thing if they were so treated.

Mr. A. P. Smith proposed that the auditors be regarded as ex-officio members. They were very important officials and should be present

at the meetings of the Standing Committee when matters of finance were discussed. Mr. Smith added that he would like to make another suggestion and that was that such old servants of the Council as Canon Coleridge, ex-president, and Mr. E. A. Young, ex-secretary, should also be regarded as ex-officio members of the Standing Committee. It did not seem right to him, he said, that after so many years of excellent service they should have to run the risk of re-election. He moved that, in addition to the auditors, the ex-secretaries and ex-presidents of the Council be regarded as ex-officio members of the Standing Committee.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor seconded. He thought they would agree that it was absolutely necessary for the good conduct of the business of the Council that the auditors should be on this committee.

Replying to questions, the President said the actual rules of the Council merely provided for the appointment of a Standing Committee. The idea behind this resolution was that only ex-presidents and ex-secretaries who were still members of the Council should be ex-officio members of the committee. They were now merely appointing the Standing Committee for the next three years, but it would form a good precedent for the future.

The proposal was agreed to, and, on the suggestion of the president, the election of the Standing Committee was left over until the rest of the committees had been appointed in order that the Council might know who the conveners (also ex-officio members of the committee) were to be.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The adoption of the report of the Peal Collection Committee, which appeared in our issue of May 29th, was moved by Mr. G. Lindoff, seconded by Mr. C. R. Newton, and agreed to.

Mrs. Fletcher resigned her seat on the committee, and Mr. T. B. Worsley was elected to fill the vacancy. The remainder of the committee, viz., the Revs. E. S. Powell and H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. G. Lindoff, G. R. Newton, G. R. Pye, C. W. Roberts and J. A. Trollope, were re-elected, with Mr. Lindoff as convener.

PRINTING OF SURPRISE METHODS DEFERRED

The adoption of the report of the Methods Committee, also published in 'The Ringing World' of May 29th, was moved by Mr. J. A. Trollope and seconded by Mr. S. H. Wood.

The President said the MS. of the book on Surprise Major methods had been handed to the hon. secretary. The Standing Committee had taken into consideration the question of publication, with a view to formulating a policy. The cost of printing the book, to keep its price down to about 3s., would involve an expenditure of between £80 and £100, which the Council could not stand at the moment without selling some of their securities, an action which the Standing Committee did not think wise. The committee came to the conclusion that it would be better to hold the book over for the present, so that it would be available for members to look through it, and then try to form some opinion as to the demand there was likely to be for the book. If it were thought there would be such a reasonable demand as would justify printing, they could then get into touch with the Standing Committee and possibly get the book out before the next Council meeting, after getting final estimates. The committee recommended that the book be not immediately published, but that it be left to the officials to go further into the question, and, if necessary, get authority from the Standing Committee to print or otherwise bring it up again next year.

This course was agreed to and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. E. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, the committee, consisting of Messrs. J. A. Trollope, S. H. Wood and E. C. S. Turner, were reappointed, with Mr. J. A. Trollope as convener.

A 'PEAL' DELETED FROM ANALYSIS.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the adoption of the report of the Peals Analysis and Records Committee, which was printed in 'The Ringing World,' with the tables of analysis, on May 22nd. Since the report was prepared, Mrs. Fletcher said, the figures of the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark had been found to be false, and the peal had been withdrawn. A note would be made of this in the Council's records.

Mr. G. R. Pye seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved that the peal of Minor rung at Wistaston for the Chester Guild on July 13th, 1935, be deleted from the Council's records. The peal, he said, contained three 480's of Little Bob and did not conform to any decision of the Council regarding a peal of Minor. It did not contain seven true 720's.

Mr. C. T. Coles, in seconding, said the onus of looking after the accuracy of peals was on the associations themselves. They should watch and see that all peals conformed to the decisions of the Council. It was the only way the Peals Analysis Committee and the Editor of 'The Ringing World' could be protected.

The Analysis Committee accepted the amendment to the report, which was then adopted.

Mr. Goldsmith then moved that it be an instruction to the committee not to include in the statistical tables any peal which was contrary to the decisions of the Council, but to draw attention to it in their report for decision by the Council.

Mr. G. L. Grover, who seconded, said the peal at Wistaston was not included in the report without due consideration. The committee put it in and called attention to it so that the matter might be raised before the Council.

Mr. E. P. Duffield asked whether, the Guild having already agreed to accept the decisions of the Council, such a motion was necessary? It seemed to him associations had already agreed not to accept such peals.

Mrs. Fletcher said the Chester Guild had not had an opportunity of considering the matter, as their annual meeting was to be held on the following Saturday. The Guild had not had a chance to discuss it before the committee published their report.

Mr. Pulling inquired whether this motion covered such things as Bob Triples and other methods which the Council had said should not be rung.

The President said the Council recognised such a thing as Bob Triples, but did not recommend it. It was only reasonable that all those societies who had agreed to abide by the Council's decisions should see that their peals were in conformity with them. The Council was not legislating for the past but for the future.

Mr. Rogers: Does it mean that the Chester Guild must withdraw that peal?

The President: Yes, that is the normal course.

The motion was carried and the committee re-elected as follows: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (convener), Messrs. C. Dean, G. L. Grover and G. R. Pye.

THE PRESS AND RINGING.

The report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee reviewed at some length the notice given to ringing in the Press of the country, remarking that a review of the past twelve months revealed a marked advance in the attention paid to the subject of bells and bellringing. Quotations from various articles were given, including pertinent extracts from the views of Mr. Filson Young in 'The Radio Times.' To these articles by Filson Young, continued the report, enthusiastic tribute was paid in a subsequent issue of 'Radio Times' by no less an authority in the musical world than Sir Richard Terry. Asking 'What has happened to Christmas?' Sir Richard deplored the passing of many old customs, and proceeded to say, 'Another old custom that seems to have gone to the wall is the Christmas peal,' and there followed from his pen a powerful plea for the maintenance of 'the art and craft of change ringing.' 'In these days of stressed nationalism,' he wrote, 'it ought surely to be no difficult matter to keep alive a craft that is not only exclusively English, but in itself a most fascinating study and a most healthy recreation.'

Amongst numerous references in the daily Press generally to bells and the art of ringing, it is of interest to note a spell of correspondence in the 'Times,' initiated by Sir Evelyn Wrench, on 'The Melody of Bells.' Well-informed articles and letters have appeared in the 'Norwich Diocesan Gazette' on 'Bells and Bellringing.' Concluding a discussion on the 'nuisance' of bells, the 'Birmingham Gazette' summed up the situation in the terse sentence, 'One a trial, but many music.'

The report further added that during the period under review Mr. E. Morris' fascinating work, 'Legends of the Bells,' with a wealth of delightful illustrations, has been published by Sampson Low, Marston and Co. The story of the famous ringing tour in Australia and New Zealand, with a history of ringing in Australia, was published in book form under the title of 'A Great Adventure.' The ringers' own journal, 'The Ringing World,' has celebrated its silver jubilee, and the Editor has received innumerable messages of congratulation, in which his colleagues on this committee heartily join.

After the discussion on Broadcasting, separately reported, the report was adopted.

The committee were then re-elected, viz.: The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (convener), Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, A. Padden Smith and A. Walker.

(To be continued.)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Turners Hill on Saturday. About 30 members were present from Balcombe, Brighton (St. Nicholas'), Crawley, East Grinstead, Lindfield, Turners Hill and Shoreham, with non-resident members from London, Reigate, Horley, Merstham, Beckenham and Carshalton. A short service was conducted by the new Vicar, the Rev. Canon Martley.

Tea at the Crown Inn was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. Walter Charman in the chair. The chairman apologised for the absence of the Vicar at tea, owing to his having only that afternoon moved into the Vicarage.

Six new members were elected. Mr. J. Manley raised the question of the provision by the association of a form of service to be used at the meetings.

The secretary announced the date July 18th for the dedication of the new tower and bells at Fairwarp.

The business concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the bells and service, to the organist, to Mr. W. Charman for presiding, and to Mr. J. Manley for providing the tea.

Further ringing took place until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal, the methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT AND CAPEL BELLS.

An enjoyable meeting of the Leatherhead District was held at Ockley on Saturday, about 20 ringers attending from Buckland, Capel, Charlwood, Cobham, Dorking, Epsom, Leatherhead, Newdigate and the local band. The Rector (the Rev. H. C. Martin) conducted the Guild's service and gave a short, helpful address.

A bountiful tea was served at the King's Arms, presided over by the Rector, who also took the chair for the short business meeting which followed. Two of the local band were made ringing members and one of the visitors a compounding member.

The next meeting, due to be held at Rammore on July 25th, was next discussed on a letter from the secretary of the North-West District of the Surrey Association, who stated that the Cumberland Youths were to hold a meeting at Beddington on that date, which would probably affect the attendance. He suggested that, subject to it being agreeable to the Cumberlands, Beddington be made the joint meeting place for the Surrey Association and the Guildford Guild.—This was agreed to.

The apathy with which the Capel authorities seemed to be regarding their bell restoration was discussed, and the Rev. H. C. Martin expressed his willingness to approach the Vicar of Capel on the subject to see if a move could not be made in the matter.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector concluded the business, and the tower was again visited for ringing, the six bells being made full use of, in rounds and methods ranging to a course of London Surprise, until they were lowered in peal (local surprise) at 9 o'clock.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT NETHERTON.

On Saturday, June 6th, at the cordial invitation of the Rev. E. L. Warren, the quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Netherton, the weather being all that could be desired. The bells were placed at the disposal of the visitors from 3 o'clock, and the Guild service was held in St. Andrew's Church, conducted by the Rev. Frank Carr. The lesson was read by the Vicar of Netherton, and the Rev. B. H. Green (Vicar of St. John's, Dudley) gave a very interesting address. After service an excellent tea was in readiness at the Church House, to which upwards of 70 members sat down.

At the business meeting the Vicar presided, supported by Mr. F. W. Jordan (churchwarden), Mr. J. Goodman, jun., and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard).

The Chairman, on behalf of himself, the churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council, gave the members a hearty welcome to Netherton.

The following new members were duly elected, having been previously proposed in the belfry before commencing a peal, viz., Mr. C. Wallater and Mr. W. H. Webb, Halesowen, performing members. Messrs. E. D. Poole, W. A. Farmer and A. Pritchard were elected life members.

It was arranged that the quarterly peal should be attempted at Netherton, the details being left with Mr. C. Skidmore (Ringing Master).

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Kinver, subject to the usual consent of the Vicar and local ringers being obtained.

On the proposition of the Vicar of Netherton, the secretary was asked to write a letter to the Rector of Halesowen (the Rev. Canon H. C. A. Colvill, R.D.) for his kind support of and sympathy with the Guild.

Hearty thanks were accorded the Vicar and all who had assisted in the arrangements, including the ladies who prepared and served the tea. The belfry was again visited, and the bells, which have recently been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were kept merrily going in various methods during the evening.

LADIES AT RADCLIFFE.

On Saturday last, a joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Northern District) and the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at Radcliffe-on-Trent. In spite of much rain, the attendance of ladies was very gratifying, members being present from Duffield, Long Eaton, Nottingham and Sutton-on-Trent.

Three new members, Miss Collings, Miss Kirton and Miss Moore, of St. Mary's, Nottingham, were elected to the Ladies' Guild. Touches were rung in the following methods: London, Cambridge, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, also rounds and Queen's, thus giving all present an opportunity of joining in the ringing.

A very enjoyable time was spent and thanks are extended to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local ringers, who had everything in readiness for the visitors.

CHURCH'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

On the occasion of the celebration of the diamond jubilee of St. Stephen's Church, West Ealing, Middlesex, on Sunday, June 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung before morning service: F. S. Palmer, jun. 1, E. J. Walsom 2, E. C. S. Turner 3, J. E. L. Cocker 4, P. E. Clark 5, H. Folkard 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, H. Belcher 8.

SPliced MINOR.

NEW RECORD NUMBER OF METHODS IN PEAL.

The rapid and interesting development of Spliced Minor ringing continues. Recently a Lincolnshire band rang 48 methods in a peal; at Disley, Cheshire, just afterwards a Cheshire band raised the number to 52. The Lincolnshire men on Whit Monday rang a 51 method peal, in which the first 720 was made up of four new Alliance methods, with Bastow Little Bob to complete the extent.

Last Saturday they capped all previous records by ringing, at Algar-kirk, a peal with no fewer than 57 methods woven into seven true 720's by that wizard of figures, Mr. A. G. Driver. This peal contained no fewer than 196 changes of method!

The 51 method peal, arranged by Mr. A. G. Driver, contained 172 changes of method. The four Alliance methods have not previously been published. It will be observed that they differ from those printed in the Central Council's Minor Collection in that the treble dodges in 3-4, as well as in 5-6, instead of in 5-6 only. These are all methods with 2nd's place at the treble's lead. The 57 method peal included the 6th's place companion methods, named respectively Langton, Tattershall, Alford and Candlesby.

Berington	Butterwick	Frampton	Freiston
123456	123456	123456	123456
214365	214365	214365	214365
241356	241356	241356	241356
423165	423165	423165	423165
421356	421356	421356	421356
243165	243165	243165	243165
423615	423615	423615	423615
426351	426351	426351	426351
243615	243615	426315	243615
423651	423651	243651	243651
243651	243651	243615	423615
423651	423651	243651	243615
243615	243615	423651	423615
426135	426135	426135	426135
241653	241653	241653	241653
246135	246135	246135	246135
421653	421653	421653	421653
412635	412635	412635	412635
146253	146253	146253	146253
142635	142635	142635	142635

The following compositions by Mr. A. G. Driver were used:—

IN 51 METHOD PEAL.	IN 57 METHOD PEAL.
23456 Benington	23456 Tattershall Alliance
42635 Benington	64523 Tattershall Alliance
64523 Freiston	S 35624 Bastow Little Court
56342 Freiston	— 63524 Bastow Little Court
— 23564 Frampton	56432 Bastow Little Court
52436 Frampton	45263 Bastow Little Court
45623 Frampton	24356 Bastow Little Court
64352 Butterwick	32645 Bastow Little Court
36245 Butterwick	S 63254 Butterwick Alliance
S 25364 Bastow Little Court	26435 Freiston Alliance
32456 Bastow Little Court	42563 Benington Alliance
43625 Bastow Little Court	54326 Frampton Alliance
64532 Bastow Little Court	35642 Frampton Alliance
56243 Bastow Little Court	S 62354 Bastow Little Court
— 25643 Bastow Little Court	36425 Bastow Little Court
62354 Bastow Little Court	43562 Bastow Little Court
36425 Bastow Little Court	54236 Bastow Little Court
43562 Bastow Little Court	S 25463 Alford Alliance
54236 Bastow Little Court	34625 Candlesby Alliance
S 25463 Butterwick	56234 Langton Alliance

42356

Twice repeated.

42356

Twice repeated.

DEATH OF AN OLD BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

SIXTY YEARS AT PERRY BAR.

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. William Cooper, of Birmingham, on Wednesday, May 27th, in his 88th year. Although not a ringer of many peals or methods, he faithfully fulfilled his duties as a service ringer at St. John's, Perry Barr, for a period of more than 60 years. He was held in great esteem by the local band and regarded as the 'father' of their company.

He was laid to rest in St. John's Churchyard on Tuesday, June 2nd, and the funeral was attended by many ringers representing Aston, Erdington and Handsworth. The respect which the deceased commanded was evident by the large number of persons present, in addition to relatives and friends, and the floral tributes were many.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Tye), and suitable selections were rendered on the organ by Mr. Statham, the organist. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung at the graveside. In the evening the tower bells were rung half-muffled by the local ringers, assisted by members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

NOTICES.

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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, St. Michael's on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service and tea at times suitable. I earnestly appeal for good attendance at this meeting.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington on Sat., June 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, E.C., on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at Chaddesley Corbett (8 bells) on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head.—Wm. B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 115, Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham. Phone: King's Norton 1542.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above Branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 in St. Mary's Parish Room, 9d. to fully-paid-up members, to others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — The 125th Ringing Anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Teashop opposite church. Hearty invitation extended to all ringers.—S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends welcome. Please come, a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Doncaster, Barnsley and Sheffield Societies and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Penistone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. each.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Barlow Moor, West Didsbury, on Saturday, June 20th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hunton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Parish Hall 5 p.m. Beautiful bells and lovely country for a mid-summer meeting.—D. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burescombe on June 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Stanmore, June 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.45. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec. 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Wethersfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Syston (8) on Saturday, June 20th (Thurcaston not available). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions due and Reports to hand.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, June 20th. Usual arrangements. Make this a record crowd.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Combined practice at Ottershaw on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 7 p.m.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A combined practice is being held at Hatfield on Wed., June 24th, at 7.30 p.m. Please turn up.—W. Nash, Branch Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Mid-week practice St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells), on Wednesday, June 24th, at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. St. Mary-le-Bow Sunday ringing postponed from June 27th until July 4th.—J. G. A. Prior, Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon on Saturday, June 27th. 3 p.m. service at Cathedral; 4 p.m. tea at Ely Tower (by kind invitation of the Lord Bishop); 4.30 p.m. business meeting. Times of ringing will be sent to each tower. Kindly let the Secretary know number for tea by June 20th.—L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector at 5.30 p.m., in the Parish Room. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, June 23rd. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Rd., Reigate, Surrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —The summer meeting will be held at All Saints', Bingley, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available 1 p.m. Tea (1/6) in the Church House at 5.30, but please notify Mr. A. Hopewell, 15, Westleigh, Bingley, before Thurs., June 25th. Business meeting immediately after tea. A good attendance is earnestly desired.—F. Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. —The next practice has been arranged at Burnham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea (at 1s. per head) for those who notify me not later than June 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-Super-Mare.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea at White Hart Hotel, 5 p.m. A p.c. re tea by Wednesday, June 24th, will be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fordingbridge on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Preston, Hon. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 27th. 8 bells, usual arrangements. Please advise for tea if possible. Ashbury (6 bells) available 7 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, 13, Marshall's Road, Raunds, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells), near Poulton, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Bring food, tea provided. Bus leaves Talbot Mews 2.20 p.m. Ringing visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify Mr. O. Smart, 31, Marlborough Street, Andover.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —A meeting will be held at Kirkby Moorside (by kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens) on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Evensong at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. John Anderson, Vivers Place, Kirkby Moorside, before Tuesday, June 23rd. A hearty invitation to all.—Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch. —A meeting will be held at Hoole on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Please send names for tea at least three days beforehand.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Avon on Saturday, June 27th. Usual arrangements. Please notify Hon. Sec. not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Eckington, near Sheffield, Saturday, June 27th (Norton not available). Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Notice of names for tea, 1s. 3d. per head, to be sent to Mr. O. Davis, White Hart Inn, Eckington, Sheffield, not later Wednesday, June 24th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—(Established 1623).—The 313th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Meat tea at 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me?—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. —Next meeting will be held at Rostherne on Saturday, June 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For tea please advise Rev. J. Hughes, Rostherne Vicarage, Knutsford, by 23rd inst. latest.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—A by-meeting will be held at Ashbury (6 bells) on Saturday, June 27th, at 7 p.m.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Knowle, Warwickshire, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, to be followed by business meeting. Kindly notify regarding tea by July 1st, to T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—*Do not* come to Benenden if you don't like really good meetings. The summer-meeting of the Tonbridge district, combining with the Romney Marsh and District Guild, will be held here on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Members who have booked coach seats please meet at S.R. Station, main entrance, 2.30 p.m. Please notify me for tea not later than Tuesday, June 30th.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute, Bancks Street, 5 p.m. Dunster (8) and Carhampton (6) bells available after the meeting, or at other times by previous arrangement.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at The Oaks in Charnwood, near Shepshed, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. All those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, July 2nd.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed.

The BELLS of Plympton St. Maurice Church, Devon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Plymouth on Monday, July 6th, at 7.30 p.m. Ring of eight recast and rebung in new frame by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival at Chertsey, Saturday, July 11th. All welcome. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5.15 (1s. each). Numbers for tea must reach me not later than Tuesday, July 7th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 11th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—**SHIELD CONTEST** will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 11th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Entries close June 27th. For tea please notify Mr. D. Smith, Rock Cottages, Shafton, nr. Barnsley, by Wednesday, July 8th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—During June, July, August and September, united practices will be held at Martock on Thursdays, at 7.30 p.m.—F. Farrant, Martock.

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THORNE, YORKS.—On Sunday morning, May 10th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Andrews 1, T. Leask 2, J. Thorley 3, T. A. Hepworth 4, C. H. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, R. Ward 8.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, May 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes): W. Grundy 1, R. Allred 2, T. Allred 3, W. Jones 4, K. Welsby 5, E. Yates 6, F. Grundy 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 9, R. Jones 10. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Viscount Brackley, son and heir of the Earl and Countess of Ellesmere. An attempt was made the day previous for a peal by the same band, but the ringing came to grief after an hour and three quarters.

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