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A DERBYSHIRE TASK.

Ringers living in the northern part of Derbyshire must welcome the effort which the Midland Counties Association has just made to revive its work in the Chesterfield district. Without the backing of an active organisation, ringing has a tendency to wilt, and ringers seem to lose interest. This has happened in the area where a new start was made on Saturday week, and it is to be hoped that there will be a rallying of forces to the assistance of the newly-appointed officers in what will probably be an uphill struggle. It is not easy to pull a district out of lethargy when it has been allowed to drift, and how sadly this had happened in the Chesterfield District may be judged from the fact that at the last annual meeting there were not even any officers appointed. When the local organisation comes so near to extinction as this, it will not be an easy task to bring it back to full life, and it should be the concern of every ringer in the area to give support to the men who have undertaken the work.

What the real cause of the final decline in interest was, we do not know, but it is not difficult to realise that it began with the closing down of the bells of Chesterfield church, itself a centre of great activity in ringing throughout a long period of years. With the silencing of the bells there was bound to be a slackening of interest, with all the doleful results which it inevitably brings about, and it is impossible to sustain animation in an organisation from without, if there is no life within. The nerve centre of the Midland Counties Association is now, at any rate, situated in Leicester, and is somewhat distant from North Derbyshire. This in itself must have made it all the harder to keep things going, and it rather indicates the desirability of further consideration of the whole position. The association spreads into a number of counties and more or less covers four dioceses, and there seems to be something to be said for those who contend that the time has arrived when there should be a decentralisation into separate diocesan organisations. When Sir Arthur Heywood founded the association, some sixty years ago, there was good reason for one large embracing organisation instead of setting up a number of small ones, but the growth of the number of bells in the area, the increase in membership, the spread of change ringing and, above all, the tendency in these days to link up the activities of ringing on diocesan lines, does suggest, not that the Midland Counties Association has in any sense outlived its usefulness, but that some further step towards diocesan management and interest might be well worth consideration. Only a few months ago a Derby

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Diocesan Association was suggested; it may be that
such an organisation under the ægis of the Midland
Counties Association might help to stimulate interest
both among ringers and clergy.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, May 23, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
ALBERT WALKER 2	*HOWARD HOWELL 8
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 3	*RONALD H. DOVE 9
†RONALD I. SHEPHERD 4	*JOHN S. MASON 10
†ALFRED ALLEN 5	FRANK E. HAYNES 11
WILLIAM C. DOWDING! ... 6	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (No. 1). Conducted by D. T. MATKIN

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells. ‡ First
peal on 12 bells and in the method.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	EDWARD R. COLES 7
*MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS 8
ALFRED H. POLLING 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	LEONARD STILWELL 10
RALPH COLES 5	JAMES BENNETT 11
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Cinques. Rung in celebration of Empire Day.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	WALTER AYRE 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 2	SIDNEY F. PALMER 8
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 10
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 11
GABRIEL LINDOFF 6	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

All the above are members of the Central Council.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

BRO. HENRY HODGETTS, M.M., Wilson Isles, No. 2054 Treble	
BRO. EDWIN BARNETT, M.M., Gavelkind, No. 4266 2	
BRO. HORACE GOODENOUGH, M.M., Semper Fidelis, No. 4393 ... 3	
BRO. REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY, M.M., Sir Bevis, No. 5072 ... 4	
BRO. GEORGE R. NEWTON, M.M., Temperance, No. 2714 5	
BRO. GEORGE W. STEERE, M.M., Sowest, No. 3797 6	
BRO. JOHN H. B. HESS, M.M., Cama, No. 2015 7	
BRO. ARTHUR D. BARKER, M.M., St. Clement Danes, No. 1351 ... 8	
BRO. STAFFORD H. GREEN, M.M., Whitgift, No. 3617 9	
WOR. BRO. FREDERICK WHITE, P.M., Holmesdale, No. 874 10	
BRO. ALFRED B. PECK, S.W., Lux in Tenebris, No. 3457 11	
WOR. BRO. J. H. FREEBORN, P.M., Chorley Wood, No. 3247 ... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by BRO. G. R. NEWTON.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques rung by a band of Freemasons.

LONDON.

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

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D flat.

ERNEST C. TURNER Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPEN 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 2	SIDNEY F. PALMER 8
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 4	LESLIE H. G. MORRIS 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	WILLIAM BARBER 11
GABRIEL LINDOFF 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS 8
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM 9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS 4	HARRY HOVERD 10
*EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 5	GEORGE W. STEERE 11
H. RICHARD FRENCH 6	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung in honour of the birth of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Symonds.

TEN BELL PEAL.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5163 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES H. RIDING Treble	HARRY OVERTON 6
GEORGE A. PACKER 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD 7
ROBERT SPERRING 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 8
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	PERCY SWINDLEY 9
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 5	HARRY THELWELL Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by R. D. LANGFORD.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Mary.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb.

PERCY GREEN Treble	*NORMAN F. GRINHAM ... 3
GEORGE GREEN 2	GEORGE SAUNDERS 6
*WALTER DORKING 3	*CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD ... 7
ARTHUR H. EVERETT 4	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Green.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... Treble	LEWIS W. KILBORN 3
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... 2	CHRISTOPHER G. HENDRY ... 6
GEOFFREY E. WATSON 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS 7
*RAYMOND F. LAW 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(South Forest Branch.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH HARPER Treble	JOHN J. WEBB 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	GEORGE WILKS 6
JOHN CLARE 3	WILLIAM BISHOP 7
SYDNEY E. ROMANS 4	HOWARD MEEK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Alice Horlick, a generous benefactor to the church and parish.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 3
JOHN H. ARBON 2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE WHITING 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
*FRANK STERRY 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. Tenor

Composed by C. W. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal of Major.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CLAUDE TEMPLETON ... Treble	ALAN D. STEEL 5
*WILLIAM CARNWELL 2	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE 6
WILLIS BOCKLEY 3	ANDREW THOMPSON 7
EDWARD STEELE 4	LEN DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. CARTLIDGE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A compliment to Mr. W. Edwards and Miss M. Hill upon their marriage.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 21, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

I. N. POMPHREY Treble	R. DRAINE 5
G. G. WALPOLE 2	ERIC DURRANT 6
R. WARMAN 3	W. C. MEDLER 7
L. LISTER 4	E. V. BLAKE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES DRAYCOTT ... Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 3	†JOHN GIBBONS 7
Mrs. D. E. BEAMISH ... 4	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First Surprise peal.

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On Monday, May 22, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	RONALD SUCKLING 5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN 2	HARRY G. FELTON 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
ALBERT WIFFEN 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN

* First peal in spliced methods. The peal consisted of 2,944 London, 640 Bristol, 640 Superlative and 832 Cambridge, with 112 changes of method.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 9 cwt, 2 qr, 1 lb.

ALICE M. SCOTT Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	ERNEST J. MONDAY 6
LESLIE A. TREMBER 3	REGINALD A. REED 7
* ANNE M. GUY 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by R. A. REED.

* First peal of Double Norwich, at first attempt. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor. Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr, 8 lb.

FREDERICK C. NICHOLS ... Treble	GEORGE R. FINCH 5
GEORGE BERRY 2	FRANK L. FISHER 6
CHARLES E. FISHER 3	† PHILIP C. BICKNELL 7
* JOE PREASTNER 4	JAMES M. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor and first attempt. A birthday compliment to Frederick J. Smith, of Ipswich.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

* JOHN O. LANCASHIRE ... Treble	* HARRY BROUGHTON 5
* ARNOLD BRUNTON 2	* WM. J. ROOT 6
* SHIRLEY BURTON 3	COLIN HARRISON 7
* SIDNEY O. CHENEY 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ARNOLD BRUNTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in Leicester. Rung on the 'Stelfox' eight.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Treble	BERNARD LAWTON 5
ALFRED DAVIES 2	* JOHN WILLIAM SMITH 6
THOMAS TOWNSEND 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
HAROLD SHUCK 4	HENRY HUBBALL Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

* First peal of Stedman.

SOWERBY, YORKS.—At St. Peter's for memorial service for the late Capt Bethune, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following on Sunday, May 28th, with bells half-muffled: H. Robinson 1, H. Smith (conductor) 2, E. Williams 3, A. Riley 4, H. Lamb 5, G. Briggs 6, W. Smith 7, E. Lamb 8.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... Treble	BERNARD S. NICHOLLS 5
GEORGE AYRES 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER 6
CHARLES COLES 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 7
* EDWARD J. B. MORTON ... 4	RICHARD T. SARGENT Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN ... Treble	MISS E. STEEL 5
MRS. P. HUMPHREY 2	MRS. J. E. DAVIS 6
MRS. P. BAGWORTH 3	MRS. J. BOTHAM 7
MRS. C. MATTHEWS 4	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	* GEORGE A. PARSONS 5
AUBREY L. BENNETT 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 5
JAMES P. HYBIT 2	LESLIE EVANS 6
GEORGE T. COUSINS 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS 7
WILFRED MORETON 4	ERNEST H. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SIDBURY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 16, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 callings. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

* WILLIAM T. PINN ... Treble	* KENNETH T. CLARKE 4
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	BRYAN PIDGEON 5
* MICHAEL E. DENNER ... 3	* REGINALD J. BUTT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

LLANFARCHHA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents with five different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	WILLIAM POWELL 4
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 2	LESLIE BAINHAM 5
SHIRLEY BORTON 3	ROBERT SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

First peal of Cambridge Minor for all and for the association. Rung for the festival of the Ascension.

STOKE ASH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each of Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon's and Canterbury Pleasure, 10 of Grandsire and 11 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ARCHIE E. LOCK Treble	LEONARD H. LOCK 3
VERA E. GOODENHAM 2	FREDERICK G. POPPY 4
WILLIAM A. LOCK Tenor	

Conducted by L. H. LOCK

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung on the second anniversary of the augmentation of the bells and to commemorate the completion by the Rector (the Rev. F. R. H. Perkins) of 50 years in the ministry.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 17, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 gr. 6 lb. in B.

*FREDERICK WATSON Treble	GEORGE CHARLTON 4
JOHN H. BAYLIES 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
*FRANK LONG 3	WILLIAM A. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method at the first attempt. Rung on the eve of Ascension Day for the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford, two each of Kent and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER WOODWARD Treble	OLIVER GREATHHEAD 4
J. THOMAS WHITE 2	RONALD H. DOVE 5
EDGAR C. STACEY 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

Rung in honour of Ascension Day. Also to celebrate the birth of the first grandson of the ringer of the fourth.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob spliced, Cambridge, Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's and Oxford and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

ERNEST POWELL Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH 4
RAYMOND J. CARLTON 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 3	EDWARD S. ROCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. ROCK.

First peal in eight methods by all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Brisley, a chorister at this church for 54 years.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Ockley and Norbury Treble Bob; (2) Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; (3) Newdigate and Willesden Delight; (4) Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight; (5) Charlwood and Wragby Delight; (6) Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

ALBERT T. BANCROFT Treble	ERIC ELLISON 4
REV. FRANK BONNER 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
THOMAS TAYLOR 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

Rung in connection with the centenary celebrations at this church. There were 49 changes of method.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

E. Banks James' Arrangement. Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. JOHN H. CRAMPION Treble	ERNEST J. BOILER 4
ERIC J. COE 2	JOHN G. NASH 5
ALFRED PRIOR 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

First peal on the bells.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER LYCETT Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 4
*THOMAS LEECH 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 5
THOMAS PRICE 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in six methods. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT Treble	FRANK H. HICKS 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS 3	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

THURLBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FIRMIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.)

*J. T. POLLARD Treble	W. NEAL 3
*W. H. OLDMAN 2	*F. W. FRENCH 4
H. GIBBARD 3	H. GIBBARD Tenor

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung as a welcome to the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Summers).

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. COLCOMBE Treble	*A. J. YOUNG 4
T. H. YOUNG 2	E. F. SALMONS 5
A. OAKLEY 3	H. D. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by T. H. YOUNG.

* First peal of Doubles 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 21, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twelve extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

RESWIN BAYES Treble	MAX LAUGHTON 3
EDWARD SMART 2	DONALD L. COCKINGS 4
THOMAS FLEMING 3	THOMAS FLEMING Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

First peal by all except conductor. Rung in honour of the election of the Vicar as president of the Wellingborough Branch.

SHELFANGER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 23, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

HERBERT WOODROW Treble | GEOFFREY KEMP 3

W. ARCHIE LOCK 2 | LEONARD H. LOCK 4

FREDERICK C. ROPER Tenor

Conducted by W. ARCHIE LOCK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. Ellis, churchwarden, who was interred the same day.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse College, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in A.

*WILFRED GOWING Treble | BRYAN O'NEILL 4

†JAMES D. TAYLOR 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 5

CYRIL A. BURGESS 3 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. Rung for Empire Day.

INTWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising four extents each of Reading, New Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Stedman, six of St. Simon's, eight of Plain Bob and twelve of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

CEDRIC CURSON Treble | GEORGE MAYERS 3

ERNEST G. SHORTING 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN 4

Cecil V. EBBERTSON Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in seven Doubles methods by all except the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT 19, MIDDLE LANE SOUTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

T. COLIN RYDER 1-2 | HAROLD CHANT 5-6

ALBERT NASH 3-4 | SIDNEY F. PALMER 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 18, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*ALFRED BALLARD 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 5-6

EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 3-4 | FRANK MEASURES 7-8

Conducted by FRANK MEASURES.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.' The conductor's first peal on more than six handbells.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 21, 1939, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT 30, LAUREL GROVE, PENGE, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (6th observation).

*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 1-2 | †FRANCIS C. SHORTER 5-6

DEREK M. SHARP 3-4 | †GEORGE W. FOGDEN 7-8

Conducted by DEREK M. SHARP.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.' First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' as conductor.

PEAL NOTES.

The Royal Cumberland Youths celebrated Empire Day by ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques at High Wycombe, conducted by the Master, Mr. George Cross. It was not the first peal the society had rung in this Buckinghamshire tower, where, nearly 200 years ago, John Holt called a peal of 'Bob Trebles.' The Cumberlands rang a muffled peal of Stedman Cinques at High Wycombe in 1916 'in faithful memory of Buckinghamshire men who had fallen in the Great War.' Three of that band, Messrs. F. Hayes, R. Coles and E. R. Coles, were in the peal on Wednesday week.

Incidentally the Empire Day peal rounded off what, we think, must be a rather unusual achievement. Without having in any way planned to do it, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith has rung peals in methods all the way up from Minor to Maximus since the beginning of this year. He is now accused of having joined the F.G.U.

In honour of Ascension Day, a peal of Minor was rung at Felkirk, Yorks, on May 18th. The peal also celebrated the birth, on May 10th, of Mr. Oliver Greathead's first grandson.

A peal of Grandsire Triples at Silverdale, Staffordshire, on May 20th, was a wedding compliment to Mr. W. Edwards and Miss M. Hill. Mr. W. Carnwell scored his 50th peal, which was, incidentally, his first peal of Grandsire.

Mr. James Bennett, of London, rang the treble to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Helmingham, Suffolk, on May 20th, and thus completed the circle of the tower. Mr. F. Sterry, of Earl Stonham, achieved a distinction that few can claim. To ring an inside bell to a Surprise method as one's first peal of Major, having previously rung only one peal, and that Doubles, was a highly creditable performance upon which he is to be congratulated.

Mr. R. E. Lambert, of Horsmonden, rang his 200th peal on May 20th when he took part in a peal of Minor at his home tower.

The peal of Doubles rung at Thurlby, Lincs, on May 20th, to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Summers), also welcomed into the world the baby son of Mr. R. Daff, one of the Thurlby ringers.

MR. W. J. NUDDS' RECORD.

The peal of Double Norwich Major at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, London, on Saturday, was the first on the bells since they were rehung last autumn by Messrs. Taylor and Co. It was very nearly a birthday celebration for Mr. W. J. Nudds. He was 71 last Monday.

It is just 50 years ago that he rang his first peal. This was at Diss, Norfolk, and his father took part in it—the last peal that he rang.

Since that time Mr. Nudds has taken part in some remarkable performances, among them the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 1909, the first time that one set of men ever rang the clock round, the 10,440 of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow in 1923, and the 7,392 of Cambridge Maximus at Bow in 1925.

On Monday a peal of Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate was earmarked as a birthday compliment to him.

The peal in four Spliced Surprise Major methods at Braintree, Essex, on May 22nd, was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Felton. Mr. Albert Wiffin has now twice 'completed the circle' at St. Michael's, Braintree.

Mr. James Hyett, of Hay, rang his 250th peal for the Hereford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, when he took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Clifford. Wilfred Moreton, who is only 14 years of age, rang the fourth and rang it perfectly.

A five-bell peal in seven methods was rung at Intwood, Norfolk, on May 25th. It was the first in seven Doubles methods by all except the conductor (Mr. N. Golden), and the first in more than four methods on the bells.

A peal of Bob Minor rung at Croft, Leicestershire, on May 17th, for the eleventh anniversary of the dedication of the bells, also marked the 21st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. W. A. Wood, who has now 'circled' the tower. There were four local men in the peal and one ex-local. It is the custom at Croft to ring an anniversary peal each year, with, as far as possible, a local band, and an unqualified measure of success has attended it. This was the eleventh successive peal.

'IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED.'

The handbell peal of Grandsire Triples at Penge on May 21st was rung at the eighteenth attempt. Spread over a period of 18 months, the attempts for Parker's Twelve-Part have been lost in the 8th, 9th and 10th parts several times, and once the band rang into the last part and lost it with only another 252 changes left to ring. But the band stuck to it and met each time as keen as ever, and, much to the satisfaction of everybody, they have now been successful.

Most of the attempts have been made at Penge, and Mr. and Mrs. Fogden, parents of the tenor ringer, have been unfailing in their generosity and hospitality after each attempt. Whether this has had anything to do with the failures as an excuse to meet again is not known, but the ringers wish to thank them very much for their repeated kindness.

Empire Day was celebrated on May 24th at Sherfield English, Hants, with a peal of Double Norwich, in which two young ladies took part and Mr. Reg. Reed, one of the most promising of the younger generation of ringers in the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, called a peal of Double Norwich for the first time.

Two seventeen-year-old members of the band at Aston, Birmingham, Ronald Shepherd and Alfred Allen, took part in a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's on May 23rd and thus rang their first peal on twelve bells. It is interesting to note, too, the name of Mr. Sidney Jessop in a peal once more. Some years ago Mr. Jessop was a very active member of St. Martin's Guild, but business kept him out of peal ringing for a long period.

Mr. E. F. Poppy's band at Stoke Ash, who only learned to ring two years ago when the bells were augmented to five, rang a peal in five methods of Doubles on May 17th to commemorate the second anniversary of the bells and the completion of 50 years in the ministry by the Rector, the Rev. F. R. H. Perkins.

The peal of Cambridge Minor at Llanfrehfa on May 17th was rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples. Mr. S. Burton, who belongs to Leicester, was elected a member of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association before starting and has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. This peal was the first of Cambridge Minor rung in the county of Monmouth.

A place where enthusiasm is growing in ringing is Sidbury, Devon. Four members of the local band rang their first peal—Grandsire Doubles—on May 16th. It was the first peal on the bells and it is hoped that this is but an encouraging step to further methods. In this case, too, one of the other local ringers sat in the belfry to watch the progress of the peal.

As a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Brisby, a chorister at Willesborough, Kent, for 54 years, a peal of Minor, the first in eight methods by all the band, was rung on May 20th.

Another youngster to score his first peal is fifteen-year-old Raymond Law, who on May 20th took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Thrapston, Northants.

With Mr. James D. Taylor taking part in a peal of Minor at Hitcham, Bucks, on Empire Day, every member of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, has now rung a peal in seven Minor methods.

Mr. Albert Prestidge, who for many years was leader of the Nether-ton, Worcestershire, band, had a compliment paid him by local ringers on May 25th when a peal was rung in honour of the anniversary of his wedding. The day also coincided with the birthday of he and his wife. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. Prestidge entertained the ringers.

The peal of the Royal Cumberland Youths on Whit Monday at St. Giles', Cripplegate, was the 300th rung by Mr. F. J. Cullum. The occasion was also in honour of the birth of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Symonds.

Twelve members of the Central Council accepted an invitation for a peal of Stedman Cinques at Croydon on Saturday. The band was made up entirely of visitors. None of them had rung a peal there before, and the kindness of the Croydon ringers, shown in this friendly gesture, was much appreciated.

The Freemasons added to the list of Craft peals on Saturday by ringing a peal of Grandsire Cinques on Bow bells. It was a good performance for a mixed band on this heavy ring.

On Monday two twelve-bell peals were rung in London. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, who have scored peals in many parts of England, rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Snoreditch, but their band was in no sense a Birmingham one. It could almost be described as international.

The ladies on Saturday showed their loyalty and their broadmindedness when, in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Mary, they rang a peal of Bob Major at St. George's, Southwark, for the Royal Cumberland Youths.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.

CADOXTON WIN COMPETITION.

The annual competition of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild took place at St. David's, Brecon, on May 20th, when seven bands competed for the shield. Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Aberavon, was the adjudicator and stated afterwards that there had been a very high standard of ringing.

The result was Cadexton 1, Llanelly 2, and Cefn Coed 3.

Lunch and tea were provided for the ringers by Canon J. Simon, B.A., and the parishioners of St. David's.

After tea Miss Simon presented the shield to the winners and certificates to the runners-up.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese made a presentation of a Westminster chime clock to Mr. C. Powell as a token for his faithful service to the Guild as treasurer since the commencement of the Guild and also to mark his retirement. Mr. Powell leaves the district early next month for North Wales. The best wishes of all the members of the Guild for a long and happy retired life were expressed on their behalf by the Bishop.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION AT MAYFIELD.

A successful meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association was held at Mayfield on May 20th, when members attended from Hastings (All Saints' and Blacklands), Hailsham, Waldron, Northiam, Heathfield, Rotherfield, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's, St. Mary's and Christ Church) and members of the local band. The Vicar conducted the service and presided at the tea.

Mr. A. E. Miles presided at the business meeting in the tower. Two new members—Mr. A. W. Kitchenside, son of the local secretary, and Mr. W. White, of All Saints', Hastings—were elected. The secretary (Mr. A. C. Pankhurst) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. Kitchenside for making arrangements for the meeting. The next meeting will be at Salehurst on July 1st. The bells were kept going until after 8 o'clock.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A preliminary to the Central Council meeting in London was a number of peal attempts on Saturday in and around the Metropolis. Among these members of the Council rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Croydon; a company of Freemasons scored a peal of Grandfire Cinques at Bow, Cheapside; a band entirely of ladies credited the Royal Cumberland Youths with a peal of Bob Major at St. George's, Southwark; and a peal of Double Norwich was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, but a peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Bishopsgate was lost about half way.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, of Cambridge University Guild, and curate of All Saints', Wokingham, Berks, has been appointed Minor Canon and Precentor at Norwich Cathedral.

The marriage is to take place on July 1st of the Rev. A. S. Roberts, who is now at Palmers Green, London, and Miss Jessie Angwyn, of Truro. Before he went into Holy Orders Mr. Roberts was a member of the band at Truro Cathedral, where Miss Angwyn still rings.

Another London ringer who will shortly be married is Mr. James Prior, hon. secretary of the Northern Division of the London County Association, and a member of the Metropolitan Police Guild.

It has been found necessary to change the place of the annual festival of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild to-morrow. It will be held at Newport Pagnell, instead of Shenley.

The Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild, has left Brampford Speke and taken up the living of Tedburn St. Mary, near Exeter.

A well-known Newcastle gentleman, who came to London for the Central Council meeting, wrote to a hotel not far from Euston for accommodation. His application was politely refused because there were 'a lot of bellringers coming to stay there'!

Will any ringer who may be on holiday in Cornwall during the period August 13th to August 26th, and who might care to stand in one or two peal attempts, kindly communicate with Mr. A. R. Pink, of Tregoney, 23 The Avenue, Kennington, Oxford.

Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, of Crayford, entered St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Sunday for an operation, fortunately not a serious one.

RINGING IN EAST ANGLIA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While thanking 'Old Ringer' for his correction, I must apologise for my memory having so far misled me. Evidently we have a long way to go before both the Suffolk Guild and the Norwich Diocesan Association both equal the record set up of 291 peals in 1913.

It would have been better to have said that last year the two societies for the first time each entered the small circle of those societies which reach the figure of 100 peals a year. This is a result we can each be proud of and each congratulate the other.

HERBERT DRAKE.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVIS SILENCERS TO BE USED IN NOISY TOWERS

Good weather attracted quite a crowd to Newdigate on Saturday, May 20th, for a meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The merry little ring of six bells was raised in peal soon after 3 o'clock, and kept going until 5 o'clock. The Guild service was then conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Stone), supported by choir and organist, and his address on 'God loveth a cheerful giver' of service, as well as money, was well worth hearing.

Tea was served in the Six Bells, 35 sitting down, presided over by the Rector, who, while regretting he was unable to stay for the business meeting, gave the district a hearty welcome to Newdigate and repeated his hope that the ringers would go on doing their job with cheerfulness.

Mr. A. Harman (Ringing Master) took the chair for the business meeting, the members first standing in silence to mark their sympathy on the death of Mr. A. Rice, who had belonged to the Newdigate band.

Three new members were elected, Mrs. A. H. Winch, of Leatherhead, an honorary member, Mr. R. Brett an unattached ringing member, and Mr. W. Claydon, of Reigate, a compounding member.

The secretary then asked for permission to proceed with the purchase of a set of Davis silencers for use by the district in towers where complaints about the noise were persistent. He said he knew that suitable shuttering of the louvres made the best job, but some church councils took a lot of convincing, for, as a rule, it was only the parson who received the complaints, and he thought it behoved the Guilds to minimise the cause for complaints and so promote good fellowship with the people concerned. He thought the Davis silencers were the most suitable appliance in the circumstances, and he had already obtained the necessary sanction from the annual meeting of the Guild to spend the money on them.

Mr. G. Marriner proposed the purchase and Mr. A. H. Winch seconded it and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Harman reminded the members of the summer festival, to be held at Haslemere, saying that he hoped to get up a coach load as in former years.

The meeting closed with hearty votes of thanks to the Rector, the organist and choir, and to Mr. E. Vine, but before returning to the tower the meeting was entertained by handbell selections by the Cobham band.

Ringing was kept up until nearly 9 o'clock, when a grand 'lower' finished off a good day for the tower bells, although someone wondered how long after came the final 'that's all' for the handbells.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—73.

WILLIAM FISHER.

Among Staffordshire conductors who have done a good deal of valuable spade work over a number of years is Mr. William Fisher, of Coseley, where he has been a ringer for over 40 years. Born at Short Heath, Staffs, on December 16th, 1878, he has lived all his life except for the first few months in Coseley, and he began his ringing career in 1897, when the Parish Church had a band of call-change ringers. After a time there came an alteration in the state of affairs and method ringing was introduced. Mr. Fisher rang his first peal (Grand-sire Triples) at St. Martin's, Tipton, on March 30th, 1901, and his first as conductor in the following year, on June 2nd. This latter was to celebrate the conclusion of the South African War, and the peal was rung by the Sunday service band. Mr. Fisher calling Holt's Ten-Part from the seventh.

Since that time he has conducted peals of Grand-sire Triples, Oxford Bob Triples, Darlaston Bob Triples, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Bob Triples, Major and Maximus, Canterbury Pleasure Major, Double Norwich Major, Staffordshire and Cambridge Surprise Major. He has conducted 92 out of the 366 peals which he has rung. He took part at Wednesbury in 1909 in the first peal of Double Oxford Bob Royal ever rung, and he rang in the first peal of Stedman Cinques on the old bells at Worcester Cathedral. At St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, he was one of the band in a peal in which the conductor, the late Mr. J. E. Groves, rang the 3rd and 4th, and he also took part in a peal of Stedman Triples which Mr. Herbert Knight called blindfolded. Altogether Mr. Fisher has rung peals in 53 towers, in six counties, for eight associations.

He was Ringing Master of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford from 1914 to 1921, and a representative of the society on the Central Council from 1915 to 1923, in addition to serving on the committee for a number of years.

AFTER MANY DAYS.

After an absence from the peal columns for a period of 28 years, Mr. J. O. Lancashire has made a welcome and long overdue return. He rang the treble to Yorkshire Surprise Major at Leicester Cathedral on May 25th. His last peal before his long rest was Stedman Caters on the old ten in the same tower on Coronation Day, 1911. It is hoped that so long a period will not elapse before he scores his next peal.

Mr. Lancashire will be remembered by the older generation of ringers as one of the famous band who, early in the century, made history by ringing 'silent' peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques 'in hand.'

(Continued from next column.)

As to the remarks of Clergymen Nos. 1, 2 and 3, they would bear more weight if Mr. Amos had given us their names. But may we ask Clergyman No. 1 if, when he goes to a church to conduct a service, he would be content to be directed in his conduct of the service by the local verger? An association which has asked and been given permission to hold a meeting at a tower is in a different position to the casual visitor, or even a ringer invited (like Clergyman No. 1) to give his aid on some specific occasion. The association seeks permission in order to carry out its own business in its own way. If the incumbent does not agree to this it is open to him to refuse the application. Then, may we ask Clergyman No. 2 what Church law has got to do with the matter at all? It is not a question of law, but of courtesy. And may we say with all due deference to Clergyman No. 3 that we don't think he knows very much about the facts behind the subject under discussion.

To Mr. Amos we give the assurance that we are always ready to print views with which we do not agree, if they are reasonably expressed, but may we, after many years' experience of Mr. Amos' correspondence, suggest, in the friendliest possible spirit, that he will best serve the interests of ringing (assuming he wishes to serve it) if he will get rid of some of the bees that infest his bonnet.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World.'



MR. WILLIAM FISHER.

RINGING MASTERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' of May 19th you speak of my letter as 'a misleading twist.' But rather is the boot on the other foot, for, having read your footnote, I find this contains nothing else but misleading and contradictory twists. What you speak of as 'an essential part' of the sentence quoted, namely, 'if ringers will give him sufficient authority to command in the tower,' is merely an addition to the nucleus of the sentence upon which your viewpoint is framed. Your contention about ringing meetings is based on those words, 'but it can only be done by a Ringing Master,' yet underneath that you say, 'that does not mean that only a Ringing Master can make more practical use of meetings,' and so on.

This reminds me of an expression I heard in a municipal chamber a few days ago. Speaking of a certain thing, one of the members rose to say, 'I would hardly like to go so far as to say it is useless, but in my opinion it serves no useful purpose.' Such phrases a lawyer would love to play with, but whether he would make sense out of them is another matter.

Another misleading statement in your footnote reads, 'We know, to Mr. Amos, the place of the associations is outside and not inside the towers.' This is certainly a twist, for Mr. Amos never said anything of the kind. Many would take this, as you print it, to mean that I don't hold with ringing guilds having meetings at all, which is a very different thing to saying that as far as jurisdiction is concerned they are simply outside bodies. They have no legal veto in the control of any tower or bells. Words quoted in my former letter are sufficient to bear that out.

What you state about 'an association, after being given permission to use the bells of a church, being responsible through its officers for the ringing which takes place, and the local captain not being entitled to command in the tower,' is another misleading twist as I am later going to point out by the words uttered to me by a certain clergyman. This, we know, is exactly how yourself and the dictators in ringing (which few associations have a complete absence of) would like it to be—and for what purpose? Not for advancing the art, as they would have everyone believe, but at rock bottom it is purely and simply for their own aggrandisement! They are, as a rule, the ones who at a meeting like to claim the monopoly of speech and ringing. They are so used to walking in and out of every belfry just as they please that they begin to regard the bells as their own property. However, whether they think their position at meetings is as you state it to be or not, the fact remains that it is *not* so!

Since that letter and your appended note have been published, I have made it my business to show it to three clergymen with whom I am acquainted, and the following replies may interest you. Clergyman No. 1, asked what he thought of the sentence, 'And it rests with the associations as to who shall direct the ringing,' commented, 'Oh, yes, I know, give some people an inch and they'll take a mile,' and he added: According to the theory of this Editor, then, if I am asked to take the service at another church (which I often am), I may as well say it rests with me to decide who shall take the plates round, who shall act as the churchwardens and so on; and according to him it would be perfectly legal for me to denounce the recognised wardens and sidesmen, and to substitute friends from outside in their places. The meanest intellect knows I couldn't do that. When I am authorised to take the service in another church, I go simply as a visiting clergyman; and when ringers go to a church other than their own to ring (whether it be under the auspices of an association, or as a private band) they go simply as *visiting ringers*—they don't go with any authority as far as the internal working of the tower is concerned, and the Editor of that paper ought to have known better than to have made such an absurd statement, least of all to put it into print.

Clergyman No. 2 said: Ask this Editor to quote you where in the Church law it says what he states here.

Clergyman No. 3: I have given associations permission to hold meetings many a time, but I don't know that coupled with that has ever been permission to override my own captain in the tower and place someone from outside in authority. In fact, I should think twice about letting anyone from another church come here again if I knew that kind of thing took place. I am glad you have brought it to my notice. Certainly it is not right, and, like yourself, I fail to see any need for these branch ringing masters. I think you will find that most clergy when they say, 'Yes, you can have the use of the bells,' conclude with that.

Now I can quite imagine, Mr. Editor, that you will give full publicity to any who write agreeing with your own views. But what of those who disagree? Will they be treated with the same fairness?

Northampton.

P. AMOS.

A WORD TO MR. AMOS.

Mr. Amos can put what construction he chooses upon what we have said, but it does not change the intention of the sentence. Mr. Amos is just beating the air in reiterating the fact that ringing associations have no legal veto in the control of any tower or bells. Everyone knows that and no association has ever claimed it.

It is true that Mr. Amos did not say in his letter that in his opinion the place of associations is outside and not inside the towers. But we know his opinion about it all the same. Have we not had dozens of letters from him in the past—not all of which have got into print?

(Continued in previous column.)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. TUESDAY'S MEETING IN LONDON. Record Attendance.

The forty-seventh annual meeting of the Central Council was held in London on Tuesday. It was the first session of the seventeenth Council, and the proceedings brought together a record attendance.

Members assembled from all parts of the country during the holiday, and among the arrangements made for their entertainment were a garden party at Brasted, Kent, the home of the president (Mr. E. H. Lewis), on Sunday afternoon, ringing at many of the city churches both on Sunday and Monday, not least among the attractions being the opportunity to ring at both Westminster Abbey and the Imperial Institute on Monday, when, in the evening, there was an informal social at the Bedford Head Hotel.

The Council were occupied with their business meeting at Middlesex Guildhall, where they had the use of the fine oak panelled Council Chamber, from 11 a.m. until 4.45 p.m., with a break for lunch, and in the evening, after further ringing, a largely attended social at the London Tavern was enjoyed by members and friends, including a considerable number of London ringers.

The programme was contributed to by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, whose handbell solos were again a source of great delight; Mr. Johnson, who sang several songs, and the Bushey 'wizards' (as they were described by the president), who rang two touches of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells. The first was faultless, but the enthusiastic audience were even more impressed with the second, in which two slight trips occurred and were corrected. It was a marvellous exhibition of skill, amid the tension of such surroundings.

The meeting of the Council was held in the Council Chamber of Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster, and there was a record attendance of 117 members, the associations being represented as follows:—

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. E. G. Fenn, Mr. A. B. Peck.
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. J. Hunt, Miss N. Williams.
Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. A. King, Mr. A. E. Sharman.
Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. E. M. Atkins, Rev. B. F. Sheppard.
Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Cooke, Mr. J. Swindley.
Devon Guild.—Mr. T. Laver, Mr. F. C. Smaile.
Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. F. Colclough.
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. H. Barber, Mr. W. J. Davidson.
East Derbyshire and Notts Association.—Mr. T. Clarke.
East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. A. Relfe.
Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. C. W. Cook, Mr. F. Warrington.
Essex Association.—Mr. E. J. Butler, Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. H. Edwards.
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. Austin, Mr. E. Guise, Mr. W. B. Kynaston.
Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. H. Pulling.
Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. H. G. Cashmore, Mr. H. F. C. Goodenough.
Irish Association.—Mr. G. Lindoff.
Kent County Association.—Mr. F. J. Cullum, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice.
Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson, Miss E. Steel.
Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Crook, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. T. B. Worsley.
Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. R. Richardson.
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stitch.
London County Association.—Mr. T. H. Taffender, Mr. T. W. Taffender.
Middlesex County Association.—Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. G. Wilson.
Midland Counties Association.—Mr. A. J. Harris, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. W. E. White.
Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. A. L. Coleman, Mr. F. Nolan Golden, Mr. L. W. Houghton.
North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. A. Thompson.
Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. A. E. Lock, Mr. R. A. Post.
Oxford Society.—Mr. W. Collett.
Oxford University Society.—Rev. C. E. Wigg.
Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. Chambers, Rev. E. S. Powell.
Romney Marsh and District Guild.—Mr. P. Page.
St. Martin's Guild.—Mr. A. Paddon Smith.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. S. H. Hillier, Mr. C. Jennings, Mr. F. W. Romaine.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. G. Gilbert, Mr. G. W. Steere.
Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. B. Horton, Mr. H. Knight.
Suffolk Guild.—Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. Mee, Mr. C. J. Sedgely.
Surrey Association.—Mr. W. Claydon, Mr. D. D. Cooper, Mr. C. H. Kippin.
Sussex County Association.—Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. A. W. Groves, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. O. Sippetts.
Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. D. H. Bennett.

Warwickshire Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. G. Williams.
Worcester and Districts Association.—Mr. S. T. Holt, Mr. J. D. Johnson, Mr. C. H. Woodberry.
Yorkshire Association.—Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members.—Mr. W. A. Cave, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. G. E. Debenham, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. S. H. Wood, Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton.

Mr. E. H. Lewis (president) occupied the chair and the Council received a welcome from Canon Jocelyn Perkins, of Westminster Abbey.

At the outset of the business the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) reported that, as far as he had received particulars, the new Council was made up of 49 societies, entitled to 139 representatives. The number elected had been 132, and there were 16 honorary members, making a total of 148.

Among the apologies was one from Mr. James Parker, who was absent through illness. Mr. Parker was first elected to the Council in 1894, and it was resolved to send him a letter expressing sympathy and the hope for his speedy recovery.

Mr. E. H. Lewis was re-elected president, Mr. G. W. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. C. T. Coles and A. A. Hughes hon. auditors.

The hon. members re-elected were the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Ald. J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex. Young. Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. J. F. Smallwood and Mr. F. Sharpe were added, and Mr. Hooton was then re-elected hon. librarian.

The president reported that during the year three past members of the Council had died, Mr. W. T. Pates, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and Mr. A. B. Bennett. The members of the Council stood for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect.

THE LIBRARY.

Among the gifts acknowledged in the hon. librarian's report are a large number of Association Reports of some 30 societies, which cover a period from 1881 to the present day. Though not complete, said the report, these will form a valuable basis for a collection should the Council ever consider making one. The new 'Minor and Doubles Methods' book was in great demand and accounted for £20 of the receipts.

The total sales were £28 3s., and the balance on this account, after payment of advertising and postage, was £14 12s. 4d.

The Council referred to the Standing Committee consideration of the question of reprinting the 'Glossary of Technical Terms.'

MODEL RULES.

The committee (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and Messrs. S. H. Wood and W. H. J. Hooton), appointed to revise the model rules for a company, reported that they had made a thorough revision largely with a view to simplicity and brevity. Two complete sets of rules had been compiled, one recommended as the ideal, where local conditions permitted of its adoption, the other suitable for more general use, especially in county parishes.

There was a long discussion on the draft of the rules, which were amended in some details and ordered to be printed.

FINANCE.

The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand at Whitsun, 1938, of £130 16s. 7d., and receipts as follows: Affiliation fees, 1937-38 (arrears) £1 15s., 1938-39 £32 10s.; hon. members' subscriptions, £1 10s.; interest on £71 3d. per cent. Conversion Stock £2 9s. 8d., on £63 4 per cent. Consols £2 10s. 4d.; subscription to 'Surprise' book, £4 2s. 6d.; balance on sale of publications, £14 12s. 4d.—Total £190 6s. 5d.

The expenses were: Publications, new edition of 'Minor and Doubles' £55 15s., Cambridge Surprise method sheets £1 16s.; amounts voted at last meeting, Canon Elsee Memorial £3 3s., fees, Carter Ringing Machine, £1 2s.; insurance of library and publications, 17s. 6d.; repairs to library books, 15s.; expenses of removal of library, 10s.; advertisements, £1 10s.; stationary and printing, £5 18s. 8d.; postages, etc., £2 7s. 7d.; gratuities, £1; leaving a balance at Whitsun of £115 11s. 8d. The market value of the investments was £133 2s. 6d.

The accounts were adopted.

THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The report of Mr. A. A. Hughes, Trustee of the Carter Ringing Machine, stated that it had not been possible to demonstrate the machine this year, as Mr. Sharman, the demonstrator, was now engaged in making a new dial and studs.

A NEW COLLECTION OF PEALS.

The Peel Collection Committee presented the collection of compositions in various methods which they have made, and the Council approved of giving powers to the officers to print the collection if the cost was not excessive.

The committee was reappointed with the following members: Mr. G. Lindoff (convener), the Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs. G. R. Newton, G. R. Pye and T. B. Worsley.

THE SURPRISE MAJOR BOOK.

The report of the Methods Committee, signed by Messrs. J. A. Trollope and E. C. S. Turner, was chiefly devoted to the forthcoming Surprise Major book. In order to bring the book up to the minute

of publication, conductors and secretaries of associations were asked to forward the figures and particulars of any new Surprise method rung immediately after performance. They also asked any persons who have methods which they hope to ring and name in the future to send in the figures. If the methods are included in the book, the names selected by those people will be used, unless they are obviously unsuitable, and the committee undertake to treat as confidential and to destroy all papers sent in relating to methods not included in the book. The report set out the reasons for giving names to the methods included in the book before its publication. They were: The wish to avoid confusion that arose over printing unnamed Minor methods, the fact that the naming of the Plain Major methods was a complete success and brought no adverse criticism; an unnamed collection would cease, after a short time, to have any value; it would be bad business and unfair to purchasers to publish it in a form that would speedily make it out of date; there were many thousands of methods and any band which wished to ring and name new methods would still have practically unlimited opportunities to indulge their fancy.

Generally speaking, concluded the report, the success of the book and the interests of the Exercise demand that the methods should be named, and our considered opinion is that unless the methods are named it will be useless to proceed further with the book.

In a 'minority' report, Mr. S. H. Wood expressed agreement with the desirability of attaching names to the methods, in order that the book should be complete and a standard work of reference for many years to come. He did not, however, wish to associate himself with certain other arguments and statements in the majority report, as he was not in agreement with their substance nor with the implications which they contain.

The report of the committee was adopted, and the hon. secretary stated that the result of the scheme for financing publication of the book had been very satisfactory. An issue of 750 was provided for and the associations had undertaken to guarantee to take up 462 copies. It was decided that claims to names for methods should be made within one month.

The committee, consisting of Messrs. J. A. Trollope (convener), E. C. S. Turner and S. H. Wood, were reappointed.

OTHER COMMITTEES.

The report of the Peals Analysis and Records Committee (which has already appeared in our columns) was adopted and the committee reappointed as follows: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (convener), Messrs. C. Dean, G. L. Grover, G. R. Pye and W. Ayre.

The Towers and Belfries Committee reported that they had given advice in 14 cases during the year.

The president gave an interesting review of some of the cases dealt with by the committee during the year and the report was adopted.

The re-election of the committee was agreed to as follows: Messrs. E. H. Lewis (convener), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. E. A. Young and J. Hunt.

The report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee reviewed some of the chief events which had brought bells into prominence in the newspapers and also to the broadcast of bells, some of which, said the report, had been entirely good, a few definitely bad, others at best, indifferent. It also referred to the protests made to the B.B.C. about the curtailment of the period of ringing before services, which, said the report, had produced one or two amazing statements in reply, but the result had been a considerable abatement of the nuisance.

The report was adopted and the committee reappointed: Rev. F. L. Edwards (convener), Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, A. Paddon Smith and A. Walker.

OLD PEAL BOARDS.

The committee which is collecting particulars of old peal boards, recording performances up to 1825, reported that they estimated the total was unlikely to exceed 500. They had received details of 177 boards recording 208 performances in 83 towers. There were still 15 counties from which no details had been received. The committee suggested they should be allowed to appoint representatives (not necessarily members of the Council) to be associated with their work so far as particular areas are concerned.

It was stated that since the report was drafted further information had been received, bringing the total up to 294 performances in 114 towers.

The committee's suggestion for seeking assistance was adopted, and the committee, consisting of Mr. W. G. Wilson (convener), the Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. W. Ayre, were re-elected.

The Biographies Committee reported that their work was proceeding, but, owing to the fact that details of many past members were not obtainable through the form sent out, it was necessary to search the files of the ringing papers for information. They recommended the appointment of Mr. A. C. Hazelden (librarian of the Guildford Guild) to this committee to assist in this work.

The report was adopted and the other members of committee re-elected, viz., Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (convener), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mr. W. A. Cave.

The twelve elective members of the Standing Committee were appointed as follows: Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Ald. J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. W. A. Cave, J. T. Dyke, C. F. Johnston, R. Richardson, A. Paddon Smith, A. Walker and S. H. Wood, with E. C. S. Turner and G. E. Debenham to fill vacancies, and authority was given to them to act.

A report was received from the officers upon the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'

A final report by the officers on the muffling of bells was presented to the Council for information, and it will now be forwarded to the Church authorities in accordance with the previous decision of the Council.

The Council is to hold the next meeting at Cardiff. It will be the first meeting of the Council held in Wales.

SUBSTITUTES FOR BELLS.

The Standing Committee reported that they had considered the question of mechanical ringing and they had come to the following conclusions:—

(1) While there may be exceptional cases in which the use of gramophone records of church bells is justified, any general adoption of such a practice is emphatically to be deprecated, not only on the grounds that a substitute for the real thing is unworthy of the Church of God, but also because it eliminates the living service of hand, and heart, and mind, which is of the very essence of bellringing and is of true spiritual value as contributory to an act of worship.

(2) The installation of such a mechanical device should be severely prohibited in any tower containing or capable of containing a peal of bells, except as a temporary expedient, as, for example, when tower or bells are under repair.

(3) In the case of building new churches it is obvious that the erection of a tower and bells must often be left to a future generation, or even omitted altogether, but it is a vital point of principle that no sanction should ever be given to the building or designing of a tower inadequate to its legitimate purpose, with a view to the installation of a gramophone record instead of real bells. The one practical object served by a church tower is to make provision for bells and to erect a tower to hold a gramophone record cannot be regarded otherwise than an architectural fraud, entirely unworthy of a building designed for sacred purposes.

This was approved by the Council and ordered to be sent to all Diocesan Advisory Committees.

CHESTERFIELD BELLS.

A report was made on the silence of Chesterfield bells, and it was resolved to write to the Archdeacon of Chesterfield expressing the hope that the proposal that he should meet representatives of Chesterfield ringers would result in the resumption of ringing.

Mr. A. D. Barker raised the question of the validity of peals rung on bells fitted with silencers which caused the clapper to strike only on one side of the bell.

The matter was referred to the Standing Committee.

The secretary reported that 117 members were present at the meeting, which was a record. There were 104 members representing 43 associations and 13 honorary members present. Only six associations were entirely unrepresented.

The customary votes of thanks concluded the business.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT BRASTED.

On Sunday afternoon several of the members of the Central Council enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis at their home at Brasted. Although it is an hour's journey from London by slow train, it lies in one of the most beautiful parts of the country, now at its very best. The visitors enjoyed themselves very much, though, so far as is known, they did not solve the great mystery which belongs to that part of Kent.

You never knew there was a mystery? Surely you don't say that. Well, I must tell you about it. In the year eleven hundred and something, there or thereabouts, Saint Thomas of Canterbury was having a bit of a row with the King, Henry II., and one of the King's men, Randolph de Broc, or some such name, just for fun and to show his views of the matter, cut off the tail of the saint's sumpter mule. (You don't know what a sumpter mule was, and I am not sure that I can tell you, but that is neither here nor there.) This thing annoyed the saint, who was rather short tempered, so he up and cursed de Broc and all the men round about as far as he could reach, since when all the men of that part of Kent have been born with tails. That much is certain, but what no one has been able to discover (this is the mystery) is what they do with their tails when they have grown up, because to hush up the matter they all wear trousers. That is the reason.

During the afternoon at Brasted there was some handbell ringing: Bob Major on an ordinary set of bells, and Grandsire Triples on a set of cup bells, the sort that the ringers of the 18th century used. Such a set Benjamin Annable and his party took with them to France, 200 years ago, when they rang Grandsire Cinques on the sands at Calais.

In the evening before service there was ringing at Brasted, during which the Vicar came into the belfry and welcomed the visitors. Some of the ringing was spliced, but that was done for the most part by the local hand, the visitors not being able to do anything more advanced than Cambridge. Afterwards some went on to the neighbouring tower of Sundridge and then back to town.

TECHNICAL TERMS IN RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Both sides in this correspondence are right. Many people use too many technical terms, and by puzzling beginners, defeat their own purpose. On the other hand, some technical terms are necessary and helpful. I hope later on to write more fully on this.

HERBERT DRAKE.

NOTICES.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Important. Owing to unforeseen difficulties, the annual festival, which should have been held at Shenley, will now be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Numbers for tea in good time, please.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4. Tea at 5, 2/- each (1/6 to members). The bells at Runcorn and Daresbury will be available from 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; and Frodsham from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and after 6 p.m. Will those who intend to visit Frodsham during the morning please communicate with Mr. W. Bibby, London Road, Frodsham. There is a good bus service between Warrington, Runcorn, Chester and Frodsham. Any further information can be obtained from H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, East Molesey, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the New Inn at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Ringing again in the evening. All ringers welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ELY ST. MARY'S, CAMBS.—The bells will be rededicated on Saturday, June 3rd. A ring of 8 bells restored by John Taylor & Co.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting of this division will be held at Belchamp St. Paul's on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover on Saturday June 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will take place at St. George's, Jesmond, at 3.15, on June 3rd. The Osborne Road trolley bus from the town stops at the church.—Jack Roach, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District) AND CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.—By the courtesy of the Dean and Chapter, a joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday, June 3rd. The fine peal of ten bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be served at the Black Bull Hotel at 5 p.m. at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head. Names for tea to Mr. E. Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon. A short business meeting will be held after tea. Please try to be present.—E. Hudson and J. Reed, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—A combined ringing meeting will be held with the Bristol Rural and Wotton Branches on Saturday, June 3rd, at St. James' (10) and St. John's (6). Bells open from 3.30 p.m. Please advise for tea to 5, Addison Road, Bristol 3.—A. M. Tyler, Branch Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—CHANGE OF DATE.—Meeting at Cound (6 bells) on June 3rd. Visitors will be very welcome at this delightful village, if notice for tea is sent to W. A. Tanner, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A combined meeting with the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Bells of St. John's, Surrey Road, at 6.30 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting will be held at Hunton (six bells) on Saturday, June 3rd. Usual arrangements. Learners especially welcomed, also visitors. Kindly advise me for tea.—R. G. Rayfield, Hon. Dis. Sec., Downsvew, Spring Lane, Ightham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Marham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. A welcome for all.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks Church (6 bells), near Worksop, on Saturday, June 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. H. Hall, Meersham House, Shireoaks, Worksop.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Next practice meeting will be held at Langdale, Holy Trinity (6 bells), on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available at 3 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—The ring of eight bells, St. Mary's, Ely, restored by Taylors, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely on Saturday, June 3rd, at 3 p.m. Will all association members and friends make special effort to attend?—F. Warrington and A. R. Paul, Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Brant-Broughton (6 bells, tenor 24 cwt.) on Saturday, June 3rd, available at 2.30 until 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Beckingham bells (6, tenor 13 cwt.) will be available after tea.—Kenneth W. Mayor, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on June 3rd at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting as usual. Please come and see the noted tower, and have a ring on the Bennington bells.—A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined practice of Andover and Basingstoke Districts will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in Church Room. Names for tea to Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Paxton on June 3rd, and not Huntingdon St. Mary's, as bells are found to be unsafe for ringing.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—A combined meeting with the Bristol Rural and Wotton Branches will be held on Saturday, June 3rd, at St. John's (6) and St. James' (10). Bells open from 3.30. Tea 5, at the Princes' Cafe. Further ringing from 6.—A. M. Tyler, Branch Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North Southwark Diocesan Guild.—Service ringing, St. Clement Danes, Strand, June 4th, at 10 a.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes, June 5th and 19th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, 27th, at 8 p.m.; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 14th, at 7.30 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next monthly practice will be held at the Parish Church of St. Thomas, Dudley, on Monday next, June 5th, when we hope to have a good attendance at 7.45 p.m.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 17, Grange Road, Dudley.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meetings for June: *St. Mary-le-Bow, 6th; St. Magnus', 8th and 22nd; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 13th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 20th; Southwark Cathedral, 27th; St. Clement Danes, 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Wednesday, June 7th. Bells available from 5 p.m. All welcome.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Horningsea on Saturday, June 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Please support this meeting at a fresh tower with bells lately rehung.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The memorial window to the late Canon Elsee, at St. George's, Bolton, will be dedicated on Saturday, June 10th, by the Rev. Arthur Scott, M.A. (President). Service at 3.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Bertram Jones, M.A. (Vicar). Tea, at a nominal charge, in Schools, at 5 p.m. Please inform Mr. E. Ford, 384, Chorley Old Road, Bolton, how many will require tea before June 8th.—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

CHEADLE PARISH CHURCH, STAFFS.—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Lichfield on Saturday, June 10th, at 2.30 p.m. A ring of six restored by John Taylor and Co.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea 1s. per head. Half fares allowed to members attending this meeting (maximum 2s.). Numbers for tea should reach me not later than Wednesday, June 7th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clent, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at a small charge of 6d. each. It is essential that all who require tea will let me know not later than THURSDAY, JUNE 1st, as the caterer cannot provide for any whose names are sent after that date.—Herbert Sheppard, 17, Grange Road, Dudley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Blackhill on Saturday, June 10th. The bells of St. Aidan's (8) will be available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Aidan's Church Hut, 1s. per head. Will those ringers who require some, please advise Mr. W. F. Macfeggan, 22, Cort Street, Blackhill, as soon as possible. A good attendance is requested.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers very welcome.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome. Please notify if tea is required.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 10th. Eight bells. Usual arrangements. On bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of North Dorset Branch at Zeals, Wilts, on June 10th. Service 4.30. Neighbouring bells available. Glad to welcome visitors.—Wm. Uphill, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting at Bentley on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge, for those who notify by Wednesday, June 7th, without fail, Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby. Business meeting to follow.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

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SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at East Bridgford on June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Buses leave Nottingham bus station, platform 4, at 2.37, 4.7 and 4.52. Everybody welcome, but please send me postcard by Wednesday, if requiring tea.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somerton on Saturday, June 10th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

LADIES GUILD (Northern District) AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Schools. No charge for tea for those who send their names not later than Wednesday, June 7th, to Miss Bowling, 27, Ancaster Road, Leeds 6.—Mrs. E. D. Kelly and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secs., 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds 12.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A meeting has been arranged to take place at Hartlip on Saturday, at 4.30, followed by tea at the Rose and Crown. Those requiring tea, please advise the undersigned by Wednesday, June 7th. It is hoped that as a result of this meeting Hartlip will rejoin the association, so please turn up in good numbers.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A meeting will be held at Eastnor on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30, at Somers Arms. Kindly advise me about tea by Wednesday, 7th inst.—A. Jones, jun., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. H. Roberts, The Hallas, Kirkburton, not later than Wednesday, June 7th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, June 10th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. A short service, taken by the Rector, will be held at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be at the Rectory at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. E. A. Hall, Main Street, Peckleton, near Leicester. The Rector is retiring this month. He would like to see a really good meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual contest for the Crawford Cup will take place at Cuckney (6 bells) on Saturday, June 10th. Ringing open to all after tea. Please send a postcard for tea (1s. 6d.) not later than Thursday.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western Division will be held at Wisborough Green on Saturday, June 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea at the Three Crowns 4.30., price 1s. Service 5.45. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, June 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who send word before Wednesday, June 7th, to Rev. A. P. Miller, St. Luke's Vicarage, Great Crosby, Liverpool 23.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amphil Road, Liverpool 17.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Steeple Claydon on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please send a card if you require tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Members requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, 8th inst.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 17th. Bells: St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6), from 3 p.m.; Cathedral from 3 to 3.15 and 6 to 7. Sunday School Teachers' Festival Service in Cathedral at 3.15. Tea and general meeting in St. Mary's Parish Room, Wade Street, 4.30. Tea, 9d. to fully-paid members, to others 1s. 3d. Please send word by Tuesday, June 13th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

PEAK SOCIETY.—A combined meeting with the Midland Counties Association will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. All Peak members are asked to turn up at this meeting, which is intended to solve outstanding difficulties. Those hoping to be present please write, not later than June 13th, to Mr. W. J. Alexander, 15, Stanton View, Yeld Road, Bakewell.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, June 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Ringers going will enter by the main gates entrance Milborne Road. Permission has been given to ringers going to this meeting to ring at Hilton, Bere Regis and Puddletown. Kindly advise early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Rd., Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Biddenden, on Saturday, June 17th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. The usual travelling allowance will be paid at this meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District. —A meeting will be held at Haxey, Isle of Axholme, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6, tenor 18½ cwt.) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5, at the Duke William for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. This church is known as the 'Cathedral of the Isle,' and it is well worth a visit.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., 243, Lea Road, Gainsborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A summer meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 8th. Both towers will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, by July 4th.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer festival at St. Neots on Saturday, July 22nd.—K. Willers, Gen. Sec.

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