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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S WORK.

That there is a growing interest in and appreciation of the work of the Central Council was manifest by last week's gathering in London, at which not only was there a record number of members present, but more associations were represented than ever before, while the Hon. Secretary was able to announce that no fewer than five fresh societies had become affiliated during the year. This shows that the many ringing units throughout the country increasingly recognise the value of having a central body which, without actually controlling the Exercise, can advise and guide it, and in many ways, notably in the publication of books and pamphlets connected with the practical side of ringing, render a service which neither individuals nor associations would be prepared to undertake. There was a period when the Council appeared to be losing its hold upon the concerns of the Exercise; it was composed largely of men out of touch with the rising generation of ringers, and there was danger of it dying from atrophy. Since the war, however, there has been a marked change. New members with new ideas have been elected, and if they are not all orators, they are men of practical knowledge of one or more of the varied branches of our Art, and are cognisant of the advances which are being made in ringing and of the aspirations and needs of ringers.

The first meeting of any new Council, such as that in London last week, is always largely concerned in routine business, but nevertheless it provided animated discussion on more than one question, and to these matters we hope to be able to revert later. For the moment, however, let us say that on the whole the meeting was one of the most successful of the long series, and if only the associations would give a little more active assistance in providing the Council with useful work, the value and the prestige of the central body would be enhanced still further. After all, the Council can only be what the affiliated organisations make it. It exists to serve their interests through the interests of the Exercise as a whole, and the more the associations individually help the Council the more are they likely collectively to benefit. As for the social side of the gathering, never was it more cordial than this year. Hitherto in London, members have been left very largely to their own devices in finding entertainment, but thanks to the organising skill of the Hon. Secretary, and his genius for getting into touch with the right people, there was this Whitsuntide a round of engagements, which were enjoyed and appreciated by all who took part in them. To those who think that such things as Central Council meetings should be confined to

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business only, we would say that never was there a greater fallacy. The bringing together of men from all over the country in social intercourse not only creates brotherly feeling, but facilitates the interchange of ideas and knowledge which must eventually be disseminated throughout the rank and file of the associations.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	*REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	†ERNEST W. MARSH ... 8
JAMES E. DAVIS ... 4	*FRANK J. DAVEY ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 100th peal. The ringers of the 6th and 8th are from Plymouth, and the ringer of the 9th is from Exeter.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

JOSEPH MORRIS ... Treble	HARRY MORGAN ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ... 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	PERCY HARRISON ... 8
C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... 9
*JOSEPH H. FENTON ... 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First 'touch' of Royal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NETHERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 31, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BOLWER'S FOUR-PART, No. 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MAGRICE SWINFELD ... Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	JOHN CURTIS ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4	JOSEPH SLADE ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This peal was specially arranged in honour of the wedding of Mr. Greville Worthington and Lady Diana Duncombe, which took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on this date.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

HARRY WARD ... Treble	HARRY LOFTHOUSE ... 5
PERCY MASSAM ... 2	†LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6
*CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	HAROLD L. JONES ... 7
GEORGE WM. STEEL ... 4	THOS. WM. STRANGEWAYS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAYS
* First peal of Treble Bob inside. † First peal of Treble Bob and first peal for the above association. First peal in the method as conductor. Ringers of 5th and 6th from Armley, and 3rd from Leeds Parish Church, the rest are Rothwell ringers. Rung to commemorate the Whitsuntide Festival, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 2, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES CUTTING 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

WRAYSBUURY, BUCKS.

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

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	ARTHUR MARTIN 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

GRAMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Sunday, June 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

F. OVERTON Treble	J. B. BUDD 5
*J. KENNINGTON 2	F. H. DEXTER 6
S. BROMFIELD 3	C. W. TAYLOR 7
H. MINGAY 4	A. SWAIN Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal in the method.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 5, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5
SAM E. TAYLOR 2	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 6
PERCY J. SPICE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
*GEORGE KENWARD 2	GEORGE GILBERT 6
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* 50th peal and first peal of Stedman. Specially rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. A. F. W. de Shailier), and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Elliott.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN W. UNWIN ... Treble	SAM E. TAYLOR 5
GEORGE KENWARD 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
WILLIAM SPICE 3	†FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 7
PERCY J. SPICE 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

RICHARD J. BIRCH ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
STEPHEN BAKER 2	HORACE WHITEHEAD 6
WILLIAM BIDNELL 3	CHARLES TURNER 7
CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Whit Monday, June 6, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PIKE ... Treble	*SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 5
ALBERT ADDICOTT 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
SAMUEL JONES 3	*WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
PERCY JONES 4	CHARLES GREEDY ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Treble	PERCY JONES 5
WILLIAM PIKE 2	†SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	ALBERT ADDICOTT 7
CHARLES GREEDY 4	SAMUEL JONES Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT ADDICOTT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman and 50th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding of the daughter of Mr. Albert Williams, towerkeeper at Llangibby.

ST. LAWRENCE, RAMSGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Treble	CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 5
RICHARD J. BIRCH 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
HORACE WHITEHEAD 3	CHARLES TURNER 7
STEPHEN BAKER 4	LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The conductor's 200th peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Millway.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*HENRY CRABB ... Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN 5
GEORGE WINES 2	JAMES CROSS 6
†HARRY PAGE 3	TOM PAGE 7
HERBERT DAVIES 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method. This peal was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. D. S. Jones, B.A., who was inducted to the living on Thursday, June 2nd, 1927.

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WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

RICHARD J. BIRCH Treble	CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 5
STEPHEN BAKER 2	*LUTHER J. HONESS ... 6
HORACE WHITEHEAD 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

PERCY E. JONES Treble	WILLIAM HORNER 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	RICHARD CARTER 6
JAMES H. LUCAS 3	FRANK CORKE 7
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4	THOMAS SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

First peal as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF ST. BLAISE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

JOHN A. COLE Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
HENRY HUTTON 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

First peal rung in the method.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
EDWARD G. GRINDALL ... 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	ERNEST E. GRIMES 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

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

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

VINCENT TIPTON Treble	GEORGE DENT 5
FREDERICK WHITBY 2	HARRY SMALE 6
WILLIAM MORRIS 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
LEWIS A. CORDELL 4	WILLIAM WHEELER ... Tenor

Composed by J. PAGET.

Conducted by G. DENT.

First peal in the method in the county, for the Essex Association, and by all. Rung at first attempt.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, SUPERLATIVE, BRISTOL AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE W. STEERE ... Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
JOHN A. COLE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung. It contained 100 leads of London, 25 each of Superlative and Cambridge, and 19 of Bristol.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN HALL Treble	GEORGE WILSON 5
*MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	GEORGE BAILEY 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. A birthday compliment to J. G. Rumsey.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On St. Barnabas' Day, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*J. A. WAUGH Treble	†E. D. LILLYWHITE 5
H. R. NEWTON 2	*G. RADFORD 6
C. F. WINNEY 3	J. RUMLEY 7
W. E. JUDD 4	*W. H. SEABROOK ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal. † First peal with the society.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY V. SEAR Treble	*EPHRAIM LATHALL 5
FREDERICK C. TOMPKINS ... 2	HARRY SEAR 6
HERBERT C. EDWARDS 3	WALTER SEAR 7
CHARLES W. CLARKE 4	WILLIAM F. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by H. SEAR.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to W. Sear.

BRENCHELEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

LEWIS NEWMAN Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	HERBERT J. HAMMOND Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

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CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.
*H. COOMBS Treble | F. DERRICK 4
T. WYATT 2 | *N. COOMBS 5
L. MOORE 3 | H. KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal. Rung in honour of Mr. J. A. Laver's 22 years' service as churchwarden of the above church.

FORD END, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 of Cambridge and Woodbine, two of Kent, three of Oxford.
Tenor 5 cwt.

WILLIAM WINDLEY Treble | ERNEST CLARK 4
HERBERT DEVENISH 2 | EDWARD KEMP 5
HARRY WAIN 3 | EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM Tenor

Conducted by E. P. BUCKINGHAM.

First peal on the bells. The circle in this tower is only four feet across.

BRATHY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN & FURNESS BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Bob Minor.

EDWIN JENNINGS Treble | FRED HINDLE 4
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2 | THOS. B. NEWTON 5
FURNESS WOODEND 3 | WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal of Minor for the 4th ringer. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Fred Chambers (of St. Michael's, Blackburn) and Miss Shaw, which took place at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on the above date.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LENCs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 6, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Single Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN J. JUTSON Treble | WALTER WILSON 4
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 2 | JOHN WALDEN 5
HERBERT LOWMAN 3 | HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

This peal was rung on the 35th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the treble.

DARFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Whit Monday, June 6, 1927, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Burton Treble Bob, Ecclesfield Delight, Rochester Treble Bob, Woodcock's Delight, Nelson's Victory, London Victory and Morning Star. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN Treble | ALBERT NASH 4
ARTHUR PANTHER 2 | HERBERT CHAMBERLIN 5
ROBERT J. RICKETTS 3 | ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

KENNETH CATER Treble | WILLIAM BOTT 3
*ANDREW BROWN 2 | ROWLAND ADAMS 4
THOMAS WISE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal and first attempt. The first peal on the bells.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cyr.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 17½ cwt.
FRANK SIMMONDS Treble | FRANK PONTING 4
ARTHUR HARNER 3 | HARRY BARRATT 5
JOHN JOYNER 3 | ALBERT ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by F. PONTING.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 4th and 5th.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church of SS. PETER and PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F. sharp.

CYRIL M. MITCHELL Treble | HARRY ARGENT 4
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 2 | FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 5
*JOHN BURLS 3 | GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* 25th peal on these bells. Arranged as a birthday peal for Muriel (aged four), daughter of the conductor, and for the ringer of the 4th and Mrs. Argent, whose birthdays are on the 10th, 10th and 12th respectively.

HANDBELL PEAL.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1927, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2 | GEORGE WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7-8

Composed by CALEB FENN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire: W. ARNOLD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank Claydon. The conductor's 100th peal on handbells.

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only £9 in hand in the bell repairs fund, and unless something very pressing arose, it would be advisable to let that accumulate before making grants. The meeting unanimously endorsed the decision of the committee.

Mr. E. J. Butler, South Western Division, moved that in future, with the permission of the incumbents and Parochial Church Councils, collections should be taken at the annual general and annual district meetings for the bell restoration fund.

The Master thought the idea an excellent one, and it would avoid the appeals to individual towers.—Mr. T. Faulkner said he felt some parish might object to money being collected in their church and taken away for non-parochial purposes.

Canon Lake said he saw no difficulty in making the collection at the Cathedral service, for 99 per cent. of those present were members of the Ringers' Association.

Mr. W. Keeble seconded, and the proposition was carried.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. L. W. Wiffen, a discussion took place on the agenda of the Central Council.

The Master proposed thanks to Canon Lake for the use of the Cathedral, and to Canon Macdonald for his helpful address.

Canon Lake, in reply, said the ringers were always welcome at the Cathedral. He congratulated the association on the increased interest in ringing throughout the diocese, and the number of restorations which were being carried out. The association could be assured that whoever was Sub-Dean at the Cathedral in two years' time, there would be a hearty welcome for the association's jubilee celebration (applause).

The members took lunch together, and there was ringing during the day in the following towers: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Haddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (8), and Boreham (8). The methods rung included Stedman Cinques and Triples, Cambridge Royal, London, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich, etc.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

JUBILEE AND MASTER'S COMING OF AGE TWO YEARS HENCE.

On Whit Monday, members of the Essex Association gathered at Chelmsford in large numbers from all parts of the county for the 48th annual meeting of the association. The interesting announcement was made that in two years' time, when the Essex Association will celebrate its jubilee, the present Master, Mr. C. H. Howard, will celebrate his coming of age in the office, and arrangements will be made for the double celebration. Proceedings at the meeting opened with service at the Cathedral, which was conducted by Canon Lake, Rector of Chelmsford and Sub-Dean of the Cathedral. There was a large attendance of ringers. The sermon was preached by Canon F. C. Macdonald, Rector of Fulleigh. The Rev. J. W. Horsley, St. Peter's, assisted, and the lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard.

After the service, the annual meeting was held at the Cathedral Hall. The Master presided, supported by Canon Lake, Canon Macdonald, and Mr. F. J. Pitstow, hon. secretary and treasurer.

The Master presented his report as follows:—For the two previous years we have had to record a decline in our membership. This year we have the pleasure of announcing an increase. The total membership of 1,032, although not a record, is evidence that we have arrested the decline, and we may again look to the future with confidence. 99 towers are now affiliated. Great Totham has ceased to be in union, but Colchester St. Leonard, Farnham, Fyfield and Chigwell appear as new towers. We deplore the loss by death of several of our very old and esteemed members: Canon Papillon, who occupied the position as honorary secretary in the early days of the association, and afterwards became its first Master, did much to raise the status of ringers in his day. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre was for many years hon. secretary, succeeding Canon Papillon. Since relinquishing office he had kept up a lively interest in the work of the association, and his frequent presence at such meetings as his age would allow him to attend, was much appreciated by his old friends and colleagues. The memory of both of these past officers will ever be held in grateful remembrance for the vast amount of work they did for the association in their time. The Rev. E. Lees, Vicar of Brentwood, and the Rev. C. H. Holt, Vicar of Hornchurch, were both lovers of bells, and took a great interest in ringers and ringing. We have lost in these two warm supporters. Mr. Hugh T. Scarlett was for many years closely connected with the Walthamstow St. Mary band. In his early days he was very instrumental in teaching and coaching young bands, and his name frequently appeared in the peal column. We have also lost Mr. C. A. Wendon, of Great Bromley, an old supporter; Mr. A. Wright, of Chelmsford; and Mr. W. Jay, who were all members of long standing. Mr. F. W. Coster, a young and promising ringer, who soon after joining the Romford band, rang his first peals of Stedman, Double Norwich, and Treble Bob. Mr. W. H. Dyson was one of the founders. Up to the time of his death he was honorary secretary of the Northern Division. His efficient services and influence will be much missed, and his demise has caused a vacancy that cannot be easily filled. Sixty-nine peals have been rung during the year—60 on tower bells and nine on handbells, viz.: Stedman Cinques 1, Stedman Caters 2, Bob Royal 1, London Surprise 12, Superlative 12, Cambridge 6, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 8, Treble Bob Major 2, Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 2, Grandioso Triples 1, Surprise Minor 4, Minor in seven methods 2, Minor in one or two methods 3, and Doubles 3. Of the nine on handbells, two were Treble Bob Major, and four Bob Major. Mr. W. Keeble again heads the list of conductors with 42 to his credit. The majority of the peals were of a very high standard. No less than 30 were rung in Surprise Major methods, an indication that our younger members are not aspiring to peal ringing in the simpler methods, which, if practised more, would stimulate interest, and improve the quality of the striking. The attendance at meetings has been excellent. Quite a number of restorations have been carried out during the year. At Wanstead, the bells have been overhauled, a new treble added at St. Leonard's, Colchester, and two troubles at Kirby-le-Soken to complete the octave. The ring of six at Newport has been rehung; much needed rope guides have been fixed at Farnham, and two trebles added to the ring of six at Dunmow, making one of the finest rings of eight in the county. The ring of eight at Braintree is to be rehung in a new frame. At Stisted, the ring of six is to be tuned and rehung in an iron frame and provision made for two trebles to be added at a later date. The rings of five at Rickling and Great Easton are to be rehung in new frames. At Fyfield the bells are to be rehung and frame strengthened. Our finances are very satisfactory. The income from subscriptions and peal booking fees is £61 19s. 9d., and expenditure £48 2s. 1d. A sum of £20 has been placed to the reserve fund, leaving a balance in hand of £21 18s. 1d., against £28 8s. 5d. brought forward from the previous year. The Reserve Fund has increased from £121 17s. to £147 9s. 10d., of which £9 is earmarked for bell restoration purposes. Our healthy financial position is very largely due to the officers of the association for the care and attention they give to their respective duties, and we tender to them our best thanks for their untiring efforts to increase and extend the usefulness of the association in the diocese. Finally, our grateful thanks are due to the clergy for the hearty welcome we receive at our meetings, for the use of their bells, the arrangements for services, and for the helpful and encouraging addresses. Without their aid and co-operation it would be impossible for us to carry on our work.

The Master added that the association was in a strong financial position. After meeting expenses they had been able to set aside £20 to the reserve fund. The bell restoration fund was increased by £5 2s. 8d., the interest on £100 the association last year decided to devote to bell restorations. The membership was steadily increasing; for a few years they decreased, but this year there had been a considerable increase to 1,032, which was within five of the highest number the association ever touched. While the members could congratulate themselves on the increase, there were still many towers not in union with the association.

'TOO MUCH MONEY.'

Mr. T. Faulkner moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet, and congratulated the district hon. secretaries and Masters on their economic use of the association's money. To his mind, these district officers hardly spent enough, and he suggested more money should be spent in missionary work by holding meetings at the towers which were not in the union, in an endeavour to interest ringers in the association. He considered the association was accumulating too much money in the reserve fund; so long as the association was poor and happy he should be very sorry to see a great accumulation of money. The prosperity of the association did not rest in the accumulation of money; so long as the work was paid for, and a small balance remained he thought the money could be more usefully employed than being in the post office at 2½ per cent.; the association might get 100 per cent. from missionary work.—The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Master said he had tried to pile up a reserve because he believed in having a reserve, and in the many concerns to which he belonged he always looked for a reserve, because no one knew when an evil day might come. In an association like theirs it was not necessary to go on piling up the reserve. Last year it was decided to start a bell restoration fund, and £100 of the reserve fund was invested in 5 per cent. War Loan, not 2½ per cent. as previously stated by Mr. Faulkner, and the interest credited to that fund. He always felt that £150 might be the sum to aim at as reserve. When he became Master the reserve was very low; his ambition then was to see 1,000 members and £100, and both these had been exceeded now, the reserve being £147 9s. 10d. and the total worth of the society £157 9s. 10d. There was a good deal of missionary work going on, although more might be done. Many of the district secretaries had arranged meetings for the purpose of bringing other towers into the association. The officers worked the accounts most economically, and some refused to take anything for their expenses. The association was indebted to the officers for the strong financial position.

THE OFFICERS.

The election of officers followed. The Master quitted the chair, which was occupied temporarily by Canon Lake, for the election of Master for the coming year. Mr. C. H. Howard was unanimously re-elected for the 19th year.

Canon Lake said he wished to congratulate the association upon securing Mr. Howard again. No one was more keen on bells than Mr. Howard had been. He was a member of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, and members felt his experience when bells came to be considered. The Master was most keen about his work, and was most delightful to all the members of the Diocesan Committee.

Mr. Howard, in returning thanks for his re-election as Master, said he was extremely thankful for the confidence shown in him. This was the 19th year he had been elected Master, and in two years' time, when they hoped to celebrate the jubilee of the Essex Association, he should be celebrating his coming of age, so if he then asked for his pension the members must not be surprised (hear, hear). The question of the jubilee had been discussed by the committee, and by next year the association would be called upon to elect a committee to carry out the celebration. He well remembered celebrating the coming of age of the association: they had Canon Lake with them then. He hoped that he would be Rector and Sub-Dean to welcome them at their jubilee. The Master said he was looking forward with great pleasure to the jubilee of the Essex Association, and he was sure all the members were likewise interested (applause).

Mr. F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden) was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. The Master thanked Mr. Pitstow for what he had done for the association, and said they were very fortunate in having such a capable secretary to succeed the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre.

Mr. Pitstow returned thanks for his re-election, and said he should continue to do his very utmost for the association. Thanks were also due to the district secretaries for all the work they did.

The General Committee was appointed as follows: Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips, Messrs. W. Lincoln, T. Faulkner, F. Donch, W. Keeble and the officers; Peal Committee, Messrs. F. Pitstow, T. Faulkner, G. R. Pye, W. Keeble. Messrs. W. H. Theobald and G. W. Faulkner were re-elected auditors and thanked for their past services.

Mr. F. E. Haynes, Cambridge, was elected a non-resident life member; Mr. A. Meadowcroft, Galleymoor, was elected a member. Mr. J. Brewster, Harwich, one of the oldest members of the association, was elected a life member.

RESTORATION FUND NOT INTENDED FOR ROPES.

The Master reported that the General Committee had considered an application for a contribution to the new bell ropes at Harwich Church, and they came to the conclusion that the bell restoration fund was not exactly created for supplying new ropes, and stated that there was (Concluded on previous page.)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**PRESENTATION TO LATE GENERAL SECRETARY.**

The fourth annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Northampton on Whit Monday. The Guild service was conducted in the beautiful and ancient Church of Holy Sepulchre, one of the very few round churches in the country, by the Vicar (Rev. Canon F. S. Keysell), who also gave a very able address. Luncheon was served at the Plough Hotel, 74 sitting down, and this was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Master, Mr. F. Wilford, others present including Canon F. S. Keysell, Rev. J. O. Hichens, Rev. J. White, Rev. C. H. L. Hopper, Rev. E. C. C. Channer, Messrs. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), S. F. Millward (auditor), R. G. Black (general secretary), F. Barber, H. Baxter, T. Tebbutt and W. Bost (branch secretaries).

Apologies for absence were received from the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Rev. R. C. Thursfield, Miss Thursfield, Miss Hepburn, Rev. A. M. Johnson, Rev. J. P. de Putron, Rev. L. C. Shreatfield, Rev. C. J. Watkins, Canon J. P. Frend.

The secretary's report and statement of accounts were adopted, as was also the auditor's report.

There being no new nominations sent in for officers, the whole were re-elected en bloc, as follows: President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough; Master, Mr. F. Wilford; treasurer, Mr. W. T. Wilson; general secretary, Mr. R. G. Black; auditor, Mr. S. F. Millward.

A presentation was made by the Master on behalf of all the members to Mr. D. J. Nichols, for several years secretary of the Central Northants Association, and, later, of the Peterborough Guild, from its formation until he was obliged to retire owing to ill-health. The presentation took the form of a roll of notes (£31), accompanied by a framed certificate, placing on record the Guild's sincere appreciation of the services Mr. Nichols had rendered to the old association and the Guild, the formation of which was largely the result of his efforts. The Master briefly recalled the work Mr. Nichols had done, and said that although he had been obliged to resign his office, the memory and the value of his work would remain.

Mr. Nichols, in reply, thanked the members for the presentation, and the Master for his kind remarks as to what he had done for the Guild, and added that he began to serve in the belfry when he was nine years of age, and ringing had been a real joy to him. All he had done was for love of the church and of ringing. He was pleased to say he was in a little better health (applause), and he had not abandoned hope of once again taking his place as a ringer.

On the committee's recommendation, a grant of £5 was made from the Belfry Repairs Fund to Kingsthorpe for improvements in the ringing chamber.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Thrapston.

The Master stated that the new Bishop of Peterborough had expressed a wish to meet the members of the Guild, and it was decided that his Lordship be asked to fix a date during the summer months and a meeting arranged.—The General Secretary suggested it might be made an annual event as a summer festival.

Mr. F. Barber moved a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the several rings of bells that day, to Canon Keysell for conducting service, and for his address, to the officials of the Northampton Branch, and the general secretary for the splendid arrangements they had made for the meeting, which undoubtedly was a success.

Mr. Nichols congratulated the general secretary on the able manner in which he had discharged his duties during his first full year of office.—Mr. S. F. Millward supported this.

During 1926, forty-one branch meetings were held, and the attendance was above the average. Fifty-nine peals were rung, an increase of 12, there being 16 different conductors, 21 members rang their first peal, and received certificates, 71 rang their first in a method or number of methods, and 130 different ringers took part in these peals, which were rung in 41 different churches.

The first peals of Treble Ten and London Surprise Major by the Guild were rung during the year. There are 97 towers in union with the Guild, an increase of three, 74 honorary members and 619 ringing members, an increase of 38, and 129 non-resident life members, making a grand total of 822.

The collections at the services for the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to £15 16s. 5d., and the balance in hand on that fund is £69 7s. 5d. The receipts on the general account were £41 2s. 4d., and the expenditure £31 2s. 4d., which shows £10 balance on the year's working, this being considered very satisfactory.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding.

LOUGHBOROUGH BELLS FOR AMERICA.

America's love of British bells is shown by the contracts from over the Atlantic placed with Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The firm are now casting a carillon for the Florida home of a prominent American citizen. It will consist of sixty-one bells. Another order is for forty-eight bells for a carillon at Germantown, Pennsylvania, and a carillon is being shipped to the City Hall at Albany, New York. This carillon is practically a replica of the famous one at Bruges.

DEVIZES.—On Monday, April 18th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: R. Swift 1, J. Ottaway 2, L. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, W. A. Swift (conductor) 5, G. England 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. T. L. Jones, of Bangor, president of the North Wales Association, and until recently an active ringer, is shortly to be married to Miss Thomas, a member of the teaching staff of the Sunday School attached to his church. Mr. Jones is 86 years of age, and takes a keen interest in the North Wales Association, of which he was one of the founders.

We regret that in our issue of June 3rd, through a slip on the part of a correspondent, it was stated that Mr. W. Keeble, of Kelvedon, had lost a son in a motor accident. The fatality befell the eldest son of that other well-known Kelvedon ringer, Mr. W. Elliott, with whom much sympathy has been expressed.

The peal of Stedman rung at St. Martin's, Epsom, by the College Youths, on May 21st, was Thurstans' four-part. The ringer of the 4th was G. W. Frayne.

'Uncle Joe' Sykes says he had a rollicking time at Whitsun in 'peal ringing.' On Saturday, after 1 hr. 40 mins. for Cinques at Leicester, the tenor clapper broke; on Monday, a change course occurred after 2 hrs. 40 mins. in Stedman Cinques at Wolverhampton; Cambridge Surprise Minor at Fillongley, on Tuesday afternoon, was stopped after an hour on account of a neighbouring fete; and they met one short at Exhall in the evening. He managed a peal at Higham-on-the-Hill on Wednesday morning, a funeral prevented a start at Bulkington in the afternoon, and they were one short at Bedworth in the evening. Yes, Joe; you did have a rollicking time.

'Curious' wants to know why the band at Frinsted, Kent, had to have six attempts before they could ring one 120 of Stedman, as all of the band have rung a peal of Stedman Triples. He would also like to know why three of the band of five fell off their bicycles on the way home. Were they really looking at an owl overhead?

Jasper Snowdon was born at Ilkley on June 18th, 1844. On June 20th, 1790, a peal of 6,016 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Mary's, Battersea, 'being the most ever rung true on the bells.'

Forty-five years ago next Thursday the first peal was rung by the Midland Counties Association. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples at Derby.

THE FIRST PEAL OF ST. BLAISE SURPRISE.

The first peal of a new Surprise method has been rung at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, as recorded elsewhere in this issue. The method was produced by the Rev. E. Bankes James as a rival to Superlative, but, although the 2nd and 3rd never get behind with the tenor, there is, we are informed, a difference of opinion as to which method gives the better music.

The name was suggested by the Rev. Canon E. C. Kirwan, Rector of Holy Trinity (the pro-cathedral of the new diocese), St. Blaise having been associated with the ancient town of Guildford.

The figures of the method will be published as soon as space permits.

DEATH OF A LOUGHBOROUGH RINGER.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Samuel Smith, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, who passed suddenly away on Sunday morning, June 5th. Deceased was working up to Saturday dinner time at Messrs. J. Taylor and Co's Foundry, where he had been employed for some forty or more years, as foreman in the joinery department, and appeared to be in his usual health. About five o'clock on Sunday morning he complained of feeling a little cold, and before the doctor had arrived he had passed peacefully away.

'Sam,' as he was known, was a safe ringer and an excellent striker, and was always willing to help a learner up the steps which he found rather a task to climb.

He had been a member of the Midland Counties Association and All Saints' Society, Loughborough, for 44 years, ringing some 60 peals, including the record length, at that time, of Superlative Surprise Major on Whit Tuesday, 1894, on the bells of the Parish Church.

Deceased, who was 67 years of age, leaves a widow, son and daughter to mourn their loss.

He was laid to rest on Wednesday, June 8th, the service being of a quiet and impressive character, conducted by Rev. Canon G. W. Briggs. With those present at the service were Mr. E. Denison Taylor and Mr. J. Oldham, representing the firm. In the evening, 1,277 of Grandsire Caters was rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect by his fellow ringers, and this was followed by the 'whole pull and stand': J. Onslow 1, W. Thorley 2, J. Saddington 3, E. Cartwright 4, J. Grundy 5, C. Harriman 6, E. Leslie 7, J. Hutchby 8, E. Reader (conductor) 9, H. F. Stubbs 10.

MR. ALF. BACON'S 100 PEALS.

Doubles: Plain Bob 2, Grandsire 1, Stedman 1, three methods 1.
Minor: One method 25, two methods 7, three methods 6, four methods 1, six methods 1, seven Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.
Grandsire Triples: 2.
Major: Plain Bob 12, Kent Treble Bob 29, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich 2, Superlative Surprise 1.
Kent Treble Bob Royal: 4.
Plain Bob Maximus: 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1.
Total, 100.

ICKLETON CHURCH BELLS.

CENSURE ON CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

CHURCHWARDENS SUSPENDED; VICAR REPORTED.

A serious situation has resulted from the steps taken to restore the bells at Ickleton, Cambs. It will be remembered that the tenor broke and put an end to the ringing of the peal of six. At first it was proposed to recast this bell and rehang the rest. When the bells were taken out it was found two others were cracked, and it was then decided to recast the whole and, if possible, add two trebles to make eight.

A faculty had been obtained for recasting the broken tenor, and on Thursday of last week, the Chancellor of the diocese (Mr. Kenneth M. MacMorran) presided at a Consistory Court, held in the south transept of Ely Cathedral, when the Vicar of Ickleton (Rev. P. H. Cooke) asked that the petition might be amended for the recasting of the whole of the bells of the church.

Mr. Cooke said it was originally decided that one bell be recast. Mr. Weir saw the bells, and when they were taken out two more were discovered to be cracked. Afterwards, when they got them to the foundry, Mr. Johnston advised them to have the whole six recast, and he (Mr. Johnston) would arrange to give them a much better peal, and that they decided to do. So that what they asked was that the application be changed for the recasting of the six bells instead of one.

The Chancellor said he understood the bells had already been recast. The faculty, for one, was dated January 21st. Mr. Cook and his churchwardens were the trustees and guardians of those bells. What did they mean by sending them to a bell founder without referring to anybody?

Mr. Cook said they carried out the advice given them. The Chancellor pointed out that the advice was that one bell be recast.

In reply to a question by the Chancellor, the Vicar said the bells were moved about last November from the belfry.

The Chancellor: It is rather serious, you know. He added that the mischief had been done some months before the petition was delivered.

Mr. Cooke said the bells were taken away then, but were not recast until about a month ago.

The Chancellor: What right had you to take the bells away from your town? They were not your bells.

Mr. Cooke said he did not act on his own opinion.

The Chancellor said he did not know whether Mr. Cooke realised that he could be deprived of his living—not by him (the Chancellor), of course. He saw they had the bells from 1729 to 1755. On account of that wrongful action the bells were lost for ever, and, of course, no order that he could make would restore them. The less he said about the founders the better, because he would never have allowed them to touch those bells in any circumstances. 'You people seem to think you can do any mortal thing you like,' added the Chancellor. It was perfectly idle to ask him for a confirmatory faculty. Mr. Cooke might tell his churchwardens they were suspended from office, and he would report them to the Archdeacon and tell him they were not fit and proper persons to hold office, and he would report him (Mr. Cooke) to the Bishop for acting in a most improper way.

THE RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT.

EARLY END IN SAMLESBURY RINGING.

The attempt to ring a peal of record length at Samlesbury, Lancs, on Saturday, came to an early end. The peal was a 22,096 Double Norwich Major by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, but only about 22 courses had been rung (with the tenors parted) when 5 and 8 'shifted'—when dodging on the front, and it was not noticed until the 5th was going out behind, too late to rectify the error. Ringing had then been in progress 1 hr. 22 mins.

Time would still have permitted of an attempt for a record length, but the band were unanimous in declining to start again. Perhaps a little excuse will be pardoned. The bells are tremendously noisy in the ringing chamber, and that is why the band would not start again. Had nothing occurred, the conductor would certainly have called the bells round when the tenors came together at a little over 9,000 changes, as it would have been impossible to stand the strain of that terrible din for 13 hours.

The Vicar has promised to do his best to have the bells quietened in the ringing chamber, and expressed the hope that the attempt would be made again, if possible, under better conditions.

The band would like to express their appreciation of the promptitude of Messrs. Taylor and Co. in the quick despatch of the ropes, which were delivered a day before the promised date, and also to the Vicar and the local band, who did everything that was possible to ensure the success of the peal.

The thanks of the band were also expressed to Messrs. H. Langdon, W. Wilson, E. Morris, J. W. Parker, H. W. Wilde and many others for their good wishes.

Suffice it to say, the band are not downhearted and by no means beaten. Should favourable circumstances arise, the attempt will be made again.

The band comprised Messrs. E. Cutsforth, T. B. Worsley, J. E. Bibby, T. Barlow, J. H. Riding, G. Lindoff, A. E. Peglar, and E. Jenkins (conductor).

SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR.

A PEAL RUNG IN FOUR METHODS.

Although method 'splicing' opened up a new field of enterprise for ringers and the linking of different methods on six, eight or ten bells, has resulted in a number of peals on this plan being rung, it is not long since that the splicing of the popular Surprise Major methods was looked upon as something outside the realm of practical achievement. Then came the production of a peal of Spliced Superlative and Cambridge, but the ringing of it seemed a bit of a 'facer,' and no hand appears even to have put it into practice. Recently, the Rev. H. Law James dropped a bombshell into the Exercise by composing a peal in which London, Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major were all united in a five thousand. It is a masterpiece of construction, and ringers have had the opportunity of studying it, since it appeared in the columns of 'The Ringing World' a fortnight ago.

Unlike some of the peals lately rung in more than one method, where there has been half a peal of one and half a peal of another, this composition in fifty courses has at least two methods and sometimes three in each course. From start to finish, there are in the 169 leads no fewer than 119 changes of method, sometimes at bobs, sometimes at plain leads. The first and last leads of the course are London, and the main plan is to join them with a lead either of Superlative or Cambridge. Bristol, the sauce piquant of the composition, is not added with the same regularity, for on one occasion in each of the ten parts it occurs after the Superlative or Cambridge, and on the other occasion in each part it is put in before the Superlative or Cambridge. The composition itself is in two separate halves, to join which one lead of Bristol has to be sacrificed, so that the peal can be rung to contain 100 leads of London, 25 leads of Superlative, 25 leads of Cambridge and 19 leads of Bristol.

These are some of the facts about the extraordinary composition by the Rev. H. L. James. It presented to an enterprising band a unique opportunity, which was seized by a company of which Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, is the conductor. They met on May 28th at Warnham to attempt to ring it, and found the task not less difficult than they anticipated. The first start ended at the second lead-end: the next lasted ten minutes; then came half an hour's ringing, and afterwards the bells got away again, and there seemed every hope of completing the peal, but a shift course occurred, and the bells were stopped at the ninth part end after almost three hours' ringing, much to everyone's disappointment.

The ringing was not without its incidents, some of them amusing, as, for instance, when, on one occasion the conductor, in turning the bells out of London, called 'Superlative—no, Cambridge—No-o-o, bust it! Bristol.' Everybody laughed, but they made it Bristol in the end. Even though the conductor calls all the changes of method, the switch over is not quite a simple matter; in effect, it introduces work which seems strange, as, for example, when the bell that has done trouble work behind in Cambridge or Superlative has one blow in 3rd's and runs straight back up to 8-7-8 when turning into London at a plain lead, or when, after 7-8-8 in London, a bell goes down to one blow in 5th's and returns to a dodge behind in the intermediate work of Cambridge. Moreover, the complexity of the job is not simplified by the fact that in going into or out of London the hunting course of the bells is suddenly reversed; or by the fact that there are, in a sense, 56 different 'switches.' Thus one may go from each of five different positions in London to the five corresponding places in each of Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol. Similarly, there are five from Bristol to London, Cambridge and Superlative; five from Cambridge and five from Superlative to London and Bristol respectively, and in Cambridge and Superlative there are, in addition, three plain-lead switches to London. Each 'switch' gives its own different little sequence of work, and as there are only 119 switch places, it is obvious the work never gets monotonous from repetition. Indeed, it is continually springing surprises on the ringer, and is fine exercise in mental acrobatics.

Well, having got 'so near and yet so far' on the first occasion, it was only natural the band should desire to make another attempt, and they met last Saturday for the purpose. There was no second start this time. Except for slight trips, caused by momentary hesitations, the ringing went well, and the striking for the most part was of a high order. At the end of three hours and twenty minutes the bells ran round, and another mark in ringing history had been made. The band were justifiably pleased with their performance, and appreciated the congratulations of three well-known London ringers (who motored down to hear some of the ringing, and pronounced what they did hear as 'excellent'), and of members of the Warnham company, to whom, and to the Rector, thanks are given for the use of the bells.

The peal, as rung, contained 3,200 changes of London, 800 changes each of Superlative and Cambridge, and 608 changes of Bristol. Superlative and Cambridge were rung in alternate parts.

WEDDING BELLS.

Wedding bells rang out merrily at St. Catherine's, Feltham, on Saturday afternoon, June 11th, when Mr. A. J. Lewis, a much respected member of the local band, was wedded to Miss D. E. Staniford. After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal by the Middlesex County Association, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 40 mins.: W. H. Hollier 1, A. Cutmore 2, A. H. Fulwell 3, R. A. Fardon (conductor) 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, H. Belcher 6, A. J. Trappitt, sen. 7, F. Corko 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE WHITSUN MEETING.

The most largely attended meeting in the history of the Central Council was that held at the Mansion House, London, on Whitsun Tuesday, when nearly a hundred members were present, representing 38 societies. The meeting was opened with prayer, offered by the president (Canon G. F. Coleridge), who said it was his pleasant duty to inform them that the Lord Mayor of London and the Archdeacon of London had come to welcome them. It was exceedingly kind of both to spare a few moments from their many pressing engagements to come there to greet them (applause).

The Lord Mayor, who was received with applause, warmly welcomed the Council to the Mansion House. The ability and distinction with which the bell ringers of this country carried on their calling was, he said, well known, and in no other part of the world were bells so well rung as they were in England. He had just returned from Belgium, where there were a great number of bells, but the bells of this country were unequalled in many ways (hear, hear). He should have been sorry to miss that meeting, because he felt they represented a body doing a valuable work in connection with the Church by ringing the bells which pealed throughout the land (applause).

The Lord Mayor having left to keep another engagement, Archdeacon Holmes welcomed the Council as the representative of the Bishop of London, and in the name of the Church. Bell ringers, he said, combined in their activities the two elements of Church and State. Bells were used wondrously in connection with both, and they had a great influence, whether heard above the clash and clamour of a noisy city like London, or in the quiet of the country villages and lanes, and to all who heard them they carried some message, although the recipient might hardly be conscious of it. Wherever they went they felt always at home when they heard the bells beginning to ring—bells were a great national instrument. The Archdeacon added that he wanted to leave one thought with them; it was the necessity for throwing oneself enthusiastically into one's local work; if they did that, their interest and influence would extend through the whole area in which their society operated. Thus they would be able to take part in the bigger work and give a helping hand to those who had not had the same opportunities as themselves. In the name of the Bishop of London he gave them a most hearty welcome to the diocese (applause).

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Council then proceeded to the business of the day.

The Hon. Secretary (temporarily in the chair) said only one nomination had been received for the office of president, and he had great pleasure in announcing Canon Coleridge duly re-elected. He trusted he would have another happy term of office (applause).

Canon Coleridge, in acknowledging his re-election, thanked the Council for the honour they had again conferred upon him. He told them three years ago he was getting much too old for that chair ('No, no'). There were many others far more competent than himself to occupy it ('No'). He would do his best during the next three years, or during such part of it as he might be alive. Although he had plenty of energy yet, they knew perfectly well he was not up to the mark in ringing circles, because he could not get about as much as he used to do. As for these new developments which came crowding upon them, they were told in Standing Committee that only five people understood some of them. He (the speaker) was not one of the five (laughter). Continuing, the President said that only one nomination for the office of hon. secretary and treasurer had been sent in, and that was on behalf of the present holder of the office. He was sure they could not have a better (applause), and he declared Mr. Young duly elected by acclamation (applause).

Mr. Young thanked the members, and said the Council's wishes and work were nearest his heart. The years were passing, and he thought they should be scanning the faces of some of the younger men who would be able to take over the duties and carry them out better than he had done. Perhaps in three years' time, now that he had given them due warning, they might think of that.

The President congratulated Mr. Young upon his recovery from a painful illness. When he saw Mr. Young in hospital about three weeks earlier he had doubts whether he would be able to carry on and be present that day. He had a most valuable assistant, and they were much indebted to her for all she had done for them. Mr. Young's recovery had, happily, been rapid, and they were all delighted to see him in his old place (applause). Many of them must also have been thinking of their former secretary, who had likewise recovered from a serious operation recently undergone. They were delighted to see him with them after apparently a perfect recovery of health (applause).

One nomination only had been received for the post of hon. librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn being re-elected.

Apologies for absence were then read, and letters received from relatives of three deceased members acknowledging expressions of sympathy and condolence sent by the hon. secretary.

On the motion of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who had audited the accounts, the balance sheet was adopted, the Secretary pointing out that five fresh associations had joined during the year. A special welcome was extended to the representative of the Truro Diocesan Guild, the affiliation of which carried the territory of the Council into Cornwall.

THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

In his report the Hon. Librarian said: Except for the business done with the newly-published 'Major and Cater Methods,' the sale of publications has been much the same as last year. There was a brisk demand for this book in the first few weeks after publication, but there has not been very much since. However, it is gratifying to be able to hand over a cheque for £7 10s. 5d. as the result of the year's sales instead of drawing upon the funds of the Council, as I have been compelled to do in the past few years. The stock of publications at present amounts to 34 copies 'On the Preservation of Bells,' 264 copies 'Cards of Instruction on the Care and Use of Bells,' 117 copies 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' 1,238 copies 'Glossary of Technical Terms,' 43 copies 'S.P.A.B. Conference Report,' 280 copies 'Peal Collection, Section I.,' 481 copies 'Peal Collection, Section II.,' 665 copies 'Peal Collection, Section III.,' 219 copies 'Major and Cater Methods,' and a large supply of Corrigenda Leaflets of the Peal Collections. As to the library proper, it fulfils the purpose for which it was intended, though the number of those who make use of it is not very great. It is still short of the following numbers of 'Bell News' in the years when that paper overlapped 'The Ringing World': 1912, Nos. 1561, 1594, 1595, 1596, 1598, 1913, Nos. 1605, 1606, 1625, 1631; 1914, Nos. 1658, 1675, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1687, 1688, 1689, 1696, 1697, 1700; 1915, Nos. 1717, 1729, 1735, 1737, 1739, 1741, 1755, any of which I shall be glad to receive. There are one or two books, and there is a considerable amount of written work by the late Sir Arthur Heywood and others, as to the value of which I am very doubtful. I should not, however, care to undertake the responsibility of destroying any of this. But I would suggest to the Council that it should appoint one or two experts in these matters who would go through the contents of the library with me, and report as to their value.

The report was adopted.

Mr. C. H. Howard raised the question of reprinting the pamphlet 'Rules for a local company,' for which, it was pointed out, there was a demand.—It was resolved that the Rules should be revised and reprinted, and the following committee was appointed to carry out the work: Canon H. J. Elsee, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. E. W. Elwell and Mr. H. W. Wilde.

It was also announced that the Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. J. A. Trollope would go through the books and papers with the librarian to dispose of those not worth keeping.

NEW HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President said the Standing Committee had considered the question of how best to fill up the vacancies among the hon. members. They recommended that the Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. Cyril Johnston (who were not now representatives of an association) should be elected; that would leave one vacancy in case they wanted to elect someone specially to the Council.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed that Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Editor of 'The Ringing World,' should be elected to this vacancy, and the suggestion was at once agreed to, and the three gentlemen mentioned were unanimously elected.

After the introduction of new members to the president, the election of the Standing Committee took place. The president, Canon Elsee, Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Law James, and C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, J. Griffin, E. A. Young, J. S. Pritchett, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston and Pryce Taylor were re-elected, and Messrs. W. A. Care, C. T. Coles, J. D. Matthews, A. Paddon Smith and the Rev. A. T. Beeston were added to the committee.

COMMITTEES' REPORTS.

The Council next turned to the consideration of committees' reports, the first being the Peal Collection, presented by Miss E. K. Parker. Since the last meeting of the Council, the committee stated, a final appeal was made in 'The Ringing World' for one-part compositions of Treble Bob, which resulted in about 500 further compositions being sent to the chairman, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. This entailed a great deal of work in discovering duplicates, etc., and the work was practically completed and ready for typing, when Mr. Richardson removed to Hereford. In consequence, the completion was delayed for a time, but the committee hope to present the completed collection at the next meeting.

The report was adopted, and the committee re-appointed as follows: Revs. H. S. T. Richardson and E. S. Powell, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde, J. W. Parker and Miss E. K. Parker.

The report of the Literature and Press Committee, presented by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, must needs begin, it said, on a sad note. Since the last meeting of the Council, the committee stated, the hand of death has bereft us of our convener, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, and our first duty is to pay tribute of respect to the memory of one esteemed and beloved by a wide circle of comrades in the art of ringing. During the past twelve months the committee has continued to collaborate with the hon. secretary of the Council in the preparation of a revised edition of 'Rules and Decisions.' A draft copy of the revision will be presented to the Council and suggestions for certain alterations and additions will be submitted for approval. There has been little else to call for action on the part of the committee. Individual members have kept in touch with the British Broadcasting Company and have used their endeavours to obtain due recognition for change ringing. At the same time, we have the satisfaction of noting that one of the main purposes of the establishment of this committee is being in large measure achieved. Both the London and provincial Press has in recent

times devoted far more attention to bells and bell ringing than was the case a few years ago, and statements with reference to change ringing have shown a great advance in the matter of accurate information. Even that familiar feature of popular literature, the 'Treble Bob Major,' is seldom encountered in print nowadays, and the appearance from time to time of quite well-informed articles or paragraphs affords welcome proof that the ideals of the Council are being attained to a gratifying extent.

The report was adopted and the committee were re-elected: Revs. F. L. Edwards and A. T. Beeston, Messrs. G. P. Burton, W. Willson and A. Paddon Smith, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was added.

'MINOR METHODS' TO BE REPRINTED.

The Rev. H. Law James reported for the Methods Committee. As they all knew, he said, the Collection of Plain Major Methods was in print and on sale, and he was very pleased to hear that a large number of copies had been sold. So far as last year was concerned, they were very well pleased. With regard to the future, he understood that the 'Collection of Minor Methods' was to all intents and purposes out of print. There were two things to which the committee might turn their attention in the immediate future: the reprinting of the Minor Methods, with the addition of bobs and singles, and 720's; or they might go on to the Treble Bob Major methods. Having published the Plain methods, he thought it was only fair to the Exercise that they should reissue the Minor methods, and he hoped the Council would empower them to do so during the coming year. He had had a letter from Mr. Lewis saying that his time was so much occupied that he would only be able occasionally to give them help. As, therefore, the committee could not expect much from Mr. Lewis, they suggested that the Rev. E. S. Powell should be added to the committee. They would still have Mr. Lewis in the background, but the three other members would do the work and submit it to Mr. Lewis for his final approval.

Mr. J. A. Trollope asked the Council, and through it the Exercise, to let the committee know, in view of the reissue of the Minor methods, if the six-bell ringers had any suggestions to make with regard to what should be put into the book, and the way in which bobs and singles should be shown. Three years ago one of their members rather criticised the book, and in issuing the Major methods they adopted some of the suggestions made. If the six-bell ringers wanted anything included in the reprint, as far as it was possible to be done, they should let the committee know, and not wait until after it appeared and then complain about it.

The President emphasised this appeal to the six-bell ringers. He said that until the committee knew what the six-bell ringers wanted they would be working somewhat in the clouds; what they would like to do was to come down to realities.

The committee's report was adopted, and it was agreed that a reprint of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' should be proceeded with. The committee, consisting of Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. E. H. Lewis and J. A. Trollope were re-elected, and the Rev. E. S. Powell added.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston moved the adoption of the Peals' Analysis Committee's report, which was printed in 'The Ringing World.' He said the committee were grateful to the Exercise for the care which had been taken in sending reports of peals for publication. He was sorry to say that there had been a number of omissions of conductors' names. Perhaps the mention of this fact would lead to greater care.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said that when defective reports were received, they were returned to the sender for correction, whenever possible, but in some cases no address was enclosed, and this course could not then be followed.

The report was adopted, and the President thanked the committee for their work.

THE SOCIAL SIDE.

Members began to arrive in the Metropolis on Saturday, and on Sunday many found their way to the various belfries. For the afternoon, arrangements had been made by the hon. secretary for a river trip to Greenwich and a visit to the Observatory. A party of 26 availed themselves of the opportunity, and boarded the steamer 'Ich Dien' at Westminster, leaving at 2.30. Going down river, great interest was taken in the various wharves, docks, shipping and bridges, especially the Tower Bridge, which happened to be opened for a Swedish steamer as they passed.

By the courtesy of the Astronomer Royal, Sir Frank Dyson, the Observatory was opened to the party, and he himself met them and personally conducted them over the most interesting of the buildings. The description of the giant telescopes and how they are worked was closely followed, and all felt that they had been the recipients of very rare and great honour. At the end of the visit, Mr. E. Alex. Young, on behalf of the party and also the Central Council, expressed their warmest thanks to the Astronomer Royal for his kindness.

A further walk through the beautiful park and gardens brought the party to the Rangers' House, where, in this fine old Georgian building, tea had been provided for them. The ladies of the party wandered back through the charming flower gardens and avenues, whilst also enjoying the distant music of St. Alphege's (Greenwich) bells, to which church most of the men folk had gone to ring for evening service, the bells having been placed at their disposal through the forethought of Mr. Thornton, who joined the party on their arrival at Greenwich. A return to Westminster by water ended an enjoyable and memorable day.

On Monday afternoon, another party enjoyed a trip by river to Kew Gardens, and there were also certain unofficial visits to spots of interest in and about the city, with Mr. Young as guide. His great knowledge of the antiquities and history of these little-known corners of London was interesting and instructive, and his kindness was highly appreciated.

In the evening there was an enjoyable party at the renowned 'Coffee Pot,' the headquarters of the College Youths, and after the Council meeting on Tuesday, there was a large gathering at the Cumberlands' headquarters, the Bedford Head. Canon Baker was in the chair, and handbells and songs, as well as friendly intercourse, caused a pleasant evening to pass all too quickly.

A REMINDER TO MEMBERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On comparing the number of signatures on the roll with the number of members which I made during the day, I am of opinion that four or five members at the Mansion House on Tuesday, did not sign their names as requested. If they will notify me, I will see that their names are entered on the official minutes.

I take the opportunity to remind a few of the members that the following payments were not made to my secretary as requested, viz.: 33 railway vouchers at 2d. each, and five bottles of ale at the luncheon at 6d. each still remain unpaid. I trust it is only necessary for me to issue this reminder.—Yours faithfully, E. ALEX. YOUNG.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY AT CRESWELL.

On Saturday, June 4th, about 40 members of the above society turned up at a meeting at Creswell, from Anston, Bolsover, Dore, Eckington, Ecclesfield, Handsworth, Killamarsh, Pudsey, Rotherham, North Wingfield, Wortley, Worksop, Norton, Sheffield Cathedral, St. Mario's and Whittington. The fine little peal of eight recently installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. were in great demand during the afternoon, practically every touch being successfully brought round.

The peal is hung in a very attractive brick tower faced with stone, and the ringing chamber is approached by an excellent staircase of cement and steel chippings. Electric light is installed and windows are on all sides of the ringing chamber. Not every tower with a new peal has had such attention paid to details which affect the ringers' comfort as has been shown at Creswell, and any incumbent with little experience of bells and their appurtenances, who is thinking of having a peal, would lose nothing by paying a visit to this little country village tower.

Tea was provided in the local church school through the good offices of Mr. Bacon, of the local company, and several ladies, when a party of a dozen or so rolled in from Bolsover, who had been present at the interment of the late Mr. William Lambert, whose death was notified in our columns.

The business meeting was carried through according to programme, when four new members were duly elected, and the secretary was requested to convey the society's sympathy to the widow and family of the late Mr. Lambert.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, who had so unhesitatingly granted use of the bells at short notice (owing to illness at Bolsover), and to the local company and ladies for their efforts to make the visit a success.

Ringing was further indulged in, from Bob Minor to London Surprise, until bus and train time necessitated an all too hasty parting from this fine little peal of bells.

MR. W. KEEBLE'S HANDBELL RECORD.

Mr. W. Keeble, of Kelvedon, has completed one hundred peals on handbells, and his list of performances includes the greatest number of Surprise peals rung 'in hand' by any ringer; also the greatest number of Major methods yet rung on handbells. These handbell peals have been rung with 50 ringers, including three brothers of three different families.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Treble Bob, seven methods	1	1
Bob Major	39	37
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	21	17
Double Norwich Major	6	5
Superlative Surprise	9	*4
New Cambridge Surprise	4	1
London Surprise	5	1
Bristol Surprise	3	1
Bob Royal	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	1
Stedman Triples	1	
Stedman Caters	2	
Stedman Cinques	1	

* Includes one silent.

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MR. W. H. SHUKER'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles 1, Grandsire Triples 13, Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 27, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Stedman Triples 30, Double Norwich Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 18, Cambridge Surprise Major 2; total 100. Rung in 34 towers and four counties.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSES JUBILEE YEAR
ARRANGEMENTS.**

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held on Whit Monday at Bourton-on-the-Water. The Bristol contingent had a beautiful run from the city, leaving at 7 a.m., travelling through the delightful scenery of Didmorton towards, and through, Cirencester, thence on to Northleach, where some excellent change ringing was done. Then another nine miles of the most beautiful part of the famous Cotswold Hills and Stow was reached. Proceedings commenced officially with ringing and lunch at Stow, where Mr. Withers, of Birmingham, gave the writer good proof that the reputed weight of the tenor, 28 cwt., is more likely to be 21 cwt. or even less. There was a very happy meeting with an old friend, founder and pioneer, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and this gathering revived the historical work of the association. The next move was to Bourton-on-the-Water, where a service had been arranged for 3 p.m. by Canon White, of Bourton-on-the-Water, and the sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon of Cheltenham, who, in the course of his address, made a suggestion that ringers might consider a plan of ringing whereby the uninitiated might know whether the bells were being rung for practice or for a useful purpose.

The business meeting followed in the Parish Rooms. The hon. treasurer was able to report progress in all directions, and the annual accounts showed an increased balance of £10 5s. 5d. upon the year's work. It was agreed by a 20 per cent. vote to allow incumbents to become members upon the basis and payment of performing members. They will now pay 1s. 6d. per annum instead of 5s. as before.

A question of insurance of bell ringers whilst 'within the church' for the purpose of ringing bells, at 6d. per annum, was allowed to 'lie on the table.'

It was unanimously agreed that a memorial tablet to the late Mr. G. H. Phillott, of Cheltenham, a foundation member, be placed in St. Mary's Church, Cheltenham, as a recognition of his valuable work.

The jubilee meeting of the association, which will occur next year, was discussed, and the arrangements of the Bristol United Guilds were fortified.

Rev. C. D. P. Davies (foundation member and Past Master) was elected Master for the jubilee year. In acknowledging his election, he said he felt after the kind way he had been elected to the mastership he would be ungrateful not to accept, and thanked the meeting for the great honour conferred upon him.

Mr. W. Cave was appointed to take charge of ringing during the jubilee year meeting.

All the other officers were re-elected.

A vote of thanks to the Ven. Archdeacon of Cheltenham, Canon White, of Bourton-on-the-Water, Mr. B. Phillips, and the organist, for their kind help, was proposed by the hon. secretary and seconded by Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the retiring Master, Mr. A. Wright, was also given.

Tea was then partaken of, and after further ringing the visitors dispersed. At this stage the Bristol charabanc was converted into a pantechnicon. It was a most enjoyable day.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.**

A successful district meeting was held at Overseal on Saturday, June 11th, when about twenty ringers were present from Burton (St. Paul's), Ashby, Newhall, Seales, Appleby Magna, Melbourne, and Higham-on-the-Hill. The light peal of eight were kept going during the afternoon in Doubles, Triples and Minor, two ringers scoring their first touches of Bob Minor.

An excellent tea was provided in the schools, this being followed by the usual business meeting. The Rector (the Rev. H. E. Worthington), on behalf of the visitors, thanked the lady helpers for providing tea, and also welcomed the newly-appointed Rural Dean, the Rev. J. N. Philpott, of Coleorton, who subsequently became an honorary member of the association. One ringing member was elected, and the next meeting fixed for Coleorton on July 23rd, on the invitation of the Rector.

The Rev. J. N. Philpott gave a short address at the service which followed, after which further ringing was indulged in.

The two clergy then placed their cars at the disposal of the ringers, and conveyed a party to Netherseal, where further ringing brought the meeting to a close.

NOTICE.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. —Summer meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley, Berks, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8), at o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 1/- 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. W. Hibbert, East Ilsley, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, June 22nd, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Branch Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on June 30th, St. Magnus' on the 23rd, Southwark Cathedral on the 21st, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bourne on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—A business meeting will be held on June 18th at St. Mary's, Woolwich. Tower open from 4 to 8. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business after.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

LAVENHAM.—The annual ringing of Lavenham bells will be held on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 2 p.m. All are welcome.—A. Symonds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The annual joint meeting of the Barnsley and District, the Doncaster and District, the Sheffield District and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each.—E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome; kindly notify early.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Walton on Saturday, June 18th, bells (5) will be open from 3 o'clock onwards. Tea is being arranged in the Rectory grounds by kind permission of the Rev. B. M. Bird. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Dene, Swing Bridge Road, Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 10, Warbree Road, Blackpool.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at North Elmham on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open 2.30.—W. J. Howson, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Fillongley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Great Staughton on June 18th. Service in Church 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting at the 'Robin Hood' 4.30. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton Vicarage, Cambs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready at 3.15. The usual tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome. And Ruislip July 9th.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

NORFOLK GUILD.—Aylsham District.—A meeting will be held at Wroxham (to-morrow) Saturday, June 18th, at 3 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea, at the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. S. K. Lockyer) and friends. Business meeting after. A good gathering at this annual event is hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Parish Recreation Hall at 5.30, through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. E. A. W. Haviland). Business meeting to follow. Half fares (maximum 1s.) allowed to members.—G. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3.0. Tea and general meeting at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5.0. Tea will be 1/- to fully paid-up members, to others 1/6. Please send word by the 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 on the Rector's lawn (if fine). All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BARNESLEY ASSOCIATION.—Hoylandswaine Cup contest takes place on Saturday, June 25th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Ringing commence at 3.15 p.m. It is essential that those requiring tea should please notify Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, on or before Wednesday, June 22nd, as accommodation elsewhere is very limited.—A. Panther, Sec. pro tem.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Warfield (8 bells) on Saturday, June 25th, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Duffield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (10) open from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcomed.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—By invitation of the Vicar, the next quarterly meeting will be held at Minehead (10 bells) on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than June 21st how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—First general quarterly meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, June 25th. Red Buses (cheap return fares) every $\frac{1}{4}$ hour from Newark, Leicester and Bond Gate, Nuneaton, also many local buses. Bells (8) also Barwell adjoining (8) will be available from 2 p.m. A short service will be held at Earl Shilton 4.30. Tea at 5 at moderate charge to those who notify Rev. E. Pillifant, the Vicarage, not later than Thursday, 23rd. Committee meet at 3.30; general meeting follows tea. A good representative attendance is hoped for.—E. Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec. 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Ash on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Members wishing to be present will kindly send post card to me before Wednesday, June 22nd.—P. W. Smith, Dis. Sec., Fairview, Littlebourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Twyford, Berks, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) at 3. Short Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 5. Guild reports obtainable. All ringers welcome. Kindly let me know number for tea by Tuesday, June 21st.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treas., 'Merrel,' California, Wokingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough District.—An annual meeting will be held at Yelvertoft on Saturday, June 25th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by June 20th?—W. Bott, Dis. Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Dukeries District.—Next meeting at Edwinstowe on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) ready early. A meat tea will be provided at 1s. 9d. per head in the Church Institute at 3 p.m., only for those who notify Frank Martin, Villa Real Cottage, Edwinstowe, Mansfield, not later than the 22nd inst. Please note this is important. By kind permission of the Rev. A. Mansell, Perlethorpe bells (6) (two miles in Forest) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. only. Ringers from kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. Cheap return buses from Retford and Worksop.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on June 25th, when the bells recently rehung, will be open for ringing. A tea will be provided by the Rector, and all ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, June 25th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided). Motor leave St. Stephen's Church at 2 p.m. Will those requiring a seat in the motor kindly notify by 21st inst?—C. H. Jennings, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Egerton on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. The usual tea arrangements will be made. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 22nd.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Alderton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by the invitation of the Rector (Rev. A. D. Pennington) at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. All those intending being present please notify me by the 21st inst.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bingham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Meat tea 1s. 6d. each. It is important that those who intend being present to advise the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt, Bingham Rectory, Notts, not later than June 23rd. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Rammore Common on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5, with tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please let me know by June 22nd?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Loddon on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) will be available at 2.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) will be provided by Mr. T. Gordon at the Church Rooms at 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those who want tea please notify to the secretary not later than Thursday, June 23rd. All ringers welcome.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Sowerby on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. W. Sutcliffe, 43, Providence Place, Sowerby Bridge, not later than Tuesday, June 21st.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, June 25th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, June 21st?—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, June 25th. Bells: All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6) available from 3 p.m. onwards. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome.—L. Moon, Branch Sec., Ramleh, Park Lane, Newmarket.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — The annual meeting of above district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Co-operative Café. All ringers welcome. Cheap tickets available from Fenchurch Street, via Tilbury. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 29th.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623). —The 304th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dochester Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Abbotsbury on Thursday, June 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Monday, June 27th? All ringers welcomed.—W. J. Benger, Hon. Sec., 21, North Square, Dorchester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, July 2nd. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m. Service in the Pro-Cathedral (Holy Trinity) at 4 p.m. Preacher: Bishop of Winchester. Tea at 5 p.m. The meetings will be held at Ward Street Hall. Bells available: S. Nicolas' (10), Holy Trinity (8), Godalming (8), Shalford (6). Tea 1s. for visitors, 6d. for members. Will those requiring tea please notify by June 28th? Cheap tickets by Southern Railway. Those requiring vouchers to obtain should apply to me without delay. All ringers and friends welcome.—G. Pullinger, 14, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available from 1 p.m. Service in All Saints' Church at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea in Girls' School, Hungate. Applications for tea tickets (1s. 9d. per head) to be made to Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Waldyoe Cottages, Market Weighton, not later than Wednesday, June 29th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Aldenhams, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells open 3.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. Ringing till 8.30. Fast trains to Bushey 1.15 and 1.40 from Broad Street, 2.40 from Euston. Other trains at frequent intervals. Bushey nearest station. Cheap fares. Number for tea by June 29th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenhams Road, Bushey, Herts. Note.—Beautiful country. Excellent tea. Good company.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and a six-bell contest will be held at New Mill (near) Huddersfield, on Saturday, July 2nd. Draw in school 2.45 p.m. Will all those requiring tea (1s. 6d. each) please send their names not later than Monday, June 28th, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow in Church Hall. South Weald bells (6) will be available during the evening.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Stretford Parish Church on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells at Parish Church (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided free. Will all wishing to attend please let me know on or before Wednesday, June 29th? All ringers welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

YORKSHIRE AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of the above Associations will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Halifax. The following rings of bells will be available, Halifax Parish (12). All Souls (8), Northowram (8), Queensbury (8). Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head and applications for same must reach Mr. F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Ak oydon, Halifax, not later than first post Tuesday, July 5th—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Hon. Joint Secs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The meeting arranged for the month of June has been postponed.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

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