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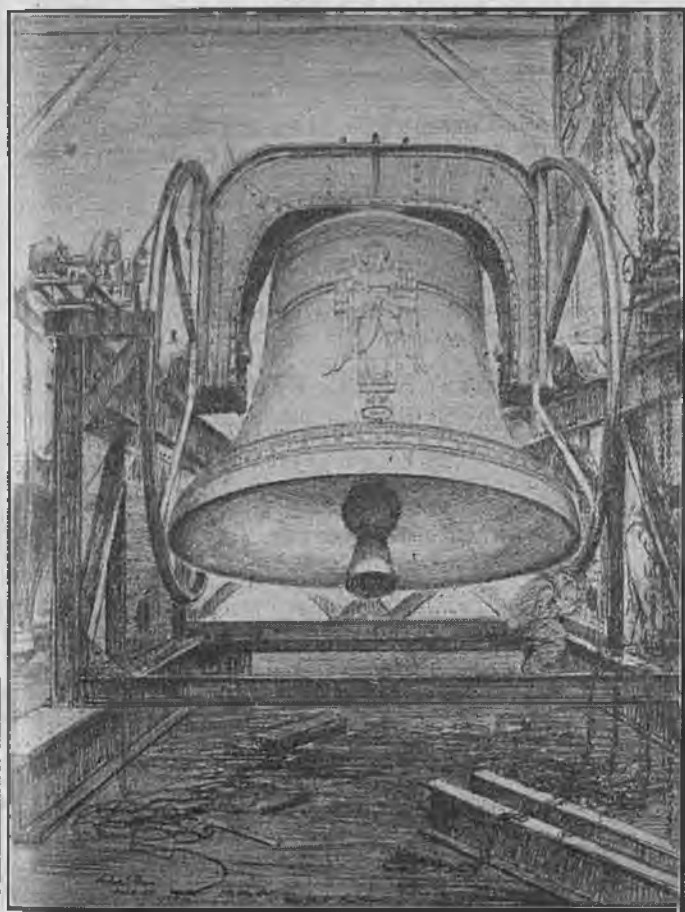
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ANOTHER 'WOBBLE.'

Those who studied the Methods Committee's report and who now read the debate upon it at the Central Council meeting will be struck by the fact that once again the committee have 'wobbled.' In their report they set out to justify the inclusion of the compositions, which have been the subject of such strong controversy, on the ground that they were true and complete and fully in harmony with the fundamental principles of change ringing. When they came before the Council the committee pleaded to be allowed to include them not on their merits, but on the ground that it was desirable that they should be put on record as something of interest, while, when, eventually, after a singular deadlock, caused by the defeat of an amendment when it became the substantive motion, a compromise was reached, the committee said they had got all they wanted by being allowed to put the compositions in an appendix with a note that the inclusion did not mean that they were suitable for ringing in a peal! The fact was that, having realised after the publication of their report, the strong feeling in the Exercise against the recognition of peals in which such compositions were used; the committee trimmed their sails to meet the gale and rescued their craft by putting in at another port. They would have saved a great deal of discussion had they said from the first that their only intention was to place these compositions on record, without committing themselves as to whether they were suitable for inclusion in a peal. Although one might not agree with them that a Collection of Minor and Doubles methods, published for the purposes of practical ringing, was the place in which to create a museum, the Exercise would have been much more generally inclined to meet the committee's wishes had they originally been told this, instead of having thrust upon them the contention that these compositions should be included because they were in accord with the fundamental principles of change ringing. That was the crux of the whole matter.

The generally agreed argument advanced in favour of the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge has been, of course, that it was the only means by which seven 720's in the method would be got, with tenors always the right way together behind. The claim for saving the Pitman and Morris arrangement of Doubles is that it gives an opportunity for variety. It may, perhaps, surprise the Methods Committee, as well as the majority of the Exercise, to know, after all that has been said about the impossibility of obtaining seven 720's of Cambridge starting from and ending with the rounds and having the tenors the right way, and all the 'sob stuff' that has

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been written about robbing the five-bell ringers of opportunities if the Pitman and Morris Doubles are scrapped, that a well-known ringer has in his possession no fewer than eight 720's of Cambridge with the tenors the right way, and 52 true six-scores of Grandsire Doubles with ordinary bobs and singles. These will shortly be published, and will therefore remove all excuse for the use in future peals of any of the other 'mixed' compositions round which so much argument has centred. These can be relegated to 'history' with the 'incomplete peals' of Grandsire Triples and other less interesting stuff which has disappeared from practice, unwept, unhonoured and unsung.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDGAR GUISE Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 6
HENRY PRING 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 3	HARRY BENNETT 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
ERNEST STITCH 5	ALFRED E. KEEVES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Arranged for Mr. J. Phillips, of Cardiff, who was elected a life member of the association before starting. Ringer of 4th bells from Newport, and of 5th from Port Talbot.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY Treble	WILLIAM SEDGLEY 6
HARRY R. ROPER 2	WILLIAM TILLET 7
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH FOREST BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

OLIVER THOMAS Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	WILLIAM H. HARRIS 6
NOAH REES 3	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
JESSE GILLITT 4	FREDERICK SANDFORD Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN
The above is a new one-part peal, and now rung for the first time, has only three bells called before. It was published in 'The Ringing World' on May 31st.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	HERBERT FOLCHER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	CHARLES SAYER 6
EDWIN GOATE 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	ANTHONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

ORMSKIRK.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... 5
THOMAS WILSON 2	*THOMAS ROTHWELL ... 6
SAM HOLT 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
JOHN BROWN 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in any method. Rung as an anniversary wedding peal to Thomas Wilson.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb.

ALPHAUS J. BERRY Treble	†FRANK CLARKE 5
*CHARLES GOODMAN 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL 7
*ERIC G. BENNETT 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birthday of the Earl of Albermarle, of Quidenham Park.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COUNT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

PERCY PAGE Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 6
ALBERT RELFE 3	HARRY BAKER 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 25th peal.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	FRANK CORKE 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

First Surprise peal on the bells. Especially arranged in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King.

KINGSTEIGNTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(MID-DEVON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOSEPH HUXLEY Treble	CHARLES F. ADSTIN 5
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 2	FREDERICK E. PARNELL ... 6
AUBREY L. BENNETT ... 3	HERBERT J. HOLT 7
ERNEST W. MARSH 4	*ALFRED L. POPE Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER.

* First peal. First peal on the new ring of eight, by Gillett and Johnston. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the 15th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Parnell's wedding.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 12th, 1,026 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: W. Brant 1, J. Phillip 2, W. Shorter 3, A. Hiscock 4, F. L. Allen 5, H. R. Stevens 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, F. W. Smith 8.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*JOHN BRIERLEY Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
TOM WILDE 3	ALLEN F. BAILEY 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Treble	*HARRY L. SMITH 5
ERNEST W. TIPLER 2	ALFRED BALLARD 6
CECIL E. CARR 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
WILLIAM H. CLARKE 4	PERCY W. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

*HERBERT F. EVANS Treble	*RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	FRANCIS BROTHER 6
†JOHN WARRILOW 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
ROBERT PICKERING 4	WILLIAM H. JONES Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method inside. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King, this being the nearest date convenient for the attempt.

WARE, HERTFORD.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THORBALD ... Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE HAYDEN 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
*WALTER GREENAWAY ... 4	ROBERT MOLTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE ST. CHURCH OF MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	WALTER ARNOLD 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	WILLIAM BURGESS 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	JOHN WOOD 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

Rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of W. Burgess.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
 GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM R. NASH Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	FRANCIS EVANS 6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 4	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

OLDBURY, WORCS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FRANK HADLEY Treble	WILLIAM BROWN 5
THOMAS HEMMING 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	JOSEPH H. COX 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	*WILLIAM CLIFTON Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal and first attempt. Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

PENTRE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

ALBERT J. PITMAN Treble	ERNEST STITCH 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	FREDERICK LASBURY 6
HARRY PAGE 3	TOM PAGE 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

First peal of Spliced Major by all the band and by the association.

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

On Monday, June 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN EVANS Treble	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 5
DONALD F. BOREHAM 2	RALPH H. BIGGS 6
*RICHARD M. KIMBER 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

FRANK MORRIS Treble	JOHN POTTER 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 2	ALBERT HEYWOOD 6
PETER CROOK, JUN. 3	PETER CROOK 7
JACK KAY 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, JUN.

Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday. The conductor is only 15 years of age, and great credit is due to him for his performance.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 5, 1929, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A REAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6028 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

KENNETH SNELLING Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 5
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN 2	JAMES HEASMAN 6
*ROBERT SWIFT 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First eight-bell peal.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 5, 1929, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	RICHARD C. BELTON 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by DANIEL WOOD.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

MISS BERTHA M. MILLS Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
MISS IRENE L. HASTIE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
FRANK BOREHAM 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

Specially arranged for Miss Hastie (Leatherhead). Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Ernest Chapman (chorister) and Miss Winifred Critcher (local Guide), who were married prior to the peal. This was also a wedding peal for Mr. Frank West, of West Wycombe.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	*JOSEPH B. FENTON 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method inside. A birthday compliment to Joseph B. Fenton.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*A. OLIVER LEWIS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
*ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	HARRY PRICE 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	CYRIL TANSSELL 7
WALTER H. RAXTER 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells.

A HALF PEAL.

On Saturday, June 1st, a half-peal of Bob Major (2,544 changes) was rung at Crich, Derbyshire, in 1 hr. 40 mins.: Geoffrey Ashman 1, George E. Allin 2, William A. Parsons 3, Wilson Allin 4, John W. Clew 5, Ernest A. Wilson 6, John W. England 7, Joseph Lord (conductor) 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

*STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	LAURENCE POULSON ... 5
*FRANK A. TURNER ... 2	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 6
*ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... 7
*MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... 4	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSE ... Treble	*GIBSON JACKSON ... 5
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	ARNOLD HILL ... 6
*HARRY CARTER ... 3	PERCY GLEDSTONE ... 7
*HAROLD MARCON ... 4	*HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. ... 2	ROWLAND BARROW ... 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 3	*ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 7
*NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD, JUN.

* First in the method. First of Major as conductor.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
*EDMUND A. PASSAM ... 2	†EDWARD A. MORRIS ... 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
WILLIAM C. PARKER ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal of Bob Major and first attempt. † First peal in the method with an inside bell. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
JOHN J. LAMB ... 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN.
50th peal on these bells by the conductor.**SIX BELL PEALS.**

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, two 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Grandsire.

*ALBERT E. TAYLOR ... Treble	THOMAS G. COOKE ... 4
†THOMAS C. G.WILLIAM ... 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE ... 5
†RICHARD G. COOKE ... 3	†GEORGE PROBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods on the bells. All, except conductor, are members of the local band.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

W. STANNARD ... Treble	E. FOOTER ... 4
J. CHINERY ... 2	A. BALLAM ... 5
A. R. BRIDGES ... 3	C. STANNARD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STANNARD.

Rung as a birthday peal for A. R. Bridges, ringer of the 3rd, on his seventy-seventh birthday.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... Treble	ALBERT NASH ... 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... 2	HAROLD CHANT ... 5
*ARTHUR CHAMPION ... 3	ARTHUR GILL ... Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung after meeting one short for Major.

BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Double Oxford, one of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. approx.

HORACE M. DAY ... Treble	J. WILLIAM LAKIN ... 4
*PERCY LAKIN ... 2	WILLIAM HOGGTON ... 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL ... 3	WILLIAM SMALL ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal 'inside.' First extents of Double Oxford by all except ringers of 1st and 3rd.

BABCARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. NEWPORT ... Treble	G. CREED ... 4
*W. HODGES ... 2	E. F. CREED ... 5
A. RAPSON ... 3	H. MILBORNE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. CREED.

* First peal, and member of the local band. First peal on the bells.

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SINGLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BOVILLE Treble	*JOHN H. FOSTER 4
LAURENCE GREEN 2	FRED W. GREENWOOD 5
GEORGE MARIES... .. 3	CHARLES SHARPLES Tenor

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were hung in the tower in 1811. G. Maries hails from Lytham, the rest are from St. John's, Blackpool.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

BERTRAM PILGRIM Treble	EDWARD H. FINCH 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS... .. 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
FREDERICK PAYNE 3	FRANK HARPER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HARPER.

Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. E. Dean (mother of one of the local ringers), who was interred on the previous Tuesday. The ringer of the third, who belongs to Burton Latimer, Northants, was on a visit to Trumpington with the Church Army, and was elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN H. BAILESS Treble	M. EDWARD WATSON 4
LEONARD E. TOWERS 2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE... .. 5
*FRANK BAILESS 3	WILLIAM A. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. The ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor are from Croft, 2nd from Stony Stanton, and 5th from Broughton Astley.

SUTTON VENY, NEAR WARMINSTER.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

NORMAN V. ANDREWS... .. Treble	EDWARD G. COWARD 4
WILLIAM LOUD 2	WILLIAM BAXTER 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

First peal on the bells.

BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Biddulph, London, Wells, Durham, York, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

OWEN WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM CORFIELD 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	JONAH COTTERILL 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This was J. Cotterill's first peal of Surprise. He belongs to the local company. The others belong to Norton. Thanks are due to Mrs. J. Cotterill for providing refreshments after the peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MR. H. HAIGH RESIGNS SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual general meeting of the North Notts Association was held at East Retford on Saturday, June 1st. Service was held at the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. A. Parkinson (Vicar), and the address was given by the Rev. H. R. Peel (Vicar of Norton Cuckney). The preacher referred to the uses of church bells, and said the work of ringing them was a work for the honour and glory of God, and a most beautiful and interesting art. The ringing associations, by their rules and regulations, were careful not to degrade it, and it was now looked upon as an important branch of church work.—Mr. Harry Blagg, one of the ringers, presided at the harmonium, and 35 members were present.

Tea was provided at Cooke's Cafe, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar of East Retford, supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall), Rev. F. S. Curtis (Everton), the Misses Burchall, Mrs. East, Mr. W. D. Metcalfe (churchwarden), Mr. Stenton, the hon. secretary of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Mr. F. S. W. Butler), the hon. and assistant secretaries (Messrs. H. Haigh and H. Revill), and many others. Apologies were received from the Rev. A. J. Lindsell (Rector of West Retford) and the Rev. R. Hodgson (Vicar of Anston).

The balance sheet and annual report, which were presented by the hon. secretary, showed a balance on the right side after a grant of £5 had been made to the fund for the new bells at Anston. The number of peals rung during the year was 12, an increase of 4 over 1927. The Misses Burchall had taken part in six peals and attended every district meeting during the year. The membership roll up to the end of the year contained 21 vice-presidents, 126 resident attached members, 12 unattached members, and 53 non-resident life members, making a total of 217.

The financial statement for the year ended December 31st showed a gain of 5s. 7d., and a balance in bank and treasurer's hands of £34 3s. 5d. The Hon. Secretary tendered his resignation, after 17 years' service, and thanked all who had done so much to make the meetings successful during these years, the local press and 'The Ringing World,' the vice-presidents, by their financial support and attendances at a great many of the meetings; all of which had given him joy and inspiration to carry on as hon. secretary for a greater number of years than he intended to. He had beaten all records by serving in all for 43 years as one of the committeemen, having been one of the founders, with the late Vicar of Worksop (Rev. H. T. Gladden).

A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Mr. Haigh for his long service, on the proposition of the Rev. A. Parkinson, supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson.—The hon. secretary briefly replied and thanked the members for their good words of comfort and cheer.

Mr. Robert W. Stockdale, 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford, was elected hon. secretary, and Mr. H. Revill, 18, Tunnel Road, Ordsall, Retford, assistant secretary. Mr. H. Haigh was elected hon. treasurer, and the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson was elected representative on the Central Council.

The next meeting will be held at Everton on July 13th, and advertised in 'The Ringing World.' The following new members were duly elected: Horace W. East, of North Collingham, A. Towler, D. Newbould, W. Furness, of East Retford, G. Stevens, L. Robinson and A. Pethyn, West Retford.

During the afternoon and evening touches were rung at all three towers, in a variety of methods, and members were present from Anston, Barlborough, North Collingham, Cuckney, Edwinstowe, Gamston, East Markham, Ordsall, East and West Retford, Sutton-on-Trent, Wheatley, Warsop, Worksop, Gainborough, Misterton, Lincoln Cathedral, Southwell Cathedral, Sheffield Cathedral and Hough-on-the-Hill.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded to the three incumbents, Rev. A. Parkinson, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson and Rev. A. J. Lindsell, for the use of the bells at East and West Retford and Ordsall respectively, and for their presence at the tea and meeting; to the Rev. H. R. Peel for his address; to the tea makers, and all others who had used their best endeavours to make the meeting a success.—This concluded the meeting, and the bells at all three towers were rung until 9 p.m.

'BROMLEY YOUTHS.'

A peal was rung at Bromley, Kent, as recorded last week, by the Society of Bromley Youths, to commemorate the 156th anniversary of the completion of the bells at SS. Peter and Paul's Church. A peal board in the belfry states: 'In January, 1773, the old five bells in this tower were taken down, recast and augmented to eight. And on May ye 29th they were finished, on which a sett of Youths of Bromley in Kent did join in articles to learn to ring.'

The opening ringing was done by some London ringers, and a fortnight later, namely, on June 12th, James Barham took his band there and rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Barham rang the 7th and called the peal. A footnote to the peal copied from a pocket book of his says: 'This was the first long peal on them bells, although two companies had been from London to try.' There had thus been three attempts in a fortnight.

OPENING OF SHAROW BELLS.

On Whit Tuesday, May 21st, the Bishop of Knaresborough, in the presence of a large congregation, rededicated the bells of Sharow Parish Church, Yorks. This ring of eight, six of them cast in 1824, and the two trebles in 1871, has been retuned, fitted with ball bearings, and rebung in the old frame, by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. at a cost of some £300.

The service opened with the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' sung in procession to the base of the tower, where the Bishop offered up the two dedicatory prayers. A few rounds were then rung by the following ringers: F. Jingle 1, G. Richmond 2, R. Pearson 3, C. Mowforth 4, E. Schofield 5, T. Shepherd 6, C. Howroyd 7, E. Hudson 8.

The service then proceeded, conducted by the Rev. R. E. Pownall (Vicar), the lessons being read by the Rev. W. E. Laidman, Vicar of Kirkby Mill. The Bishop preached an eloquent sermon, taking as his text Psalm xix. 3, 'There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among you.'

Further touches were rung by the local ringers after the service, and again at night, with the assistance of the Ripon Minster company.

The tone of the bells is vastly improved, and the 'go' of the ring has greatly surprised some of the local ringers, whose efforts in the past have at last met with reward.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT OLD-WORLD BENINGTON.**

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday, and a goodly number attended, and much enjoyed the visit to this historical tower and the old-world village, with its timbered houses clustering round the old village green, and its old rookery, from which, mingling with the sound of the merry little ring of bells, the cawing of the rooks could be heard. The church is an interesting and ancient building, and two old monuments are of interest, one being to the memory of a Crusader.

The Rector, who is himself a ringer, and who is trying hard to restore in some measure the status of ringing at his tower which once was so famous for its band of Surprise ringers, provided tea and extended a warm welcome to all.

Some good practice was put in, the highest achievement being Cambridge Surprise, a method which the old bells had rung out hundreds of times sixty years ago. While some of the visitors were busy at the bells, others enjoyed the beauty of the surroundings in the spring sunshine.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH'S FINANCIAL POSITION.**

The annual meeting at the North Bucks Branch was held at Shenley on Saturday, June 1st, and, the weather being fine, attracted a gathering numbering about 80, and representing the following towers in the Branch: Bletchley, Beachampton, Bradwell, Chicheley, Fenny Stratford, Great Buckhill, Loughton, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Simpson, Twyford, Whaddon and the local tower. Various methods were rung until service, which was conducted by the Rector of Shenley (Rev. H. Evered), and was fully choral. It was a very inspiring service, and was attended by a good number of parishioners as well as by the ringers. Tea was supplied on the Rectory lawn, and thoroughly enjoyed by all, the surroundings making it very pleasant.

At the business meeting the Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) read the report and presented a statement of accounts which was considered very satisfactory. The Branch's financial position showed £17 11s. 9d. in hand, and £10 invested. The Secretary, after briefly stating the work done, proposed that a grant of £5 be given to the Guild Restoration Fund, and that was approved. The Branch now had 176 ringing members and 19 honorary members.

The officers were re-elected, the Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell, chairman, and Mr. W. Sear secretary and treasurer.

The Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, was present, as also the secretary, Mr. R. T. Hibbert. An apology was received from Mr. A. Wright, the Guild treasurer. Both the Master and secretary addressed the meeting, stating their satisfaction with the healthy condition of the Branch.

The Chairman proposed hearty votes of thanks to the Rector, the choir, and the ladies for providing tea.—This was responded to by the Rector, and further ringing took place. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Minor.

DISAPPOINTED VISITORS TO HEREFORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I state, through your columns, how disappointed I was at not being able to enter Hereford Cathedral on Whit Monday for the ringing which was advertised from 6.30-8.30 p.m.? I was on holiday in Monmouth, and made a purpose journey for the ringing, only to find that I was one of about a dozen who only had the pleasure of hearing this fine peal.—Yours sincerely,

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To-day is the first recorded peal of Stedman Caters rung on handbells. It was accomplished in the year 1851 by some famous old College Youths—John Cox, George Ferris, William Cooter, Matthew Wood and James Dwight—and was rung at the Osborn Arms. Ferris, Cooter, Wood and Dwight afterwards rang the first peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand,' and with John Cox and Henry Haley rang the first of Stedman Cinques.

The interest which has been shown in the recently augmented ring at Lincoln Cathedral, recalls the fact that the first peal in this belfry was a peal of Treble Bob conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe on June 15th, 1886.

Another Lincoln anniversary occurs on the 20th, for it was on that date in 1756 that at St. Peter-at-Arches Church a peal of 5,040 Carathan's Triples was rung. This is believed to be Garthorn's peal of Grandsire which was rung at Norwich in 1715.

The peal rung at Bletchley on May 4th was conducted by H. Sear and not H. V. Sear as published.

THE NEW BELLS AT HATFIELD.

The two new bells given to the Parish Church at Hatfield by the Bishop of Exeter and his wife in memory of their son will be dedicated by the Bishop on Thursday, June 20th. The bells have been cast and are being erected by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble: 'In memory of Rupert Edward Gascoyne Cecil, born January 20th, 1895. Killed in action at Ypres, July 11th, 1915.' Mears and Stainbank, 1929.

New 2nd bell: 'In memory of Rupert Edward Gascoyne Cecil, son of William, Bishop of Exeter, some time Rector of Bishop's Hatfield, and of Florence, his wife.' Mears and Stainbank, 1929.

The chime room and bell chamber have been thoroughly cleaned by the Rector, his family, his gardener, and Miss Elizabeth Bennett. Eighteen sackfuls of dirt and rubbish were thrown down from the tower and burnt. Such a clearance had probably not been effected since 1847, 82 years ago, when the spire was built, and those concerned in the cleaning feel relieved that the same task will not fall to them again in their lifetime.

The new bells will give Hertfordshire another peal of ten. At present there are only two such, at St. Peter's, St. Albans, and All Saints', Hertford.

MR. AND MRS. B. KEEBLE'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

OLDEST COUPLE TO RING HANDBELLS.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Keeble, 53, Vine Street, Romford, celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on June 7th. Both attended the eleven o'clock Eucharist at St. John's Church, at the close of which the hymn, 'O God, our Help,' was sung as a thanksgiving for the blessing of 60 years of married life.

Mr. Keeble was one of the founders of the Essex Association, and taught the whole of his family, including Mrs. Keeble, change ringing upon handbells. Five years ago, when the whole of the family of three sons and four daughters were home to celebrate Mrs. Keeble's 77th birthday, every member of the family took part in method ringing. On June 7th last a 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung: A. Keeble 1, Mrs. Bonny (daughter) 2, B. Keeble 3-4, Mrs. Keeble 5-6. Mr. Keeble was 82 in April, and Mrs. Keeble reaches the same age in August, and it is claimed that they are the oldest man and wife to accomplish such handbell ringing, simple as it may be to many thousands of ringers.

A peal of Bob Major to celebrate the event was rung at Earls Colne on Saturday.

FIRST PEAL AT WESTBURY-SUB-MENDIP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The first peal on the bells at Westbury-sub-Mendip, Somerset, was rung about eight years ago, when a peal of Minor was scored. I therefore wish to withdraw the claim to the first peal on the bells which was published in 'The Ringing World' on June 7th, 1929. For the above information I must thank Mr. J. T. Dyke.—Yours faithfully,

F. D. RICKARDS.

VETERAN CHORISTER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred at Edenham, Lincs, of Mr. Edward Furness, for many years a member of the village choir. He passed away on May 31st, at the advanced age of 81 years, and was interred on June 3rd in the village churchyard. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to 720 Oxford Treble Bob: C. Bottomley 1, S. Smith 2, E. Green 3, A. Holmes, jun., 4, G. Mills 5, A. I. Holmes (conductor) 6. Also 720 Double Court: A. I. Holmes (conductor) 1, C. Bottomley 2, A. Holmes, jun., 3, A. Neal 4, G. Mills 5, E. Green, 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE DEBATE ON THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mr. William Willson, speaking against the Methods Committee's Report, paid a tribute to Mr. Law James' speech, which, he said, was the acme of sense. Mr. Willson spoke in terms of eulogy of what had been done for ringing by both the Rev. E. B. and Rev. H. Law James. Some of their compositions, he said, were marvellous productions, and the name of James would be honoured in the ages to come. That, however, was no reason why they should accept the proposal of the committee of which Mr. Law James was a member. In the publications of the Council regulations were laid down for ringing, and the first of them was this, that all peals upon all numbers of bells should commence from and end with rounds. That was in print still; it had never been repealed, and he contended it still stood and put out of court these composite peals which the committee suggested should be included in the Minor Methods book ('No, no.'). They talked of progress. That word was the most abused word in the English vocabulary, and every man who boasted of progress wanted watching (laughter). There was usually a reason behind it. When change ringing was evolved from rounds, the first principle was truth, otherwise they would never have troubled to try to get true peals. The day the 120 and the 720 were obtained, that day 'finality' was written across the extent of Doubles and Minor, and no man could go a step further, not even Mr. Law James. They might get new methods; they could not get a change further. The Doubles about which they were disputing were all hopelessly false. Mr. Trollope would have them believe that because the handstrokes were true and the backstrokes were true, the composition must be 'as nice as pie.' But he did not tell them all. The moment they mixed these things up they became hopelessly false. Mr. Willson created amusement when he compared them to the mixing of beer and water. If you take a pint of cold water and a pint of good beer and pour them into a quart jug, the highbrows would tell them that they had a quart. 'You have,' said Mr. Willson, 'and you can drink it, for me' (laughter). The water was pure and undiluted; the beer was good enough for anyone, but they are no good for anything when you mix them' (laughter). In regard to the Cambridge Minor, he said, he had no objection to one of the compositions going into a museum to show how close they could sail to the wind without going overboard, because they could get 719 changes true, but he left them to get 720. Changes and rows were synonymous terms as far as ringers were concerned. One counted the rows when one counted the number of changes in a peal, and if they did this they did not take the rounds before the start as the first change of a 720. Scientific or unscientific, it was simply rot to talk about rounds before they began as being incorporated with the figures they rang. They had always considered that a peal started from rounds, and it was lined off in the composition. The composition ended when the bells came round, if it were not so there was no need for a coming home course. All they would have to do would be to saw off the false changes and call it a peal, because the conductor would say the bells were not bound to come home. In the Bankes James Cambridge 134256 was 'plained' in the body of the 720, and came up at the end as a bob change; in the second 720 142356 repeated, and rounds came up in the last 300 of the third 720, and rounds completed the first block of 2,160. Each 720 was thus hopelessly false. If they wanted rounds at the beginning they could not have it at the end without repetition, and no peal on earth would come round at the end if they once included the rounds at the beginning. It would mean the end of all discipline in change ringing if they once admitted these false compositions, and there were those who viewed the proposal with great alarm. They could not get a true 720 in Bankes James arrangement unless they counted rounds before they started, and he would ask Mr. James, as an expert—

Mr. James: I am not an expert, and I don't think there is one in this room.

Mr. Willson said he would ask them two questions: Would they recognise any performance that failed to come round? Would that be a peal or no peal? (Several members: 'No peal.')

The Rev. E. S. Powell: These 720's do not come round, but the 2,160's do. These two blocks are true.

Mr. Willson: It comes round twice in the last 720.

Rev. E. S. Powell: You ring rounds twice, that is another thing.

Mr. Willson: Rounds comes up twice.

Rev. H. Law James: Mr. Willson has gone away from what we were dealing with in the report. He is discussing peals of Minor; we are not discussing peals of Minor.

Mr. Willson: Mr. Trollope did. He added that he was going to move that the report be referred back in order that the controversial figures might be deleted.

Mr. Trollope suggested Mr. Willson should move definitely to delete the items by name.

Mr. Willson said he was prepared to do this. There was no end to what would occur if they once admitted false peals. To suggest that a false peal would be a help to any man, and especially that it was going to help a young ringer, was absurd. It was not progress, unless it was the rake's progress. He proposed that the report be re-

ferred back for the deletion of the Morris and Pitman Doubles, the London Minor and the Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Mr. James George seconded.

ONE PEAL OR SEVEN PEALS?

Mr. C. T. Coles said Mr. James' explanation had cleared the air a great deal and showed that the Methods Committee did not intend to foist these compositions on the Exercise as necessarily being true in accordance with the tradition of the Exercise, but that they merely wanted them published as historical and useful. He submitted, therefore, that all the talk about whether the compositions were true might easily be left until they came to resolution No. 7 on the agenda. There was one remark made by Mr. Willson which he would like the Council to consider during their dinner time. When they were ringing a peal of Minor, did they ring one peal or seven peals; did they ring seven peals of 720 and publish it as such, or did they say they rang a peal of Minor? He submitted that they rang a peal of Minor, and in doing so they commenced from and ended with rounds. If in between rounds came up only six times, and any other change came up seven times in between, they rang only one peal.

Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake suggested that the Council should defer settling the report until they had dealt with question No. 7 on the agenda.

The President: The two things have nothing whatever to do with each other. The committee want to publish a book up-to-date; the question whether these things should be rung is another matter.

Mr. Pulling: Does the Methods Committee intend to publish these peals with a note saying that they do not conform to the rules of Central Council?

Mr. Trollope: Certainly not; it is not necessary.

Mr. Pulling: Then you will publish them in the book as 720's that can be rung as a peal? If they are published in the book, they will be published as fit for a peal?

Mr. Trollope: Obviously.

The Hon. Secretary: Would it be possible to put them into an appendix?

Mr. Trollope: They practically are an appendix.

Mr. Cave: I propose that the report be adopted, and the book be published, provided these peals are put as an appendix, just to show what has been done. Mr. James told us that in 25 years' time someone might be bringing it out as something fresh, but if the compositions are put as an appendix it will save people trouble.

Mr. C. Mee seconded.

'COMPLETE CHANGE OF FRONT.'

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said the committee had made a complete change of front. In their report they attempted to justify the publication of these compositions on the ground that they were true and in harmony with the tradition and usage of the Exercise. To say that they were in harmony with tradition and usage was a travesty of the use of words. But the committee had now apparently abandoned that ground for inserting the compositions, and appealed for permission to include them for historical purposes. The book which the committee proposed to publish was never intended to be what the Snowdon publications, like 'Grandsire' and 'Stedman,' were, historical surveys as well as books of instruction. The committee's compilation was for practical purposes only, and was not concerned with the historical side at all, and therefore compositions which had a purely historical interest should have no place in the publication. As some of the Council probably knew, he was not prepared to go the whole way with those who said the Bankes James' Cambridge Minor was false, and he put before the Council a new suggestion as to what might be considered true. In the construction of a method, he said, rounds was the first row; that was a matter which no one who studied method construction in these days disputed. It took two rows to make a 'change,' and, obviously, therefore, it required 721 rows to make 720 changes. As 720 was the extent obtainable on six bells, it followed that one of the rows required to make the 720 changes must be a repetition, and in an ordinary 720 the row that was repeated was rounds; the last row repeated with the first row, and in between them they got the 720 changes. The rounds which came at the end, was the first row of the next 720. In the Bankes James Cambridge the row which repeated was not rounds, but in the first 720 134256, which was the 721st row, but before that row was reached they had had 720 true rows and 720 changes, and he submitted that as that had happened and the second 134256 belonged to the second 720, the first 720 must be considered as complete as if the 721st row was rounds. It seemed to him it did not matter whether the 721st row repeated with the first or the 600th. He had submitted this argument to some well-known leaders of the Exercise, and they agreed with him that it was sound. He asked those who thought on these matters to consider this point with an unbiased view, and he believed if they did so they would agree with him that the Cambridge was both true and complete in each of its 720's in so far as completeness meant the production of 720 changes by means of 721 rows. The other compositions in dispute did not by any means stand this test, and as 120's and 720's were absolutely false. That being so, he hoped the Council would decide that they should be excluded from any publication which was to be issued in the name of the Council.

After the lunch adjournment, Mr. Pulling asked if the committee would give a definite assurance that if published these compositions should be inserted with a footnote that they should not be rung in peals. If they were only to go in as history, they should put a note that they should not be rung as peals.

Mr. Coles asked, on a point of order, whether that was not prejudging motion No. 7, which had not yet been before the Council?

Mr. Trollope said the committee would not put any note to say that compositions should not be rung.

Mr. Coles: Mr. Trollope is infringing on the same point.

The President: I think you are right.

A RETROGRADE STEP.

Mr. James Hunt said his association (the Bath and Wells) felt very strongly on this matter. He gave the Methods Committee every credit for the magnificent work which they had done, but in his association, where out of 130 towers 80 were six-bell towers, the feeling was so strong that he had been instructed to vote against the committee's proposal to include these compositions. As ringers they must stand for truth. In their report the committee said the principle of truth and completeness was so deeply implanted in the tradition of the Exercise that it would be an ample safeguard against any excess, and, furthermore, that the Exercise had preserved a high standard in these matters and kept within rigid bounds for more than two centuries. There was no Central Council in the old days, said Mr. Hunt, and the old ringers stood for everything that was good and true in ringing (hear, hear). They started from rounds and finished with rounds, and he would like to ask whether anyone there would ring a peal going off in any way than from rounds? They could not count the rounds at the start, and therefore the Bankes James Cambridge was out of order. He supported the amendment that these four things be deleted from the book.

Mr. H. W. Wilde said he had been interested in six-bell ringing for forty years, and he had taken great interest in what the Council had done for the six-bell ringers in this matter. He admired the work that had been done, but he considered the Methods Committee now proposed to take a retrograde step. The compositions of Doubles and Mr. Law James' London Minor should not be passed without very careful consideration. In introducing these Doubles and the other things which had been mentioned, they were, in his opinion, going backward. In the past the committee had been very careful not to pass undesirable things in the way of methods, such as by omitting Grandsire Minor, while in other ways they had brought other methods such as College Single Minor into line with the resolutions passed by the Council. If they went backward and introduced these compositions of Doubles and Minor they might as well reintroduce Grandsire Minor and Woodbine and Violet Treble Bob Minor which were not regular methods. He certainly could not vote for the report as it stood.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, a member of the Methods Committee, said the committee were in an extraordinarily difficult position; they were between cross fires. Naturally all those who for one reason or another disapproved of these new developments, or some of them, were likely to vote against the committee, but he was sure the Council was aware of one thing, and that was that the different opinions that had been expressed contrary to the Methods Committee had negated one another. One party said, and he had an inkling of sympathy with them, that an extent should be true and complete. If so, that meant that the 120 of Doubles had got to start from rounds and end with rounds. The position was a logical and consistent one, but if they were going to object to that they must be prepared to go a step further. After all, the modern ideas of splicing extents were contrary to the tradition of the Exercise. If they were going to scrap one of these new ideas he was afraid they would have to scrap the lot ('No.'). He did not want to develop the point—and he was not at all sure that he was in order in mentioning it—but there was undoubtedly a certain parallel between the two and many of the Council would realise it. Dealing with Mr. Goldsmith's argument that Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge Surprise produced a true peal—he thought there were others of the Council who accepted it as true—Mr. Powell said that if they had a true round block, they could start the composition just wherever they liked, and it did not make any difference to the truth or falseness of it.

Mr. F. Hopgood: Provided you start from rounds.

Rev. E. S. Powell: Yes, of course, starting from rounds. If, however, continued the speaker, they started Bankes James' 2,160 of Cambridge Minor from any lead, except three, they would get a repetition before the end of the first 720, and yet it was said, because they could ring 720 true rows without repetition, it must be true, while if they could not ring 720 rows without repetition it would not be true. Therefore, they were told in many quarters, Bankes James' Cambridge must be true and other spliced arrangements false. The only reason for ringing Bankes James' composition was to avoid the 6-5's at backstroke, and they could not start anywhere but at these particular lead-ends to do that. The Pitman Doubles was on exactly the same lines. There were 24 possible places at which they could start, but there were only two of them from which they could get 120 rows without repetition, and who wanted just two 240's of Grandsire Doubles?

NO TRUE PEALS ON PITMAN PLAN.

If the theory of those who supported the argument of the James Cambridge and the Pitman Doubles was true, continued Mr. Powell, he was perfectly certain there had never been a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung on the Pitman plan which was a true peal. It was perfectly obvious that those who had used the Pitman arrangement had started from various lead-ends in order to get variety. It was because these compositions did not differ in principle that the committee found itself up against a dead end. It was not that they wanted to press the Law James London or the Morris Doubles upon them. They had got to come before the Council with some consistent case, and they could not put a case before them which would show the Bankes James Cambridge as true and the others hopelessly false. With regard to the question as to whether these were useful peals to put into their report, they had never tried to persuade the Council, if they read the report carefully, that they wished to recommend them to be rung for peals. He was afraid that Mr. Goldsmith had been misled by the leading article in his own paper (laughter). All they had said was that they did not feel in a position, from their knowledge, to condemn them wholesale—it was a matter to put before the Exercise. There seemed to be several members of the Council who said, 'That is all very well, but even so we do not agree with the Methods Committee as to what is fit for peal ringing' (hear, hear). All right, why then did they not raise the same objection when the Peals Collection Committee were doing their magnificent work in the Collection of Treble Bob Peals? It would be out of order for him to ask Mrs. Fletcher what percentage of those hundreds of peals were fit for peal ringing, but a very large number would be recognised as not fit for ringing in the tower in a peal.

A Member: That is a matter of opinion; it is not because they are false.

Mr. Powell said it was a matter of opinion whether it was advisable to ring a peal with the 2nd the extent in 6th's place, but was there not a certain parallelism between the two things? The Methods Committee were asking the Council to allow them to put these compositions on record; if such compositions were condemned by the Council, that could be made known afterwards.

A Member: Too late, then, sir.

Mr. Willson: They should be stamped like the false peals of Double Norwich in the Double Norwich book with the word 'False' across them.

Mr. Powell said it had yet got to be proved whether they were false. He hoped he had shown sufficiently clearly that the argument, the only effective argument which up to the present had been used, and that was the one about the 120 true rows, had nothing in it. The committee simply asked that the matter be dealt with in order that these compositions might be placed on record, and they would leave the Council to deal with the other question of peal ringing. The committee did not feel able to express a definite opinion; they did not feel able, either individually or collectively, to condemn all or any of these compositions as false. He could go into details to explain why, but he did not think it would carry things any further than they were at present.

Mr. Wilde, a member of the Methods Committee, having been given leave to reply to what Mr. Powell had said with regard to the peals of Treble Bob, said it was true some of the peals sent in for the Collection were not worth ringing, but the great majority of them were—there were some excellent peals in it. The Peals Collection Committee had instructions to include them all. If it came to printing the peals, he had no doubt that all those not worth ringing would be cut out. Some of the peals were not worth proving, but they had instructions to prove, and they did it.

A DEADLOCK.

Mr. Willson's amendment was then put to the meeting, and, after two counts, was declared carried by 30 votes to 29.

Mr. Trollope then asked: What about the book?

Members: Publish it.

Mr. Willson: Publish it without the compositions.

Mr. James: No, sir. What is the use? I have done my best for the Council; the Council does not want me to do anything more.

This statement was greeted with a chorus of noes.

Mr. James: Yes. I have got a brother, said Mr. James speaking with agitation, who has done a vast amount of work for this Council, and he has been treated with just the same contempt as I have been treated to-day. My brother has done precious little for the last ten years, and it is entirely due to that abominable treatment from a lot of ignorant people.

Mr. Coles said he was surprised at some of the members of that Council when some of these compositions were already in their own peal books.

When the amendment was read by the president before putting it as the substantive motion, it took the form of proposing the omission of the four compositions under discussion, 'because they are all hopelessly false.'

Several members expressed disagreement with this addition, and Mr. Goldsmith asked permission to move a further amendment to delete these words.

The Rev. E. S. Powell objected, as, he said, this was the specific ground upon which the amendment had been carried.

The objection was upheld by the president, who, on putting the motion, declared it lost. (Continued at foot of next column.)

NEW RING OF TEN FOR LANCASHIRE.

DEDICATION AT LEYLAND.

Lancashire, none too well off for rings of ten, has gained another by the addition of two trebles at Leyland Parish Church, and enthusiastic scenes marked the parochial May Festival on Saturday, May 11th, when the recast and augmented peal was dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn. The church was crowded from end to end, over 2,000 gaining admittance to the service, while many more were unable, to find even standing room. The service was fully choral, every resident member of the choir being present.

The Bishop, standing on the chancel steps, pronounced the dedicatory prayer, while the whole congregation knelt.

Following immediately upon a long and clear call to action from a cornet player, a voice from the tower was heard to say, 'Treble going,' and within another moment the engineering skill and workmanship of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, was manifest, as without a fault every bell was pulled off, and the sweet music of the beautiful bells rang through the village. Probably the only dissentients were the two young owls whose mother had hatched them out in the tower behind the mechanism of the clock.

No efforts have been spared by the famous Croydon firm to produce a truly model and ideal peal, second to none in the country. The eight bells have been recast and augmented by two trebles, and the whole hung in new fittings, including ball bearings, in a metal 'H' type frame. The span of the stately tower is such as to enable all the bells to be accommodated on the one level. The tenor has been equipped with the firm's patent clapper control, by means of which a beautiful hum travels across the air, and the ease with which the local ringers handled the bells for the first time the following day is a grand testimony to the excellence of the work.

The old bells weighed in all 79 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb., with the tenor 22 cwt. 22 lb. The metal has been redistributed, and the new peal of ten weighs in all 100 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb., with the tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in E flat. An Ellacombe chiming apparatus, for tune-playing purposes, has also been fitted to the whole peal.

The firm was represented at the dedication by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, who took part in the Sunday ringing as an honorary member of the band.

There is already an enthusiastic band of ringers in the parish, including a number of ladies.

The treble is inscribed 'Prayer'; the 2nd, 'Obedience'; 3rd, 'May Jesus Christ be praised, the gift of Margaret Kellett, 1897; John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, "Unity"; 4th, 'Hope'; 5th, 'Truth'; 6th, 'Loyalty'; 7th, 'Love'; 8th, 'Peace'; 9th, 'Joy'; tenor, 'Morning, evening, noon and night praise God. The gift of John Stanning, 1897. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. "Faith." Eight of these bells were recast and rehung and two trebles added in 1929 at the expense of the congregation by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. G. H. Ensor, M.A., Vicar; W. Dawber and R. Stopford, Churchwardens.'

On Nos. 1 and 2: 'Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1929.'

On the rest: 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1929.'

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This left a deadlock, and Mr. Trollope asked for instructions for the committee. They wanted some guide as to what they were to do. Obviously, what they wanted to do, he said, was to carry out the Council's wishes. Would they meet the wishes of the Council if they printed these compositions separately, as a sort of appendix, at the end of the book, and said that the compositions contained repetitions of changes, and that the insertion of them did not commit the Council to the opinion that they were fit for ringing in peals?

Mr. Willson: You admit, then, that there are repetitions of changes?

Mr. Trollope: I am admitting nothing at all. I am asking whether we should do this, not what we want to do, but what the Council wants us to do. Shall we put these in the end of the book and say these compositions apply to five and six-bell methods, but the insertion of them here does not commit anyone to the opinion that they are valid for peal ringing?

Mr. G. J. Sedgeley proposed that that should be done.

Mr. Cave: That was my proposition just now; accept the report and publish these compositions as an appendix.

Mr. Willson: Why print them if they are not worth ringing?

Mr. Pulling: When Mr. Trollope gets a thing in his own hands, he generally does what the committee wanted beforehand (laughter).

Mr. G. P. Burton suggested that the words should be: 'The insertion of these compositions as an appendix does not commit anybody to the opinion that they are suitable for peal ringing.'

Mr. Whittington: Will the inclusion of these compositions legitimise them, and will it give people the right to have those peals recognised by the Analysis Committee if they are rung because they are in that book?

Rev. H. Law James: No.

The President: That entirely depends on resolution No. 7.

On the proposal being put to include the compositions as an appendix with a note in the terms suggested, it was carried by 44 votes to 3, and Mr. James remarked: 'Thank you, gentlemen; that is all we want.'

(To be continued.)

A YOUNG CONDUCTOR.

In these days when young ringers are hard to get and still more difficult to keep, it is always a pleasure to find a youthful recruit making headway, and this week we record a peal of Grandsire Triples at Bolton, Lancs, conducted by Peter Crook, jun., who is only fifteen years of age. Few ringers have called a peal of Triples at an earlier age than this.



Peter, junior, is the son of Mr. Peter Crook, of the Bolton Police, who is honorary secretary of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association and an active leader in the Exercise in that district. Young Peter, who inherits his father's love of ringing, rang his first peal at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on May 26th, last year, when he was but fourteen years of age, and it was conducted by a proud father. He has now shown the stuff he is made of by himself calling a peal, and the way in which he accomplished the task marks him out as a most promising member of the Exercise. Ringers generally will congratulate him upon his performance, and will wish him every success in the future.

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The inquiry made in our 'Belfry Gossip' column recently as to who were the youngest ringers to ring a peal, has brought us the following letters:—

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Adverting to your enquiry with regard to youthful record makers, I beg to inform you (in all modesty) that at the age of 14 years, a month after my 14th birthday, I rang an inside bell to a peal containing seven different Minor methods, and while still 14 years old I rang my first eight-bell peal.

Have these performances been accomplished at an even earlier age, I wonder? I should very much like to know if I was the youngest ringer to ring a seven-method Minor peal 'inside.'—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD H. SPICE.

Gravesend.

SISTER AND BROTHER'S PERFORMANCES.

Sir,—Re your correspondent's query, I can give the following information: Miss N. Denyer, of Aldershot, rang in a peal of Bob Major at the age of 13; Master C. Deuyer rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at the age of 13. The above are brother and sister (children of the captain of the Aldershot band), and I had the pleasure of teaching both from the beginning. Miss Nancy Denyer rang in two peals of Grandsire Triples, one of Bob Major and two of Minor in four methods, whilst Master Charles rang two peals of Grandsire Triples and one of Oxford Treble Bob Major.—Yours, etc.,

GEO. GILBERT.

Slough, Bucks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended bye-meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Petham on Saturday, June 8th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Clairemont. The following towers were represented: Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege, Wickham, Sturry, Wingham, Herne, and St. Nicholas-at-Wade. Ringing commenced at about 2.45 p.m., and later the Vicar paid a visit to the tower and welcomed the ringers. He expressed disappointment at not being able to join them at the tea, owing to another engagement.

The tea was served at the Duke's Head, where a considerable amount of surprise seemed to exist that 'people should come such a long way just to knock bits of iron about'—a remark which caused a good deal of laughter.

After tea, ringing continued until half-past seven, touches in the following methods being brought round: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Stedman and Grandsire. Cambridge Surprise was attempted.

WEDDING BELLS.

The bells of King's Somborne were rung on May 11th, to celebrate the wedding of the daughter of Mr. Reynolds, a sidesman and church councillor. As the happy couple were leaving the church, a touch of 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung. The ringers then attended the reception at the Village Hall, after which they returned to the tower where a quarter peal of Bob Minor was successfully brought round, conducted by Mr. W. Tucker. The remainder of the evening was spent with touches of Stedman and Doubles. The local ringers were assisted by ringers from North Stoueham and Romsey.

We much regret that, owing to pressure on our space, several letters to the Editor and reports of meetings are unavoidably held over.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FORTHCOMING JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

The annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Portsmouth on Saturday, June 1st, at St. Mary's Parish Institute, this being the jubilee year of the former Winchester Diocesan Guild, which was founded at Basingstoke on June 26th, 1879. The Vicar of St. Mary's (Ven. G. C. L. Lunt, M.A., M.C.) presided, supported by the Master (Mr. G. Williams), general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), treasurer (Rev. N. C. Woods) and the peals recorder (Mr. F. W. Rogers).

The balance sheet presented to the members showed an income for the year amounting to £86 18s., and an expenditure of £30 7s. 6d., showing an increase on the general fund of £56 10s. 6d. The accounts were adopted unanimously.

In presenting the annual report, Mr. Williams remarked that the past year had been the first under the newly-formed Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and had in many respects been an unqualified success. The smaller districts had been formed at the beginning of the year and had resulted in a great deal of activity in all parts of the diocese. In the Christchurch district only one tower was not affiliated, and only three had failed to join the Guild in the Portsmouth district. The completion of the memorial to the late Rev. C. E. Matthews had been the most important event of the year. A splendid response to this appeal had resulted in over £100 being collected, and the memorial had taken the form of two treble bells at Milford-on-Sea. He was happy to report that the majority of the towers and bells in the district were in good condition; but at Arretton, Avington, Hurstbourne Prior, Southampton (Holy Road) and Warnford the bells needed rehanging, and great efforts to raise money for this purpose were being made. Three augmentations had been carried out during the year—at Milford (five to eight), Highclere (six to eight), and Sherborne St. John (five to six). In concluding, Mr. Williams observed that at the end of last year the total membership was 57 life members, 68 hon. members, and 590 ringing members, with 88 towers in union.

The Master gave a lengthy and interesting report of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford, for which he was thanked.

The Rev. F. Saar (hon. secretary of the Andover District) presented to the members a draft copy of the Guild's proposed new form of service, and it was unanimously decided, subject to the Bishop's consent, to print copies of the same for subsequent use.

On the question of the suggested new Guild certificate, the Secretary said they had been fortunate to obtain the help of Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough) in this direction, and as he was with them that day he would like to thank him (Mr. Fussell) for his kind help.

Mr. W. H. Fussell said that it would be a great pleasure if he could help the members in this way. He had had the honour to do similar service for the Swansea and Brecon Guild, and he suggested, as he did in that case, that the certificate should not be too much on the large size, but rather compact and neat.—The members thanked Mr. Fussell for his help, and it was left to him to draw up one or two suggested designs for approval at the next annual meeting.

A NEW TREASURER.

The vice-presidents of the Guild were re-elected and Mr. G. Williams was re-elected Master. Mr. G. Pullinger was re-elected general secretary, and was heartily thanked for the untiring efforts he had given to the Guild during its first term of office, especially in the direction of spade work required in the new districts.

The Hon. Treasurer (Rev. N. C. Woods) asked to be relieved of his post owing to medical reasons, and it was with regret that the members consented. They thanked him for his splendid service to the Guild in the past.

The General Secretary mentioned that when he first heard of the treasurer's desire to be relieved of office, he at once communicated with the Rev. Evan Jones (Vicar of Hedge End), a former secretary of the Basingstoke District, who replied saying how pleased he would be to accept the post, and remarked that he had been 'like a fish out of water' since he was compelled, owing to another appointment, to give up his former job.—It was unanimously resolved that the Rev. Evan Jones be asked to become hon. treasurer.

The Recorder of Peals (Mr. F. W. Rogers) asked that this office should be performed by another member of the Guild. He was opposed to any one member holding more than one job, and thought that a straightforward work like this could easily be performed by another. He could then devote his whole time as secretary of the Portsmouth District.—Mr. H. R. Aitken (Portsmouth) kindly consented to become recorder of peals, and hoped that he would perform this duty as efficiently as his predecessor.

JUBILEE MEETING.

At the last annual meeting it had been decided to hold the jubilee celebration of the formation of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in co-operation with the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Haslemere and Petersfield on July 6th. Since then, however, it has become doubtful if a joint gathering at two such widely separated towers could be made a success, and the general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) wrote suggesting that the whole idea of a joint meeting at these towers should be scrapped, but mentioning that if it was

decided to proceed with the idea the Guildford Guild would co-operate to the best of their ability. He also suggested that greater success would attend a jubilee meeting at Winchester, and hoped a later date than July 5th, when the Guildford Guild would hold their festival, would be chosen.

In view of this letter and also that the places mentioned were on an extreme side of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's area, Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester) proposed that the idea of the jubilee meeting be adhered to, but that it be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th, with a special service to be conducted by Minor Canon N. C. Woods during the afternoon in the Cathedral. This motion was seconded by Mr. R. J. Stone (Portsmouth) and carried.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on Saturday, July 12th, 1930.

Afterwards the usual votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of St. Mary's and the Provost of the Cathedral for the use of the respective peals of bells, the business meeting terminated.

The members attended service at St. Mary's, at which the Vicar officiated. The Provost (Ven. B. Williams) read the lesson, and an eloquent and inspiring address was given by the Vicar of Fareham (Rev. A. Cory).

An excellent tea was served in the Parish Institute, the clergy being present with the members. This concluded, some indulged in hand-bell ringing, whilst others visited St. Mary's belfry and also the Cathedral.

During the day members were present from Alverstoke, Blackmoor, Carisbrooke, Fareham, Highclere, Newport, North Steneham, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Ryde, Swanmore, Southampton, St. Mary Bourne, Wickham and Winchester, also Messrs. E. C. Merritt, K. Hart, A. D. Stone (Brighton) and W. H. Fussell (Slough). The ringing practised during the day ranged from Grand-sire Triples to Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

A Grimsby District meeting, held at Louth on Whit Monday, proved a great success, and brought together ringers from far and near. Amongst those present were Rev. J. Barker, Rector of Great Coates, and members from Ulceby, Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Grimsby St. Andrew's, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Laceby, Goxhill, and the local ringers. There were also ringers from Lincoln, Boston, Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, Hull and Rotherham. The fine peal of eight, which have recently been rehung, were kept going until the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. Burton, and at which the address was given by the Rev. J. Barber. A splendid tea was awaiting the company, 41 sitting down. Others went on the hills for tea.

Mr. H. Rushby presided over the business meeting in the absence of the president (the Rev. H. T. Parry), who was attending the Central Council meeting.

The election of Mr. Martin Walker and Mr. L. England was confirmed by the meeting.

Mr. George Dixon, of Scunthorpe, was re-elected a member, subject to the approval of the general committee.

Mr. Rushby proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to the Rev. J. Barber for his address, to the caterers, and to those who made the arrangements.—This was seconded by Mr. C. W. Taylor, and carried. Mr. H. Rushby was thanked for presiding over the meeting and also for playing the organ for service.

The meeting proved a great success, and further ringing was indulged in.

The Grimsby District and the Ladies' Guild combined meeting at Burton-on-Stather is held on Saturday, June 15th, and not the 22nd, as previously arranged.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sunday, May 27th, at St. Iltyd's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: M. R. James (first quarter-peal) 1, W. H. Evans 2, B. J. Toby 3, C. H. Perry (conductor) 4, J. Evans 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, E. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. S. H. Stockwood, wife of the Vicar's warden of the above church.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Dionysius' Church, on Whit Sunday morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor: E. S. Cotton 1, S. Richardson 2, R. Marsh 3, F. Wallington 4, W. Hector 5, A. C. Manning (conductor) 6. Arranged as a farewell to the Vicar, who is shortly leaving for Hinckley, Leicestershire.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 1,280 of Superlative Surprise Major in 48 mins.: T. Blackburn 1, E. Shane (first in method) 2, A. Smith 3, H. Walker 4, A. King 5, H. Wood 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Shaw, one of the late members of the band, who had to retire through illness, on his 70th birthday. He was a ringer at the Parish Church for upwards of 40 years.

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

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

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting for East and West Suffolk combined, at Stowmarket on June 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30; also Great Finborough (6). Tea at the Temperance Hotel at 4.30, 1s. each. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Hoylandswaine Cup Contest. — Open to all towers in above association. Will be held on Saturday, June 15th. It is hoped all will join at once. Draw 2.45. First band to compete at 3.15. All ringers and friends are invited. Tea will be provided in Parochial Church Room, 1s. 6d. each.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Cot Dairy.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting.—**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guildford District.—Ringing meeting.—Both at Worplesdon, June 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—Miss H. F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham, G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford, Secretaries.

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

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, June 15th. Service in church at 4.30, to be taken by the Vicar (Rev. F. Melville). Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Miss D. E. Lewis, Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service, 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wargrave, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Divine service, 4.30. Tea at 5. Twyford bells available after tea. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild (Bowdon and Stockport Branch) and the Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch) will be held at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Saturday, June 15th, to celebrate the opening of the peal of eight bells recently recast and rebung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30, conducted by the Vicar of Staley and Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association. Preacher, Rev. C. A. Clements, M.A., Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall and T. Wilde, Hon. Branch Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting, St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, June 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting, 5. Social hour 8 o'clock. A p.c. to signify your intention of being present will be appreciated. Visitors welcome.—J. Herbert, Hon. District Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Ramsbury on Saturday, June 15th. Tea 4.30 p.m. — Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Eastern and Western Districts at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available after 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those intending to be present please advise Mr. H. Tyson, 23 Bungalow, Tanfield Lea, at once.—F. Ainsley and H. Tyson, Secs.

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

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, June 22nd. Notices for tea to Miss I. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Notts, by Thursday, the 20th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Permission to view the new Exchange Buildings and peal of bells may be granted.—H. F. Jacques, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Limsfield Chart on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30. All intending to be present must notify me not later than Wednesday, June 19th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. District Sec.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF LAVENHAM BELLS will be held on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m.—A. Symonds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Division will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available from 12 o'clock. Tea at 1s. per head. All names to be sent to Mr. F. Roddis, Revill Villa, Whiston, near Rotherham, by Monday, the 17th. Buses leave the Old Cattle Market every thirty minutes after mid-day, and a good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cranford (6) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, June 18th. Members and friends are requested to note change of address.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Warner's Café at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea please advise me not later than June 20th? —Alban Disney, 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next monthly practice has been arranged at Old Windsor (8 bells) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Bidden-den on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 306th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Thursday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury branches will be held at Alderton (by special invitation of the Rev. A. D. Pennington) on Saturday, June 29th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. All welcome. Please inform either of the undermentioned by the 25th inst. —Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham, H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Stanmore bells available during evening. All requiring tea should advise Mr. G. R. Goodship, 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, by June 27th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3. Service in Cathedral 4. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant 5, followed by general meeting. Tea will be 1s. to those only who have paid their subscriptions; to others, 1s. 6d. Please send word by June 25th. —H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch in Rossendale on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Expecting a good muster of members and visiting ringers to be present. Subscriptions due. Reports and diagrams to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will take place at Epsom on Saturday, June 29th. St. Martin's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea should be sent to Alan Pink, 32, Lower Road, Dorking, or to George A. Card, 7, Gilstead Rd., Fulham, S.W.6, not later than 26th inst.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The first general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at Bakewell. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meet (important business) 4 p.m. in Schoolroom. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 p.m., in Wheatsheaf Hotel. It is imperative that those requiring tea advise Mr. W. J. Alexander, Burton Closes, Bakewell, not later than 26th inst., or catering not guaranteed. It is hoped everyone possible will attend to support this first general meeting in the new Peak District.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bardney (6), Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An invitation meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at Brabourne, by kindness of the Rev. S. K. Lockyear. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. M. M. Vischer. Tea at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is looked for on this annual visit.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, business meeting to follow (half fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. District Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—A special meeting to celebrate the jubilee will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th. Full details later.—G. Pullinger, Gen. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual summer festival will be held at Haslemere on Saturday, July 6th. Further details will be published later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, on Saturday, July 6th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

MARRIAGE.

RENSHAW—GOLDSMITH.—On Wednesday, June 12th, at Woking, by the Rev. J. O. Warburton, Harold Charles, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Renshaw, of Elsted, Woking, and Margaret Lilian, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Southover, Woking.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. LARGE GATHERING AT PINNER.

The North and East District meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held at Pinner on Saturday, June 1st, attracted a large number, upwards of 50 attending. Ringing started punctually at 3 p.m., and the fine peal of eight bells were utilised to the fullest extent until service time. The Vicar (Rev. C. E. A. Rowland) gave a most interesting discourse on the history of bells generally, and of the Pinner peal in particular. The present peal were recast in 1926 at the Whitechapel Foundry, and are famed all round the neighbouring district for their sweet tones. The Vicar also expressed his appreciation of the visit of the association, which he wished every success.

Service over, the members adjourned for tea. Some difficulty was at first experienced in finding seating accommodation, owing to the unexpectedly large muster, but eventually all were served.

At the business meeting ten new members were admitted, including the confirmation of the election of three policemen who rang in the police peal at St. George's, Southwark, on the previous Saturday. In proposing that their election be confirmed, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) congratulated the band on ringing the first Surprise peal by a band of 'bobbies,' which would find an honoured place in the records of the society.

The Hon. Secretary reported on the meeting of the Central Council, referring at length to the Doubles and Minor controversy. He also mentioned the splendid report by the Legal Committee, of which their president (Mr. F. A. Milne) was a member.

Mr. Milne added that the report in question fully covered the ground, and would be published shortly. The next meeting was arranged for Harrow Weald and Staunmore on June 29th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. E. A. Rowland, and to Mr. R. H. Collyer, was unanimously passed, and the meeting terminated. Mr. W. Pye looked after the ringing, and all the standard methods were rung, including an excellent touch of Spliced Surprise in four.

Amongst the many visitors was 'he of England,' who, when he is at home, resides at Birmingham. He might now have been the oldest inhabitant of Pinner (his birthplace) had he not taken a fancy to roaming. On this occasion he roamed round Pinner looking for old friends, but, like the ringers in his early peals, 'they're all dead.'

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The result will not be discouraging to either of the Guilds quoted, but rather tend to bring about a desire to make further displays more difficult for those who have had such a long experience. The results were as follows:—

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3rd—St. Werburgh.	Grandsire Doubles.	25.0 per cent.
4th—St. Michael's (No. 1)	Grandsire Doubles.	34.0 per cent.
5th—St. Michael's (No. 2)	Rounds and Queens	56.0 per cent.

Mr. Dyke, in making the award, said how pleasing it had been to him to listen to the striking through an open window, and he assured the Guilds competing that much had been done that evening to improve the most essential part of ringing, viz., the striking.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Pring also spoke of the good that must inevitably result by the effort of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds to ensure better striking. Mr. Dyke was thanked for his services.

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