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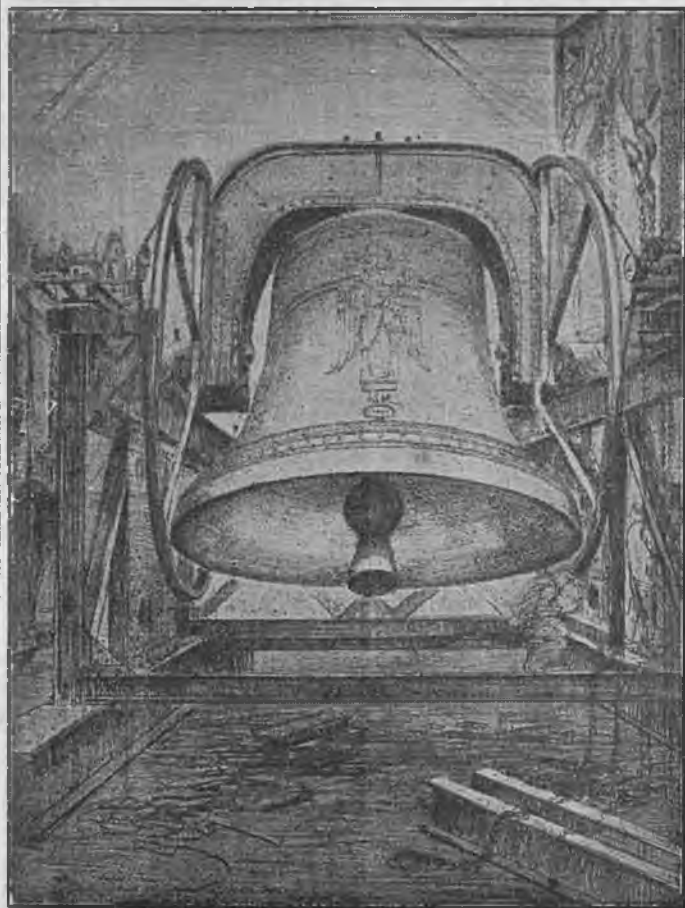
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### THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

There is shortly to be published the third edition of the 'Directory of Church Bell Ringers,' which is issued by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. The Directory has passed its first experimental stage, and is becoming established as one of the most handy works of reference to the Exercise. It began in quite a modest way, in an endeavour to supply what many believed to be a real need among ringers. The second edition indicated by the number of names it included how much the value of the publication had been appreciated. The next issue promises to show a still greater advance in size, and therefore in usefulness, and, in addition, will include 'features' which will add to its interest and value. For those not cognisant with the manner in which the Directory is run, it may be pointed out that a ringer's name and address is printed in alphabetical order in the book on payment of one shilling, which fee also includes a copy of the Directory. But beyond the alphabetical list, there is a section in which the names are placed under their respective associations and towers, to which latter, incidentally, are added the number and weight of the bells where the information is available.

The Directory is already useful to ringers in many ways; and the support given to it has only to be sufficiently increased to enable it to be made of utility in other directions. The more names that are included the greater the service which the publication will provide. Like 'the quality of mercy,' the humble shilling paid by the subscriber to the Directory will be 'twice blessed.' At any rate, not only will he who gives get the benefit of all the advantages which the Directory has to offer, but he will be adding to the benefits which it will confer on every other subscriber, for the longer the list of names—and it ought to run to thousands—the more useful the publication. Indeed, the gain to other people from having one's name included is almost more important than it is to the subscriber himself. It is other people's names and addresses that you want to find when you look in the Directory, and it is astonishing how often in the course of a year the Directory can be useful. It can be useful, even, when it is desired to communicate with another ringer within the limits of one's own association; when one wants to get into touch with those outside these limits it is still more valuable—and no one knows better than the Editor of 'The Ringing World' how constantly ringers desire to get into communication with others whose addresses they have not got, for this office is constantly used as a medium for forwarding letters. The ideal arrangement, of course, would be that the Directory

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should contain the address of every ringer, but its service to the Exercise will increase as the number of subscribers increases, and a shilling each is not too much to pay for all the advantage and convenience that is offered, primarily to the subscriber himself, but ultimately to every other member of the Exercise.

It has been suggested that this Directory is a work which the Central Council should undertake. As the central authority in ringing affairs it would seem to be the Council's task, but it was initiated by the enterprise of Bristol United Guilds, and until the latter express a desire to hand over the work, it can, we think, be best left in their hands. The United Guilds are making good with the experiment; they still have officers with sufficient enthusiasm to carry on. When this enthusiasm evaporates it might be time to talk of the Council taking over the publication; until then we hope to see the United Guilds meet with expanding success in their venture.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble  | JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7       |
| WILLIAM PYE ... .. 2         | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 8   |
| MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... .. 3 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 9  |
| CHARLES T. COLBS ... .. 4    | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 10    |
| WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... .. 5    | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 11 |
| JOHN G. NASH ... .. 6        | REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLBS

\* First peal on twelve bells. The conductor's 700th peal.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... .. Treble | JOHN W. WARD ... .. 6          |
| WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... .. 2       | ISAAC CAVILL ... .. 7          |
| ERNEST A. PITSTOW ... .. 3      | LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... .. 8    |
| GEORGE H. SPARROW ... .. 4      | FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 9       |
| GEORGE TALBOT ... .. 5          | ERNEST G. HIBBENS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by ALFRED E. PITSTOW.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. DENCH.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *ALBERT HILL ... .. Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 6   |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2    | WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 7     |
| *THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 3  | CHARLES CAMM ... .. 8      |
| GEORGE HINTON ... .. 4     | JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 9 |
| CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 5     | †ERIC CRUMP ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ALBERT HILL.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

BROUGHTON, KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: S. Webster (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Randall 2, S. Rowney 3, C. Sergeant 4, A. Stapleton (conductor) 5.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Monday, May 18, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ERNEST BRETT ... .. Treble   | JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 5     |
| EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 2       | JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 6      |
| JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 3      | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 4 | WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE POPNELL ... .. Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5        |
| ERNEST BRETT ... .. 2        | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6  |
| JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 3    | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7   |
| JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 4      | WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal of Bristol with an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method as conductor.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. Treble | FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... .. 5 |
| HERBERT E. BOOTH ... .. 2       | ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 6   |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL ... .. 3      | ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 7  |
| ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 4     | HARRY BOSWELL ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

\* First peal of Bob Major. First attempt as conductor in the method. Albert D. Collins has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, June 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

PITSLOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Treble | RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 5      |
| ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 2     | RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 6         |
| WILLIAM SPIGE, SEN. ... .. 3  | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7    |
| STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 4    | ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Dobbie, also to Miss Betty Dobbie, daughter and 'heiress' of C. H. Dobbie, on the occasion of her third birthday. R. Overy was proposed a member of the association before starting.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Monday, June 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ERNEST BRETT ... .. Treble    | WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 5   |
| JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... .. 2 | JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 6    |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 3   | JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 7   |
| EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 4        | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, June 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                                     |                                |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... .. Treble | ROBERT S. STRATFORD ... .. 5   |
| JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 2              | ADAM DEAS ... .. 6             |
| THOMAS T. GOFION ... .. 3           | STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... .. 7  |
| WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 4        | WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WM. J. DAVIDSON.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, June 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ROBERT HEAZEL ... .. Treble | JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5    |
| *HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 2   | ERNEST J. BURLER ... .. 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3      | EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 7  |
| ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 4  | WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

\* First Surprise peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, June 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                 |                                       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| *MRS. G. H. CROSS ... .. Treble | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 5     |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 2     | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6              |
| HARRY HOVERD ... .. 3           | WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 7             |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 4    | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5         |
| ARTHUR MARKWELL ... .. 2          | ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 6     |
| HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 3         | *FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... .. 7 |
| FREDERICK N. SMEATON ... .. 4     | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major with an 'inside' bell. Mr. A. Markwell was elected a member previous to starting.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5183 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE ELLIS ... .. Treble | JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5      |
| KEITH HART ... .. 2        | ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 6        |
| GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 3    | ALFRED J. BOLL ... .. 7      |
| KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4  | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

**A JUBILEE.**

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Sheffield Cathedral on April 11th was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Holmes, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Bugar. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Bugar, who have now both passed their seventieth birthday, rang their first peal together exactly fifty years ago. The peal was also noteworthy from the fact that it was the one hundredth peal on the bells for the Yorkshire Association, and also the one hundredth peal together by Messrs. S. F. Palmer and John Thorpe.

## MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. Treble | PERGIVAL A. ALDEAM ... .. 5    |
| JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. 2     | FRED COTTON ... .. 6           |
| ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 3     | JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 7      |
| *LESLIE G. WATKINS ... .. 4   | *THOMAS W. KIMBER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

\* First attempt for a peal. The conductor's 50th peal for the Warwickshire Guild.

## BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *ALFRED J. BOYCE ... .. Treble | †VINCENT E. SWIFT ... .. 5  |
| SYDNEY HILLIER ... .. 2        | NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... .. 6  |
| JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 3         | WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM A. SWIFT ... .. 4      | THOMAS MERRITT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples with a bob bell.

## TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE JEFFS ... .. Treble  | FRANK KIRK ... .. 5          |
| JAMES M. NICKERSON ... .. 2 | WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... .. 6 |
| *JACK D. BELL ... .. 3      | CYRIL WILSON ... .. 7        |
| CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... .. 4 | GEORGE W. JEFFS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by G. W. JEFFS.

\* First peal of Major. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Nickerson on the 38th anniversary of his wedding, which took place in this church on June 18th, 1893.

## RITCHIESTER, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ALFRED H. MARTIN ... .. Treble | ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. 5      |
| LEWIS CHAPMAN ... .. 2         | OSCAR PAYNE ... .. 6            |
| GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 3        | WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7         |
| JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 4          | G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

The first peal on the bells. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. C. Payne.

## SADDLEWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OLDBAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HARRY PLATT ... .. Treble | FRANK LAWTON ... .. 5         |
| OGDEN MOORES ... .. 2     | HARRY MELLOR ... .. 6         |
| TOM COCKING ... .. 3      | WALTER E. HOWARTH ... .. 7    |
| *SYDNEY GOULDEN ... .. 4  | CHARLES E. PLATT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by CHARLES E. PLATT.

\* First peal in method. First peal of Kent Major on the bells since they were rehung. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. C. E. Platt for conducting the peal.

ROCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday afternoon, for civic service, 720 Grandsire Caters: E. Allen 1, H. Hogarth 2, H. Springate 3, H. Poutter 4, W. Beaumont 5, P. Belsey (conductor) 6, S. Shellock 7, T. Beaumont 8, J. Haigh 9, C. Norris 10.

## BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble | WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5    |
| *ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 2           | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 6     |
| ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. 3           | GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7      |
| JESSE ELDRIDGE ... .. 4          | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

\* First peal of London on an 'inside' bell. Thanks for permission are due to the Vicar, Rev. Percy Nott, who, with his steeple-keeper, congratulated the band on leaving the belfry.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                                   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| JOHN WHEADON ... .. Treble        | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... .. 5 |
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 2       | RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 6          |
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. 3 | WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 7          |
| HARRY HOVERD ... .. 4             | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

## WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A 'SILENT' PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| JAMES MARSH ... .. Treble    | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 5       |
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 2    | JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 7          |
| JOHN POTTER ... .. 3         | PETER CROOK ... .. 6             |
| CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 4 | JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... .. Tenor |

Umpire: F. FRANKLAND RIGBY.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. Alfred Pette, who has been a ringer of the above church for 46 years, also of the coming of age of Miss Muriel Cutsforth, of Bolton.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *REGINALD HARPER ... .. Treble | THOMAS ARROWSMITH ... .. 4 |
| WALTER LONGMAN ... .. 2        | GEORGE BIDDULPH ... .. 5   |
| *JOSEPH COOKE ... .. 3         | WILLIAM RIGBY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. RIGBY.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since being recast and rehung by Taylor and Co.

## MINSTERWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE &amp; ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                                     |                              |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *REGINALD J. STEPHENS ... .. Treble | ERNEST MATTHEWS ... .. 4     |
| GEORGE WASLEY ... .. 2              | THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM WASLEY ... .. 3             | JOSHUA STEPHENS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate Mr. J. Stephens' 30th year as towerkeeper of St. Mary-de-Lode. The ringer of the 4th was elected a member of the association before starting for the peal.



OLD LEAKE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| HARRY JOHNSON ... .. Treble | *SYDNEY JESSOP ... .. 3 |
| WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 2  | FRANK DEWEY ... .. 4    |

FRANK P. HARWOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

\* First peal and first attempt.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

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

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES T. TITT ... .. Treble | ROLAND PARK ... .. 4           |
| *RONALD W. GAY ... .. 2     | W. NORMAN PARK ... .. 5        |
| GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 3     | WILLIAM H. PORTER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

\* First peal of Minor for the ringer of the 2nd. Rung to commemorate the jubilee of the ordination of the Vicar, Canon Cosgrave, M.A., B.D., who was ordained on Trinity Sunday, 1881.

STEVINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being eight 120's of Canterbury, twelve 120's of Bob Doubles and twenty-two 120's of Grandsire with ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| WALTER WITLOCK ... .. Treble | HARRY SMITH ... .. 3   |
| HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 2   | GEORGE WRIGHT ... .. 4 |

RICHARD SHIMMANS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

The ringers thank the Vicar for providing tea after the peal.

ECCELESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being four 720's of Oxford and three 720's of Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble | JOHN NELSON ... .. 4        |
| HARRY FRANCE ... .. 2          | JOHN THOMAS MILLER ... 5    |
| JAMES MILLER ... .. 3          | *SIDNEY BLEASDALE ... Tenor |

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. R. Rigby, who was for 66 years a ringer at the above church, and passed away at the age of 83.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 16, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Seven 720's, called differently.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *HAROLD PHILLIPS ... Treble | *NORMAN LEECH ... .. 4     |
| WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2      | †C. DARBY ... .. 5         |
| CHARLES WM. COOPER ... 3    | ERNEST CALCOY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. CALCOY.

\* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.'

BISHOP DEDICATES PEAL TABLET.

A peal tablet recording a peal of London Surprise Minor rung on December 31st, 1929, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Rochester at Horsmonden Church, Kent. It was the first time that a Bishop had dedicated a peal tablet in this church.

At the conclusion of the service the local ringers returned to the belfry and rang a well-struck 720 of London Surprise Minor, standing in the same order as when the peal was rung: Edwin Bromley 1, Frederick G. Lambert, sen., 2, Alan Bromley 3, Reginald E. Lambert 4, George Burt 5, Robert T. Lambert (conductor) 6.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb.

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble | *WILLIAM DEAN ... .. 4   |
| *JAMES F. SMITH ... .. 2      | JAMES MARTIN ... .. 5    |
| JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 3       | *JOHN COOKE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. COOKE

\* First peal of Surprise in seven methods, and first peal of Surprise on the bells.

CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble | LEONARD STILLWELL ... 4     |
| EDWARD S. T. FAIR ... .. 2   | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5     |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3   | GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector of Clewer.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

|                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *FLORENCE A. JOHNSON      | AMY R. JOHNSON                  |
| (Daughter) Treble         | (Daughter) 4                    |
| JOSEPH D. JOHNSON (SON) 2 | FREDK. J. JOHNSON (FATHER) 5    |
| ROSALIE JOHNSON           | *FRANCIS F. JOHNSON (SON) Tenor |
| (Daughter) 3              |                                 |

Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. The above are all Sunday service ringers at Hinton-on-the-Green. The tenor ringer was proposed a member before starting for the peal.

LANDULPH, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. LEONARD AND DILP,

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

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt. (approx.).

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ALLEN WEATHERLY ... Treble | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 4       |
| HOWARD MILES-BROWN ... 2   | HARRY THOMAS CHANDLER 5       |
| *WILLIAM FRANCIS OATWAY 3  | †EDWARD CHARLES YEO ... Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. The tenor ringer was elected a member of the Guild in the tower.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise and Plum Bob, and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| CHARLES E. LAUSON ... Treble | GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. 4  |
| *WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... .. 2  | *HARRY MARSDEN ... .. 5   |
| *FRANK ELLIS ... .. 3        | THOMAS W. STRANGWAY Tenor |

Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. E. Hartley, a ringer at the above church, to Miss G. Morley, of Harrogate.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. Treble | FRANK DEWEY ... .. 4           |
| FRANK P. HARWOOD ... .. 2       | *HARRY NICHOLS ... .. 5        |
| GEORGE SEWELL ... .. 3          | WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

\* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... .. 1-2   | *JOSEPH THACKRAY ... .. 5-6     |
| JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... .. 3-4   | *LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 7-8 |
| *CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 9-10 |                                 |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

\* First peal 'in hand' on ten bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, June 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Luke, BLAKENHALL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Bob Doubles and thirty six-scores of Grandsire.

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 1-2 | JOSEPH FLAVELL ... .. 4  |
| HAROLD L. FLAVELL ... .. 3    | HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 5-6 |

Conducted by HAROLD L. FLAVELL.

\* 50th peal.

HONOURING KENT'S 'GRAND OLD MAN.'

ROMNEY MARSH MEETING AT ALDINGTON.

On the invitation of the Rev. G. S. and Mrs. Long, the Romney Marsh District Guild met at Aldington to celebrate the 94th birthday of Mr. C. Slingsby. The weather being favourable, eighty members from Ashford, Canterbury, Cheriton, Headcorn, Hythe, Tenterden, New Romney, Kennington, Rolvenden, Stone, Willesborough, Sturry, and Wickhambreau, turned up to do honour to Kent's 'grand old man.' The capacity of the belfry was severely taxed, and short touches were the order, so that all might have a chance to ring. Mr. Slingsby, who has only just recovered from a severe illness, sat at the bottom of the tower and received the good wishes of the visitors. This is the first occasion that he has failed to climb the tower for a pull. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, who gave an address. The lesson was read by Mr. Anderson (New Romney), and Mr. C. Coleman (Stone) presided at the organ. Tea was served at the Rectory. The Rector presided, supported by Mr. Slingsby, Mr. Wanstat (churchwarden), the Guild Master (Mr. C. W. Everett), and the hon. secretary (Mr. A. J. Battin). A large iced cake in the centre of the table turned out to be not a birthday cake, but in honour of the silver wedding of the Guild Master and Mrs. Everett, who later cut and distributed it to the company. The Rector welcomed the Guild to Aldington, and the Master congratulated Mr. Slingsby on attaining his 94th birthday. He hoped he would be spared, so that they could celebrate his 95th anniversary. Mr. Tribe also spoke, and mentioned that he had the pleasure of ringing on Mr. Slingsby's father's 100th birthday, and he hoped to celebrate the double century. Mr. E. Ruck also recalled a peal in 1893 in which he and Mr. Slingsby took part, as also did Mr. P. Hodgkin, who was with them that day.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that at the last monthly meeting it was decided to send two guineas out of Guild funds to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, and he suggested that it would be very fitting if they had a collection that afternoon and sent it up as collected at Mr. Slingsby's 94th birthday party. This was heartily agreed to, and the sum of £2 was collected.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Long for their kindness in inviting the Guild there every May was carried with acclamation. The Rector replied, and regretted that owing to a passing shower they were unable to have tea on the terrace as in past years, but he hoped as many as wished would take a walk round the grounds, an offer which many took advantage of.

Ringling was continued for some time, and all were satisfied that this was indeed a 'happy return.'

A NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RESTORATION.

THREE GENERATIONS TAKE PART IN DEDICATION.

The ravages of time and the death watch beetle made it necessary to provide a new frame for the bells at Wicken Church, Northants. The restoration was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who at the same time recast the treble, second and fourth bells of the octave. The dedication of the new bells was performed by the Bishop of Peterborough on Saturday week, and an interesting part of the ceremony was the placing in the hands of the Bishop the ropes of the three recast bells by three generations of one family, which has provided six generations of ringers for the church. The ringers who thus shared in the service were Messrs. G. Green (father), A. J. Green (son), and J. A. Green (grandson). Prior to this, the Rector had addressed the Bishop in the following terms:—

'Right Reverend Father in God, we, the Rector, churchwardens, bellringers, sidesmen and parishioners of this parish of Wicken in your lordship's diocese of Peterborough, do make our humble petition that you will be pleased to consecrate, hallow and set aside from all secular and profane uses, the three bells that have been newly cast, and to dedicate the frame in which all the nine bells have now been set, the original frame having perished through the decay of over three hundred years. The ropes of the three newly cast bells will be placed in your lordship's hands by



WICKEN PARISH CHURCH TOWER.

three representatives of one family, who for six generations have all in their days been ringers in this belfry; three generations still are ringers: three rest from their labours in the shadow of the tower that they loved and served. These bells have been restored and rehung to the greater glory of God, and in honoured memory of Edward Sholto Douglas Pennant, III, Baron Penrhyn of Penrhyn Castle, in the county of Carnarvon, and the Principality of Wales, and of Wicken Park in this county and parish, for which he did so much. The rehanging and retuning of the bells is but the beginning of a larger scheme of memorial, which is to set in order the ancient carillon by which the clock has played a tune every four hours, for several centuries. We shall remember before God, as we hear the familiar tunes, the life and name of a good, just, and high-souled man, and trust that he may find mercy, rest and peace in the nearer presence of God, while his body rests beneath the tower of the church in which on earth he was so regular a worshipper.'

At the conclusion of the service the bells were opened in peal, the local band being assisted by the Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Association and two other members of the Tower Branch, the annual festival of which was held in conjunction with the reopening of the bells. The restoration has been splendidly carried out by the Loughborough firm, who were represented at the dedication by Messrs. J. Oldham and D. S. Collins.

The tower of the present church was built in 1617 by Robert Lord Spencer, as appears by a date over the ringing loft. On the south side are the arms and quarterings of Spencer with the supporters and

helmet. The bells, now eight in number, were originally only two, but three were brought from St. James' and Wyke Hamon, when the Church of St. James was pulled down in 1619, thirty-three years after the union of the parish with Wyke Dyve. The inscriptions are of considerable interest, and show that there was a good deal of recasting, probably carried out in the churchyard, as was usual in those days of difficult transport.

The tenor of the ring of eight weighs 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb., and has this inscription:—

*Laudo Deum Verum.*

*Plebem Voco Convoce Clerum.*

*Defunctos Ploro Pestem Fugo Festa Decoro.*

Its date is 1619.

7th.—Four bells turned into one,  
Yet less the church received none,  
Three hundred weight was added more  
And paid by Wickens patrons score. 1619.

6th.—Two hundred weight was I before,  
Added to me eight hundred more.  
This is no robbing of a kirke  
But accounted a good werke. 1620.

5th.—John Briant, Hertford. Fecit 1798. C. Bradbury, C. Warden.

4th.—Dedit Hanc Campanam Robertus Spencer Miles Baro Spencer de Wormleighton ad Honorem Dei et Exemplum Aliorum. 1620. Reproduced from the old bell with the following addition: Quod Exemplum Prosequentes Wickenses Refundendam Curaverunt Anno Salvit. MDCCCLXXXI. W. A. Carroll, Rector.

3rd.—In memoriam Edward, Dorothea. 1898. John Taylor, Loughborough.

2nd.—Venite Exultemus Domino. H. Nelson Ward, Rector. Cast 1922. Recast, 1931. W. A. Carroll, Rector.

'Treble.—O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Ps. C. Cast 1922. H. Nelson Ward, Rector. Recast 1931. W. A. Carroll, Rector.

The Sanctus bell is inscribed: 'Chandeler made me, 1686.'

The original five bells are now represented by the three largest bells. Robert, Lord Spencer, gave a fourth in 1619, the year he built the tower. The recasting was carried out in 1619 and 1620, and the ring remained at the number of four until 1798, when the fifth was made by John Briant, of Hertford, a noted founder of his day.

The ring was made up to six in 1898, and the octave was completed in 1922.

## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The June meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, held on Saturday, June 20th, at Wolvey, was favoured with fine weather. There was a good attendance of members and friends from Allesley, Arley, Brinklow, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Clifton, Croft, Leicester, Lillington, Nuneaton, Shilton, Stoke, Stoney Stanton and Warwick, together with members of the local band. The bells were rung in various Minor methods until five o'clock, when ten, kindly provided by the Vicar, was served in the schools. The Vicar (Rev. S. Morris) welcomed the ringers, and invited them to walk in his garden during the evening. Handbell ringing was indulged in after tea for a further half-hour or so by a few enthusiasts, while others returned to the belfry, where ringing continued until about eight o'clock.

## AN ACTIVE CHURCHWORKER.

At Eastwood Parish Church, Rotherham, for evening service, on Sunday, June 21st, 720 Bob Minor: T. Cooper 1, A. Coad 2, J. Harvey 3, E. Williams 4, J. Coad 5, A. G. W. Measures (conductor) 6, with G. Lee 7 and T. Tomlinson 8 covering. This was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the memory of Mrs. Davy, who died with tragic suddenness on Tuesday morning, June 16th. Mrs. Davy was an active worker on behalf of Eastwood Parish Church, and was extremely well known in the district.

Also for Sunday morning service, 360 Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Farnham District, held at Crondall on Saturday, June 13th, was enjoyed by all the 25 members and friends who attended from the district. Unfortunately the bad state of the bells, together with the fact that they 'run backwards,' made ringing difficult. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Crondall, Rev. C. Balmer, who gave a very interesting address from the records of the church. Mr. T. A. Stroud, of Frensham, presided at the organ.

An excellent tea was partaken of in the Castle Inn, and after tea the Vicar presided over the business meeting, at which one new member, Master Roy Cox, of Aldershot, was elected. Admiral T. P. Walker, of Woking, on behalf of all present, sincerely thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his inspiring address, and for taking the chair at the business meeting, to the organist, the blower, the local band and to all who had helped in the arrangements. The tower was then revisited, and the bells kept going until 8.30 p.m.

# John Taylor & Co.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Barnett family of Kent propose to attempt a peal of 'Royal' shortly in London, when Barnett Maximus will take part in a peal composed by Barnett Major, the hobs to be called by Barnett Minor.

The Ringing Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild has conducted a peal of Caters on each of the ten-bell towers in the diocese, and has rung 100 peals in all for the Guild. He has yet to 'capture' one or two towers before claiming to have rung a peal in all the diocesan churches with a ring of six bells and upwards.

Some years ago the Rector of St. Clement Danes Church, Strand, jokingly said of a well-known London ringer that 'his bark was worse than his bite.' Soon afterwards he retired into Bucks, where the Berks and Bucks ringers are bucking up their Barker.

The Vicar of Iwer, Bucks, kindly allowed a combined practice at his tower on Tuesday, June 16th, when a double team of ringers met and enjoyed touches of Triples and Major to compliment Miss E. Gudgeon on her birthday. Representatives from Hillingdon, Uxbridge, Iwer, Fulmer, Farnham, Stoke, Windsor and Slough enjoyed the privilege and fully realised that no bell could be rung without the 'gudgeon.'

By taking part in a peal of Bob Major at Titchmarsh on June 20th, J. D. Bell, a young member of the Kettering band, has now a peal of Double, Minor, Major and Caters to his credit. His first peal was rung exactly twelve weeks previously.

One of the most interesting family peals yet recorded is that rung last week at Offenham, Worcestershire, by Mr. F. J. Johnson, of Hinton-on-the-Green, with two sons and three daughters. Mr. Johnson and some of his children have rung 'family' handbell peals, but we believe this is the first tower bell peal which they have accomplished.

'Silent' peals of Stedman Triples are no ordinary achievement, and the band that rang a strictly non-conducted peal in the method at Walkden on Saturday are to be congratulated. The umpire, Mr. F. Frankland Rigby, certifies that during the peal no word was spoken nor any sign given by or to any member of the band. Further, all the sixty course-ends were checked and found to be correct.

## ASSOCIATION FUNDS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—With your permission I would like to correct a slight error by Mr. J. M. Cripps, under the above heading in your last issue. It is in the twelfth line of the second paragraph, in a reference to the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, 'with no special items of expenditure' the balance is reduced by 3s. 7d. This is incorrect. Perhaps Mr. Cripps overlooked the fact that the annual meeting, quite separate from the jubilee expenses, were not fully given in detail. The jubilee festival was an 'extra' expense for 'hire of Masonic Hall and cost of teas' to about a hundred members who were present. With regard to his remark re 'Special Purposes Fund,' this is misleading, as none of this fund is earmarked for new certificates. Therefore, I hope Mr. Cripps did not quote our Guild's balance sheet as a specimen of 'bad finance,' as I find on looking at the figures we had a working balance of over £90, and at December 31st, 1930, over £105. In addition to this, perhaps I may be allowed to add that the Guild increased the ring of ten at the Cathedral to twelve as a war memorial to its members who gave their lives in the Great War, restored the Raynor tomb in the Isle of Wight in Arreton Churchyard, as well as giving £100 towards the augmentation of the ring of five at Milford-on-Sea to eight in memory of their late vice-president, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, who was Vicar there at the time of his death.

I hope Mr. Cripps will not mind my comments, but I could not understand why our balance sheet was criticised. We are not a provident society, but if we had not expended our funds in the way I have mentioned we should have had a substantial amount on deposit at the present moment.

GEORGE WILLIAMS,

Master, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

## ORDERLY RAISING AND LOWERING OF BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to read the letter from the Rev. C. Carew Cox, and wish to assure him that I do not seek an official pronouncement, which would have the effect of discouraging any orderly method of raising and lowering bells. Raising and falling 'in peal' is orderly, but when and where this is not done, the bells should be raised and lowered singly.

I do protest and object most strongly to ringers entering a ringing chamber, clutching any rope, and pulling up the bells anyhow without the least consideration for the listeners. This action is right out of order. The proper way is to ask the person in charge how the bells are to be raised.

Some ringers will say there isn't time, but I am not accepting that plea; it absolutely will not do.

I earnestly appeal to all those in charge—steeplekeepers, secretaries, captains, etc.—to insist that the bells are raised and lowered in an orderly manner.—Yours faithfully,

F. W. RICHARDSON.



## THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

### RESTORATION FUND STILL GROWING.

The wonderful response which has been made to 'The Ringing World' appeal for funds for the restoration of the bells of St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, to commemorate the tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman is a practical proof of the popularity of the proposal and of the interest of the Exercise in the event, which has fully realised the desire that it should become a national scheme. Indeed, it has become more than this, for the contributions which have been received have come not only from England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, but from the United States of America and from South Africa as well.

Among the associations who have this week voted donations to the fund are the Norwich Diocesan Association, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs, Cambridge University Guild, Oxford University Society and the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

Apart from the actual restoration of the bells, there is much that can usefully be done in the tower of St. Benet's to improve the general conditions for ringing so that even if the provisional sum asked for should be more than subscribed it can be well spent. Those who desire to be associated with the scheme—and there must be hundreds of ringers who delight in ringing Stedman's method who will desire to have 'a finger in the pie,' however small the contribution may be—should send in their donations at once to

The Editor,  
'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey.

The Hon. Treasurer of the fund is the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and all contributions will be acknowledged in these columns.

### DEATH OF MR. T. T. GOFTON.

We are sorely grieved to announce the passing of Mr. Thomas T. Gofton, of Whitley Bay, Northumberland, the senior brother of a band of ringers who have made themselves famous in ringing the country over. Mr. Gofton was taken suddenly ill on Saturday morning, and breathed his last at half-past eight the same evening. He was 58 years of age.

His loss is keenly felt by all members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, of which body he had been a mainstay for over forty years.

Only on the preceding Monday Mr. Gofton took part in a peal of Superlative at Whitley Bay, when he appeared to be in the best of health.

The funeral took place on Tuesday.

A further appreciation of Mr. Gofton's work and of his staunch loving companionship will appear in another issue.

### ANOTHER NEW CORNISH RING.

#### DEDICATION OF SIX BELLS AT TUCKINGMILL.

The dedication took place on Thursday, June 18th, by Canon Maddrell, Vicar of Gulval, of a new ring of six bells at All Saints' Church, Tuckingmill, a village a mile from Camborne. The church was built in 1844, and since then one solitary bell has called the worshippers together. About four years ago the Vicar, the Rev. J. J. Haworth, appealed for funds to provide a ring of bells. He has been most generously assisted by Mrs. Williams, of Trevor, Camborne, who has subscribed altogether £410 out of the £500 which the scheme has cost. The bells are hung in a frame for eight, and it is hoped that the two trebles will soon be added to complete the octave. The tenor is 10½ cwt. in G. The contract has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who have done the work very efficiently. A ringing chamber has been fixed above the vestry, and the bells are very pleasing to ring. Sliding shutters have been provided so that the sound can be regulated.

The opening touch was rung by the Camborne band, who have been teaching the newly-formed company, and during the afternoon and evening the bells were thoroughly tested by ringers from Gulval, Penzance, Mogan, Phillach, Redruth, Gwennap and Truro Cathedral. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the founders at the dedication service.

## THE AUTHOR OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

### MR. J. A. TROLLOPE'S DISCOVERY.

#### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You may be interested to know that I have discovered the name of the man who composed Grandsire Doubles and the old 'standard' seven hundred and twenty of Bob Minor.

In the 'Tintinnalogia' there are printed some lines signed by R. R., 'Upon the Presentation of Grandsire Bob to the Colledge-Youths by the Author of that peal.' Mr. Ellacombe (quoted by Snowden in 'Grandsire') says, 'One would like to find out who R. R. was,' and suggests Richard Rock, who was admitted a member of the Schollers of Chepeyside in 1632. But in the dedication of the 'Campanalogia' Stedman reminds the 'Colledge Youths' that 'a worthy and knowing Member of your Society pricketh those much applauded Peals of Grandsire and Grandsire Bob.' This rules out Rock, for, according to available evidence, he never was a member of the Colledge Youths, and, besides, the dates do not agree. Both compositions are printed in the 'Tintinnalogia,' so they cannot be later than a few years before 1668. On the other hand, what we know of the rise and progress of change ringing forbids us to think that they can be earlier than somewhere about 1650.

With these facts in mind, I set myself to try and find a man whose initials were R. R., who about that time was a prominent and influential member of the Colledge Youths, and who probably at some time held office in the society. I found him in Robert Roan, who was elected in 1647, and was Master in 1652. Roan is entirely unknown, yet his compositions are not only practised far more than any other composer's, but they formed the basis of a very large proportion of all the peals and methods which have been rung. Their practical value is many times more than that of all the compositions that Stedman left put together. Roan is not only the earliest but one of the greatest of our composers.

It is interesting to know how he composed his 720. He first wrote out a six-score of Grandsire Doubles on 23458 backwards. Then he put a 1 in front of every row, and these were all the hand and back changes of his 720. This is not merely how I think he may have composed it, but how he actually did so.

Some years ago I found out from a letter in the 'Norwich Gazette' of 1732 that the J. D. of J. D. and C. M., the authors of the 1703 'Campanalogia,' was John Doleman. I have now some reason to think that C. M. may have been Charles Mason, afterwards Fellow of Trinity, Cambridge, and Doctor of Divinity. But of that I have nothing like proof.—Yours sincerely,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

P.S.—I do not mean that Roan was a greater member of the Exercise than Stedman, or that we owe more to him. I meant exactly what I said.

The quaint lines to which Mr. Trollope refers are as follows:—

Gentlemen of the Noble Crew  
Of Colledge-Youths, there lately blew  
A wind, which to my Noddle flew  
(Upon a day when as it snow),  
Which to my Brains the vapors drew,  
And there began to work and brew,  
Till in my Pericranium grew  
Conundrums, how some Peal that's new  
Might he compos'd? and to pursue  
These thoughts (which did so what an hew  
My flat invention) and to shew  
What might be done, I straight withdrew  
Myself to ponder—whence did accrue  
This Grandsire Bob, which unto you  
I Dedicate, as being due  
Most properly; for there's but few  
Besides, so ready at their Q—  
(Especially at the first view)  
To apprehend a thing that's new;  
Though they'll pretend and make a shew,  
As if the intricat'st they knew  
What Bob doth mean, and Grandsire True,  
And read the course without a clue  
Of this new Peal: yet though they screw  
Their shallow Brains, they'll ne're unglue  
The method on't (and I am a Jew)  
If I don't think this to be true,  
They see no more on't than blind Hugh.  
Well, let their tongues run Titere in,  
Drink muddy Ale, or else French Lieue,  
Whilst we our Sport and Art renew,  
And drink good Sack till Sky looks blew,  
So Grandsire bids you All adieu.

R. R.

### SILVER WEDDING.

At St. Andrew's, Headington, Oxon, on June 21st, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Beck 1, George Horwood 2, T. S. Williams 3, R. Post (conductor) 4, Frank Peckett 5, C. E. Wigg 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor's parents on their silver wedding.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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### THE MINOR METHODS COLLECTION.

The Rev. H. Law James, on behalf of the Methods Committee, proposed the adoption of the report which had been published. He did not wish to say much about the Minor Methods Collection for the simple reason it had been discussed in print, and they did not want a great deal of further talk about it. From the discussion that had already taken place among the Standing Committee, he thought they could take it that the Collection would be published straight away. He wanted, however, to ask the Council one or two things with regard to the future. The Collection of Minor Methods was confined to Doubles and Minor methods, and Triples, which appeared in the original edition, had been omitted. The book was intended for the six-bell towers, and he would like to know if the Council desired the committee to reproduce the methods for seven bells. His own opinion was that it should be reprinted and brought up to date. Then, with regard to the future, were they to go forward and publish next of all a book of Surprise methods, or did the Council think, as he was bound to think himself, that the proper thing to do was to deal with the plain methods of Royal, Cinques and Maximus? With regard to the outside cover of the Minor Collection, the committee would, as mentioned in the report, leave it to the Council.

Mr. Hunt asked if the Council were to understand that the Methods Committee and the Standing Committee had come to an amicable settlement with regard to the Minor Collection?

Mr. James: Quite a satisfactory decision as far as I am concerned. I want to vote upon it.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, on behalf of the Standing Committee, moved that the Minor Methods Collection be printed, and, so far as the names on the cover and title page were concerned, that they should be the names of the Council and its officers and the members of the committee. An agreement had been reached on that point.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded, and said he thought they had reached a pleasant end to the controversy which they had had.

### A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said Mr. Smith talked about an agreement, but he would say now what he had said all along, that he could not see the slightest reason for departing from the practice of the Council. For the last 35 years until recently the books that had been published by the Council had been published with a certain formula, and he could not see the slightest reason why that formula should be departed from. He could not see why they should put any names on the outside of the book other than the names of those people who had produced the book. They might say it was a small matter. It was a small matter in a way, but there was a certain amount of principle behind it. When the committee refused to accept the names of the officials of the Council on the outside of the cover they were fighting for the liberty of a committee against the interference of the officials of the Council. When the Council appointed a committee to do any work, the committee was responsible to the Council and not to the officials. In almost the last thing that the late Mr. Davies wrote to 'The Ringing World' he laid it down that the various committees were responsible to the Council, and it was up to them to see that their rights were not infringed. The second point was that if they got people to do work for them, they were bound to give them the ordinary consideration that these people would get at the hands of any similar body. It was the ordinary, common or garden kind of right. He had no personal feeling in the matter, and he had no doubt whatever that what Mr. Young did he did with the sole intention of promoting the welfare of the Council. But in this matter he disagreed with Mr. Young, and it was his duty to express that disagreement. They had had placed in their hands that day a new book on 'The Law of Church Bells.' They appointed a committee of three persons, three members of the legal profession, to draw up the report, and it had been printed. That book would be a standard book for many years, but if in twenty years' time someone picked up that book and looked at the names on the front of the cover they would get not the slightest idea who the men were who really did the work. That was not fair to those who did the work. In the future they would probably have other people who they would ask to do work for them. Would they say to them that they were prepared to accept what they did, to accept their time, money and brains, and when that was done give the credit to someone else? That was what it amounted to (hear, hear). It might look like blowing his own trumpet, but he was standing up for a principle. The committee left it to the Council, and if they saw any reason why an old custom should be departed from, they would vote for it, but his own opinion was as he had stated.

Mr. Young: Did you read the preface of the new book?

Mr. Trollope: Yes, sir. May I point out that Mr. Davies issued a book on the Surprise methods. My name is mentioned in that preface much in the same way as the members of the Legal Committee are mentioned in this book. Does anyone think I had the same work to do with the Surprise methods?

### THE DEPARTING RON. SECRETARY'S VIEWS.

Mr. E. A. Young said he did not wish to say very much on the subject because he was anxious to go out of office with all the smiles he

could. He was away from the country last winter; if he had been at home they could probably have settled the question by a talk round the table, but he was told by their late secretary, Mr. Davies, that he was responsible for the issuing of the books published by the Council—cover, printing and price—and when the manuscript came to him he had to see that it agreed with what was passed by the Council. When they published 'Rules and Decisions' in 1927, he pointed out that he thought on all the books and papers which they placed before the public and the Exercise the name of the Council should be placed in the forefront; in fact, that he would like to see the name of the Council always in gold letters and the names of the officers with it, not because he was an officer of the Council, but because he thought prominence should be given to them. The names were printed on the cover in 'Rules and Decisions,' and he thought how nice it looked, and he tried to follow the arrangement in other volumes. He was quite prepared, if the proposal now before the Council went forward, to go a little further to meet the Methods Committee and have the names of the officials of the Council put on the cover in a minor position.

Mr. Trollope asked why the names of the officials of the Council should be on the book at all? The committee were appointed to represent the Council in this matter and to produce the book.

Mr. Young said he thought by having the names of the officials as well as that of the Council anyone picking up the book would say, 'This Council is a body that takes things seriously; the Council is a body of note and no hole-and-corner affair.' The Council must forgive him if he had stepped too far.

Mr. A. P. Smith said when he proposed his motion he had no idea it was going to be opposed, but it did appear to him that Mr. Trollope was still not satisfied, although he (the speaker) had been given to understand that he was. That being the case, he wanted to put the matter more strongly. He who paid the piper should call the tune. The Council had to pay for this publication, and in his opinion the Council, and not the committee, should decide what went on the cover and title page. The committee had only carried out instructions, or, if they did not like that word, request. They were servants of the Council, and in any society worthy of its name the names of its officers should be on all its papers.

Mr. W. Willson said it was not often he agreed with Mr. Trollope—perhaps that was his (Mr. Willson's) fault (laughter)—but he thought he was in the right on this occasion. The Council did not pay the piper in this case. These men had worked for nothing for years. The names of the officials might go on the back page, but not on the front. The committee had done the job and done it well. If he had been one of the committee and had done this service, if the name of anyone else went on the title page he would have torn up the proofs.

Mr. Coles, as seconder, said, like Mr. Paddon Smith, he had hoped this thing was going through unopposed. No doubt many of the Council felt in sympathy with Mr. Trollope and his friends on the committee, and he had intended, so far as he was concerned, not to agree to any modification until he learned that what was proposed would be accepted. To his surprise, it was not. Since he had listened to the explanation of the secretary he found himself driven to support Mr. Trollope. The committee should be considered in this matter. They had given years of work to the book, and even if the Council paid for the printing they got the money back. Mr. Trollope and his friends did not get their money back.

The motion, on being put, was declared carried nem con.

### A BOOK ON TRIPLES.

The Rev. H. Law James asked for a motion on the question of whether the committee should now proceed with the Triples methods.

Mr. Faulkner: Is that going to hold up the publication of this book still further?

The President: Not at all.

The Rev. H. Drake proposed that the Triples methods section be revised and reprinted.

Mr. Trollope said the idea would be to make a book for Grandsire and Stedman largely, not merely give just a lead, but give something that would be of real use to ringers, including peals and touches. Mr. Davies' book on Stedman was really a book for composers and experts. What they wanted was a book that the ordinary man in the tower could put in his pocket and use. In addition to Grandsire and Stedman, methods like Double Court should be included, and methods which had one hunt and six working bells. It would be very much smaller than the Minor Collection, and rather smaller than the Major.

Mr. W. Ayre seconded Mr. Drake's motion.

The Rev. H. Law James said he thought they could present it ready for printing at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Trollope: Don't you be so sure (laughter).

The motion was carried.

### WORK FOR THE FUTURE.

The President said the committee wanted to know whether they should have in mind as the next subject a collection of Surprise methods or a collection of Plain Royal, Cinques and Maximus methods.

Mr. Trollope said he thought the book wanted now was a book on the Major Surprise methods. That was going to be a very big thing, because, if they were going to have it done, it should be done so that it was as nearly a final book on that section as they could get. It would be easy to print a book of 20 or 30 methods, with compositions, worth ringing, but that was hardly what they wanted.

What they wanted was the whole ground surveyed, if it could be surveyed, in the same way that they did in the case of the Plain Major Methods. At least, when he said the whole ground surveyed like the Plain Major Methods, he meant give a selection, because if they were going to do the Surprise methods exhaustively, and had started before the world was made, they would scarcely have scratched the surface by this time, for the number of methods ran to something like 13 trillions. But they could do a good deal, although it would be a long job, and they must not expect to see the results for some time. With regard to the Plain Royal, Cinques and Maximus, he did not think the time was ripe for anything like that. People would not ring them at present.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said he thought it would be of more practical use if the committee, instead of starting to explore a field which was going to take years of labour and probably not result in the publication of the work in the lifetime of many of those present, would first take in hand a selection of Treble Bob methods. There were plenty of first-class methods of this type to be obtained, some of them more difficult to ring than many Surprise methods. A comparatively small volume of methods with a treble bob hunt, published at a reasonable figure, without undue delay, would serve a far more practical purpose than aiming at something which would take years to produce and publish, probably, at a cost prohibitive to the ordinary ringer.

The Rev. H. Law James said they all had their own opinions, and he thought they should publish a small collection of Royal, Cinques and Maximus methods, thus finishing off the plain methods before they started on Treble Bob. If they started on the Treble Bob, this generation would be past and gone before the thing was done anything like exhaustively.

The President said they could only print one book next year, if the Plain Triples was ready. If it could be done, it would be most desirable. In the meantime, Mr. James might prepare the one he suggested, and Mr. Trollope the other, and in that way they might get both (laughter).

#### IN THE MELTING POT.

Mr. Trollope said the Council referred to them last year the revision of the report on regular methods. They had had the matter under consideration, but had nothing to report. The question was to some extent in the melting pot. It was so easy to make a definition, but so extraordinarily difficult to make a definition worth having. Look at the peal rules. Everybody had been trying to make rules for six-bell peals, but there was not one that they could not drive a coach and horses through. And they were faced with the same thing when they came to the revision of the method report. That report was never claimed to be a final statement on the matter, and since it was drawn up they had learnt a tremendous lot. The chief thing they had learned was how little they knew about the whole thing. When they drew up that report they thought they knew everything, but they were not quite so sure now, and just at present they were not prepared to make any definite statement on the point that was raised, and the committee asked to be allowed to leave the matter in abeyance.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said if people had been content to go on ringing peals in one method only it might have been possible to draw up something on the terms of the resolution put to them last year, but all this multiplication of methods in one peal had thrown ringing into the melting pot. Nothing of the kind was contemplated when the report was drawn up, and it was only one of the many changes that were taking place at the present time. If they were to attempt to draw up some hard and fast rules they would probably be making a statement which, in a couple of years' time, they might be sorry should have been made.

The President: The matter will be left over until next year.

#### TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

The reports of members of the Towers and Belfries Committee were next presented, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, one of the members, stating that in his own diocese a certain amount of work had been going on.

The hon. secretary read a report received from Major J. H. B. Hesse, who was unable to be present. Major Hesse wrote that he understood that at Solihull, where he inspected the bells and advised that the whole peal be recast, the work was to be carried out, providing they got the faculty. It was the only thing to do there, as they are very keen on having a really good peal of bells, which the present lot could never be, no matter how carefully tuned. There was only one bell, namely the ninth, that could be retained, and, in his report, he advised this bell being retained as a relic.

Another case in which he had been called in was at Grayshott, quite near Haslemere, where there were three modern bells, tenor about 8½ cwt., all poor. He made an inspection and report on the tower, as they were anxious to know if the tower was capable of carrying a peal of eight bells with a tenor of about 8½ cwt. or 9 cwt. The tower, in his opinion, was of ample strength for this and could safely carry a peal twice the weight. He had also advised that the three old bells be recast, which was to be carried out. His other job, although the smallest of the lot, was by no means the least to him, namely, the recasting of the fifth bell at Wrington, which was the only poor bell in the peal. This had been done, and the new bell matched the old bells beautifully and was exceptionally good. A 'deadening' floor had been put in the ringing chamber, and the belfry now was, from a sound point of view, all that could be desired.

#### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

##### NORTHERN BRANCH AND CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Louth on Saturday, June 13th, when, with the lovely peal of eight with its 30 cwt. tenor, and a beautiful church and spire, members were attracted from Bigby, Elsham, Scunthorpe, Burton-on-Stather, Uleaby, Thornton Curtis, Barrow-in-Humber, Grimsby St. James, Grimsby St. Andrew's, and friends from Branston, Mablethorpe, Lincoln Cathedral, including the president of the Lincoln District, Mr. G. Chester, also Mr. D. Collins, of Gillett and Johnston, who is at present engaged on the renovation of Thornton Curtis bells. The service was conducted by the president (the Rev. H. T. Parry). Mr. H. Carter presided at the organ.

Twenty-seven sat down to a splendid tea at the Victoria Rooms, and the president presided over the meeting which followed.

The president gave a short account of the Central Council's meeting at Liverpool, and referred especially to the manner in which the Council was received by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, and the civic authorities and the Lancashire Association, which went to show that ringers were going up in the estimation not only of the Church but also of the civic authorities, which was all to the good, and was the result of the efforts of the ringers themselves.

Mr. G. Chester spoke on the value of the Central Council in the untiring efforts they made on behalf of ringers, especially their publications, which he thought should be in the hands of ringers much more than at present. He had brought with him a collection of publications for sale to the ringers.

A recommendation was made that the Northern Branch be asked to buy all the copies to be sold at the various district meetings.

Votes of thanks to the president for conducting the service and for presiding over the meeting, to the organist and caterers, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. Members then adjourned to the tower again. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Major.

The next meeting is to be held at Bigby on Saturday, July 18th, which will be combined with the Lincoln District of the Ladies' Guild, of which due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

#### DEVON GUILD.

Members of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devon Guild were singularly fortunate in having such a beautiful day for their meeting at Sowton on June 20th. By the kindness of the Rev. W. H. A. and Mrs. Cullin, the Rectory garden was open to ringers, and many took advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a game of bowls or 'Kum-Bak' and to have a touch on the handbells in the glorious sunshine. The tower bells were not neglected, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung during the afternoon and evening.

A service was held in the church, when the Rector, in the course of his address, gave a warm welcome to the branch. Tea was served in the school, where Mrs. Cullin and a band of lady helpers (wives of the local ringers) had everything in readiness.

At the subsequent business meeting (presided over by the president of the Guild in the unavoidable absence of the branch chairman), the Rector was proposed as an honorary member by Mr. A. G. Betts, and his election carried with acclamation.

The next meeting was fixed for September 26th at Pinhoe, subject to the Rector's approval. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cullin and their helpers, to which Mr. Cullin gave an appropriate and amusing reply.

#### BERKSHIRE RINGERS IN SUSSEX.

The ringers of St. Laurence's, Reading, made a journey by road through 'leafy Surrey' and 'sylvan Sussex' to Lewes and Brighton for their annual outing. A neat little bus, marked 'X.L.C.R.' picked us up (with our Vicar) at 7.30 a.m., and off we went. A halt was made at Horsham for tea and sandwiches, then on to Lewes, where at 11 o'clock we were met by Mr. R. J. Dawe, and a good touch each of Stedman and Grandsire Caters was rung on this pleasing little peal of ten. Some of the adult members could not leave this place without a short visit to the King's Head, the birthplace of the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' otherwise known as one of those wicked Guild secretaries who go and ring peals on meeting days. A good dinner was thoroughly enjoyed at Morley's Hotel, Brighton, then to St. Nicholas' Church, more good Stedman and Grandsire Caters being rung. Next to St. Peter's, where Mr. Keith Hart and several other ringers were awaiting the visitors, and two touches of Stedman Caters and two courses of Grandsire Caters were rung on this fine ten. After tea, the Vicar and some of the youngsters went to 'see the sea,' whilst the old 'uns, with Mr. Hart, journeyed to the Church of the Good Shepherd, where touches of Stedman Triples were brought round. A pleasant half-hour was spent in comfortable style nearby, while the remainder of the company drifted in one or two at a time. 'All aboard' was called at seven o'clock, and after a four hours' run St. Laurence's was reached again, everyone agreeing that it had been a fine outing. The weather was glorious, the food was good, and the ringing was good throughout the day. The kindness of Messrs. Keith Hart, R. J. Dawe, F. Bennett and J. Edwards will long be remembered with gratitude by all concerned, and especially by

The 'OWD 'UN.'



## A THAMESIDE TEN.

## NEW TREBLES OPENED AT ISLEWORTH.

The result of more than six years' labour was seen in Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday week, when two new treble bells, to make a ring of ten, were dedicated at the parish church by the Bishop of Kensington. At a meeting of the Middlesex County Association in February, 1925, a scheme was launched to raise funds to achieve this object, and by dogged perseverance and tenacity of purpose, Mr. W. H. Hollier, the district secretary of the association, has been able to accomplish the project, and the bells were opened free of debt.

The church overlooks the River Thames, and formerly had a ring of eight bells, tenor 16½ cwt., cast in 1767 by Lester and Pack. They were restored and retuned in 1903, and the two new bells have now been added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, who have made a splendid splice. The bells can be heard admirably in the ringing chamber, while outside there is perfect balance. The treble is inscribed 'Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth' (Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts), and the second, 'Pleni sunt Caeli, et Terra Gloria Tua' (Heaven and Earth are full of Thy Glory). The second and third of the ten are carried on girders above the other eight. The whole framework has been painted and the belfry cleaned, while the ringing chamber has been made spick and span by the efforts of the local ringers.

The dedication of the bells took place in the presence of a numerous congregation on Saturday, June 13th. The service, which began with the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith, the lesson being read by Mr. J. A. Trollope, vice-president of the association. During the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' the choir, clergy, churchwardens and Bishop proceeded to the tower, where the dedicatory prayer was said, and as the procession returned to the chancel the bells were rung for about a minute by the local ringers.

The Bishop of Kensington preached an inspiring sermon from Eccles. xlv. 9: 'He compassed him with many bells round about to send forth a sound that might be heard in the temple for a memorial to His people.' The Bishop said that ceremony was an unusual one in that diocese, where only the old parish churches possessed rings of bells. The dedication of material things for the service of God, whilst they had their outward aspects, was sacramental, and had a great spiritual meaning to those who could understand. God spoke to his children in many ways, and the consecration of those bells was the consecration of a means by which God could get at men's hearts through their ears. The bells were God's love made vocal. God's love spoke in many different tones. There was the tone of warning—prepare to meet thy God, whilst time is thine. There was the tone of welcome—calling His children together and welcoming them to His house. In the future these bells would play their part in joyous thanksgivings for deliverance. They would ring for the festivals. In his own old parish church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, they used to ring at five o'clock in the morning on some of the festivals, and on days when they remembered past benefactors—people who built the church and gave them a rich inheritance. The Bishop recalled instances in which people who had once said they hated the bells had learned to love them, because on sick beds they were reminded by the bells that they were being prayed for. 'You will sometimes have complaints,' said the preacher, 'from people who want to have the bells stopped—we are very familiar with that—but they are thinking of their own convenience, those who do not like to be woken up early on Sunday morning. But we know that the day will come when they won't hate the sound of the bells, but will say, "I love to hear them. I know they are praying for me there." Though the notes are the same, what a wonderful variety of sound there is from the bells. They will fit every occasion in life—the great joys, the great thanksgivings for deliverance when our hearts are too full for words; in days of great sorrow, again when our hearts are too full for words, then the bells will tell, in their ministry of sound and wonderful complexity, of the infinite mystery of the love of God. If our hearts respond to God's love there will be music in our lives, there will be no false notes, and our lives will give out a sound for a memorial to the children of God's people. So may this interesting and happy ceremony to-day,' he concluded, 'strike that note in all hearts in this parish so that more and more they will respond to the summons of God's love.'

At the conclusion of the service, a collection for the fund for the repair of the tower was taken.

The opening touch on the bells was Grandsire Caters, rung by: Miss D. E. Lidbetter (first touch of Caters) 1, W. Pickworth (vice-president of the Middlesex Association) 2, W. A. Cave (Bristol) (conductor) 3, C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association) 4, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 5, H. W. Lidbetter (Isleworth) 6, A. W. Coles (Ringing Master, North and East District) 7, J. Bennett (Lewisham) 8, W. Pye (Master of the association) 9, A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel) 10.

Afterwards, a party numbering about 75 sat down to tea in the Church Hall, and congratulatory speeches were made. The Vicar thanked the association for what had been done towards providing the new bells, and especially Mr. Hollier for his efforts in raising the

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## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual festival of the North Bucks Branch, which took place at Shenley on Saturday, June 6th, was well attended, about 70 members being present, representing Bletchley, Beachampton, Bradwell, Fenny Stratford, Great Brickhill, Hanslope, Loughton, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Simpson, Whaddon, Woughton and the local tower. A fully choral service was held, conducted by the Rev. W. E. Boys, Vicar of Shenley. Owing to the very unsettled state of the weather earlier in the day, tea was prepared in the reading room instead of on the Rectory lawn, but, thanks to an improvement, it was possible to adjourn to the Rectory grounds to hold the business meeting.

The secretary (Mr. W. Sear) presented a statement of accounts and explained the work of the branch during the past year. The branch was in a good financial position, having a balance in hand of £11 19s. and £10 invested.

The Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell, was again elected chairman of the branch, and Mr. W. Sear secretary and treasurer.

The Guild Master, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, addressed the meeting, giving a brief report of the Central Council meeting held at Liverpool, and explaining fully the object of the Stedman Commemoration Fund. He expressed his appreciation of the healthy condition of the North Bucks Branch.

On the proposition of the secretary, a grant of £3 3s. was voted to the Stedman Tercentenary from the North Bucks Branch.

Both the Guild treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright) and secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) spoke on various matters relating to the Guild, and expressed their appreciation of the good work done.

Two new honorary members and six ringing members were elected. The membership for 1930 was 175 ringing members and 19 hon. members.

The Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Shenley for making all arrangements, and this was suitably responded to. Ringing during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

## CHORISTERS RING FAREWELL TO CHOIRMASTER.

At the Parish Church at Shalford, Surrey, on Sunday, June 14th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: B. E. Martin 1, H. O. Schupke 2, H. E. Schupke 3, A. Lambkin 4, L. C. W. Hunter (conductor) 5, K. A. Girdler 6. First 720 by the treble ringer, and rung as a farewell to him on his leaving the parish. Also as a farewell to his father, Mr. E. G. Martin, who has been organist and choirmaster at Shalford Church for the past twelve years. All the above ringers have served in the choir under Mr. Martin.

On Sunday, June 21st, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Hunter 1, W. Pullen 2, H. E. Schupke 3, H. O. Schupke 4, L. C. W. Hunter (conductor) 5, H. G. Foster 6. First 720 by the ringers of the treble and tenor. Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to the treble ringer (June 23rd).

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funds. He also thanked the local ringers for their work in doing up the ringing chamber.

The President of the Middlesex Association (Rev. W. P. Cole Shance) thanked the Vicar and churchwardens of Isleworth for arranging the service, and jokingly remarked that at Twickenham they would be envious of Isleworth's two extra bells, although they were very proud of their own, and especially of one which was cast about the year 1549.

Mr. Hollier expressed thanks to the churchwardens and to Mr. W. T. Bridges, the hon. treasurer of the bell fund. He also acknowledged indebtedness to 'The Ringing World' for publishing the lists of subscribers.

Mr. C. T. Coles proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hollier for his work in connection with the bell fund, the success of which was due to his sustained enthusiasm. Mr. Hollier, during the last six years, had had to struggle hard to get the money, and the association as a whole was greatly indebted to him (applause). Mr. Coles added that that was the first he had heard of any rivalry between Isleworth and Twickenham, and he was inclined to suggest that Twickenham might score over their neighbours by having a peal of twelve (hear, hear). No doubt, if Mr. Hughes were asked to provide the other four bells he would be able to overcome any difficulties there might be about getting them into the tower. As far as Isleworth was concerned, he had only heard the new bells from inside the tower, and they were certainly very satisfactory from the ringers' point of view. They must congratulate Mr. Hughes on the very successful job he had carried out.

After listening to some handbell ringing, the ringers returned to the tower, where in a variety of methods they enjoyed the use of this newly acquired ring of ten, which will provide a long-felt want in this part of the county. Among those present at the opening were Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. A. R. Macdonald, representing the founders, visiting ringers from Bristol, Brentwood, Romford, Bishopsgate, Beaconsfield, East Ham, Lewisham, Leytonstone, and many towers in the area of the Middlesex Association.



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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on June 30th, at 7.30. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Hughenden (8 bells) on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 5.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained in High Wycombe.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the Tea Room at 6.30. Nomination of committee man. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held by kind invitation of Rev. S. K. Lockyear at Brabourne on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45. I trust this meeting will be attended as it was last year. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Summer Festival will be held at Woburn on Saturday, June 27th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Woburn is an ideal spot to spend the afternoon, so we hope to see a good attendance.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The third meeting of the year will be held at Barlborough, near Chesterfield, on Saturday, June 27th. The bells will be open from 2.30 p.m. Please note there is special business at this meeting. Good attendance requested. Good bus services from all directions.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Horsell (instead of Worplesdon) on Saturday, June 27th, in conjunction with the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. See other notice for times.—H. F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham, Surrey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, June 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Preliminary notice. The Bolton Police again invite ringers, their wives and friends to their athletic ground on Aug. 15th.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Horsell (6 bells) on Saturday, June 27th, in conjunction with the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—Great Ringing Day, June 27th. Owing to church repairs this year's meeting is postponed until a later date.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Coleshill, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., tea at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 4th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, 1s. each. Please advise me, certain, by July 1st. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be held on the Vicarage lawn (weather permitting) and the business meeting will follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, June 30th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Summer Festival will be held at Farnham on Saturday, July 4th. Farnham bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m.; Aldershot (8), Frensham (6) and Bentley (6) from 3 p.m. Frequent bus services between these towers. The grounds of Farnham Castle will, by special permission, be open to ringers and their friends. Service in Farnham Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute 5.30 p.m., at 1s. each. All ringers welcome. It is essential that numbers for tea should reach Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by first post Wednesday, July 1st.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Half fares (maximum 1s. 6d.)—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Escrick, near York, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn, weather permitting, at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. J. W. Steel, Escrick, York, by Thursday, July 2nd, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available: Abbey (10), 3-3.45 p.m., 6-7.30 p.m.; Twerton (8), St. Mary's, Bathwick (8), Weston (6), these bells from 2.30 p.m. Service, 4 p.m., at St. Mary's. Business meeting St. Mary's Church House. Members, please make their own arrangements for tea.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8). For tea, please notify Mr. F. Mortimer, 84, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Neuth Hall, by invitation of W. E. Neuth, Esq. All wishing to be present at tea please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, July 1st.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold their annual meeting and a 6-bell contest at Elland on July 4th. Draw 2.45 p.m., Parochial Hall. Will those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, send word not later than Monday, June 29th, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Syston, July 4th. Bells (8, recently rehung) open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.30. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by general meeting; each in Church Hall. Those requiring tea (moderate charge) must advise Mr. E. F. Payne, 18, High Street, Syston, not later than July 2nd, to avoid disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Barrington on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. If possible, a service will be held at 4.30. Tea at the Royal Oak Inn 5 o'clock. Ringing at Foxton (5) during the evening. — K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The monthly meeting and contest will be held at Crofton on Saturday, July 4th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. H. Cooke, 16, North Yard, Crofton, near Wakefield, no later than Wednesday, July 1st.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mossley on Saturday, July 4th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please notify Mr. E. Garside, 61, Lees Road, Mossley, near Manchester, not later than Tuesday, June 30th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (6) on Saturday, July 4th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, June 30th?—W. C. Moore, Hon. Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

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**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Leicester (opposite L.M.S. Station), on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing at 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30., followed by tea and meeting, at the Turkey Café, Granby Street. All ringers welcome. Will those desiring tea kindly advise Mr. W. Willson, 3, Winchester Avenue, Leicester, before Wednesday, July 1st?—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Guild service as usual. Tea 5. Lecture 5.30. Business meeting follows lecture. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Carisbrooke, I.O.W., on Saturday, July 4th. General meeting in the Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Portsmouth. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells available: Carisbrooke (8) and Newport (8). Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by June 30th?—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Arrangements for tea will be made. All ringers and friends are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh Parish Church on Saturday, July 11th. The bells, which have recently been in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co. at Loughborough, will be available from 3 p.m. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney (Haywards Heath Station) Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Eight Bells, 1s. 3d. Will secretaries please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Forest Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Alvington on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (5) open at 3.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., and business at Church School Room. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, July 8th. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at Farnham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Limsfield Chart on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 1st? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wychbold, Droitwich, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers are welcome. Those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, July 8th.—F. S. Hawkes, Sec., Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District meeting at Haslemere, July 11th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Church Hall. Please send numbers to me by July 7th. — G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Sudbury on July 18th. Ringing at all three churches (8 bells). Members of Essex Association are invited. Tea at the Parish Hall at 5 p.m., 1s. each, to all sending by July 15th to Mr. Allington, 32, Acton Lane. Meeting follows.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Founded 1881. Jubilee 1931).—The 50th annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 25th (p.v.). Service in the Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House immediately after service. Luncheon in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m.; free to members who apply for tickets by Tuesday, July 15th. A strictly limited number of tickets may be purchased by members at 4s. each (for relatives only) if application, with remittance, is made by Tuesday, July 15th. No tickets of any kind will be issued after that date. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**OXFORD SOCIETY** (Founded in the 17th century).—In connection with the Jubilee Festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the society begs to announce that all visitors will be cordially welcomed at its headquarters, the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, in the evening.

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## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**WEST CLANDON.**—On Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Harding, sen., 1, Miss E. Cooke 2, G. Grover 3, J. Goacher 4, F. Bennett 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. Ringers of 2nd and tenor from Rock Ferry, Cheshire.

**GRAVESEND.**—At St. George's Parish Church, on Sunday morning, June 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss S. Tilbrook (first quarter) 1, S. Sandford 2, Miss K. Beer 3, R. Smith 4, E. J. Beer 5, E. G. Morrad 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, E. Hadlow 8.

**WARKTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, June 21st, at the Church of St. Edmund, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. N. Tyler 1, G. W. Clarke (first 720 away from treble) 2, H. O. Mutton 3, B. P. Morris (conductor) 4, E. J. Sargeant 5.

**WILLENHALL, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Evans 1, S. H. Coley 2, J. T. Davies 3, E. Trubshaw 4, C. Law (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, L. Trubshaw 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, A. E. Read 8.

**HOUNSLOW.**—On Sunday, June 14th, for evensong, at St. Paul's Church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins., with 6-8 covering: H. W. Barrett 1, J. F. Kent 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, C. J. Tricker 4, W. H. Stevens, I.S.O., 5, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 6, E. Hadlow 7, — Maxwell 8. Rung after meeting short for Stedman.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Sunday, June 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: N. Bannard 1, T. Wilford 2, H. Key 3, I. Bennett 4, G. Bannard 5, J. J. Taylor 6, A. H. Taylor (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, H. Bruce 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes) in 49 mins.: T. Tebbutt (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters as conductor) 1, J. Dove 2, \*W. R. Parker 3, J. J. Taylor 4, A. H. Taylor 5, H. Marlow 6, F. Hopper 7, J. Dean 8, G. Flavell 9, \*H. Bruce 10. \* First quarter of Stedman Caters.

**HOLBECK, LEEDS.**—On Sunday, June 7th, in 23 mins., at St. Matthew's Church, 720 Bob Minor: W. L. Toogood 1, A. Teale, jun., 2, W. Burgess 3, L. W. G. Morris (conductor) 4, R. Clarke 5, Wilfred Draper 6. This was the first 720 by all the band except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

**CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL.**—On Sunday, May 17th, for Confirmation service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: E. Gittens 1, J. Roberts 2, T. Rigg 3, J. Bowstead 4, W. Davies 5, E. L. Humphriss (conductor) 6.

**HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.**—At the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: A. Durham 1, S. Richardson 2, A. Ellbeck 3, E. Scambles 4, W. Norman 5, Jas. E. Brown (first 720 Plain Bob as conductor) 6. First of Minor for ringers of 1, 2, 4.

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