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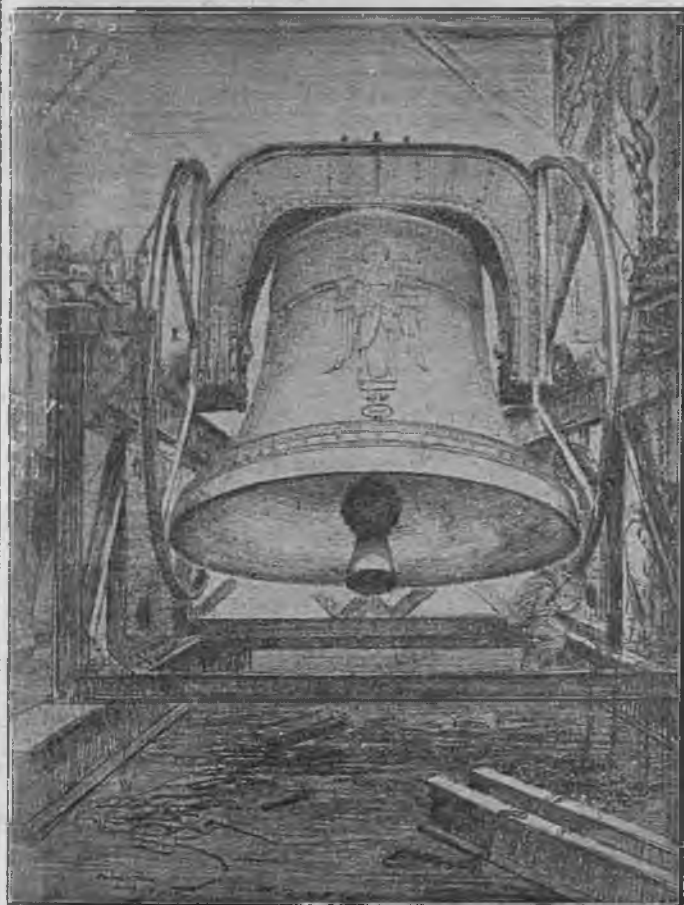
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### WORK BEFORE THE METHODS COMMITTEE

The discussion by the Central Council on the Methods Committee's report revealed more than one interesting fact, apart from the settlement of the vexed question of the title page of the 'Collection of Minor Methods.' That particular undertaking, so far as the Committee are concerned, is now out of the way, after many delays, and the Committee are free to turn attention to further work—not that they have been idle during the period when the Minor Collection was held up. The members of this Committee are constantly at work and, if truth be known, are, in a sense, years ahead of their report to the Council. For instance, the publication of a Collection of Surprise Methods is a task for the Council in the future. It was mentioned at Liverpool, and it was pointed out that it must be some time before the issue of a volume covering a survey of the whole ground could be ready. But let it not be imagined that such a collection is only just being visualised. Mr. Trollope has already produced thousands of Surprise Methods. A great deal would still have to be done, even with this material, before any of it could be used in a work such as is contemplated, but there it is—the basis of the future publication has been laid, quietly and unobtrusively, over a period of years in all probability, before the Council hears a sound of it. That is but one example of what is constantly going on behind the scenes. The book which is to appear next is one dealing with Triples Methods. The Rev. H. Law James said he thought it could be ready by next year's meeting. That means that already a great deal of the work must have been done. And so these men go on, using their time and their knowledge that ringers in general may profit, but their efforts would be largely unavailing if there were not some body behind them like the Council to place the results of their work in the hands of the Exercise.

The Committee are intent on doing their work exhaustively, and in as far as this means that they seek to explore the ground to its utmost limits, and so carry their labours as nearly as possible to finality, they are to be applauded. But it will be a mistake, if for the sake of an ideal the Exercise is to be robbed for years of any advantage that is to be gained from their work. Ringers are not concerned about an exhaustive treatise which may make its appearance when many of them are dead; they will not even desire to wait for years while the surface of a vast field is scratched. What they will want to see is an instalment on account. Give them, say, fifty good methods to get on with, and peal compositions which can be used, and they will be grateful. Fifty methods plainly printed in a book are worth more than fifty million in

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formulae to the man in the belfry—something that he can buy for a shilling now is of infinitely more use to him than something which may be obtainable for five shillings after he has gone. The Committee have produced an exhaustive book on Minor because its scope is limited; the Collection of Plain Major Methods was the result of a complete survey, for the same reason: on the Committee's own admission the Surprise Methods are almost limitless; let them not make the mistake that the Exercise desires to wait indefinitely while they carry their investigations through to the bitter end. A small section every two or three years would be of far greater value to the ordinary ringer.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART ... .. Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3	JOHN DEARLOVE ... 8
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 9
JACK M. CRIPPS ... 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	ERNEST BRETT ... 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 7
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	ROBERT SWIFT ... 6
WILLIAM M. STONE ... 2	RAYMOND OVERY ... 7
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 8
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
GEORGE W. SEERE ... 5	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

\* First peal of Caters. R. Swift was proposed a member of the Guild before starting. This composition is now rung for the first time.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM T. HOLDING ... Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... 3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 8
HARRY OVERTON ... 4	J. WILLIAM EDGE ... 9
EDWARD V. RODENHORST ... 5	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

Specially arranged and rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. H. W. Haworth, M.A., LL.B., who is leaving for Bowdon, Cheshire. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea at the Vicarage.

## ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANCIS KIRK ... .. Treble	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 6
*HAROLD V. FROST ... .. 2	BEN JARMAN ... .. 7
*ARTHUR DAY ... .. 3	JOHN MALYAN ... .. 8
WALTER AYRE ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 9
WILLIAM NASH ... .. 5	THOMAS J. HULL ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by THOS. J. HULL

\* First peal on ten. † First peal. T. J. Hull has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower. Rung on the vigil and in honour of the patronal festival. It was also a compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Crabtree on the birth of a granddaughter, likewise to the parents of the child.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

## OFFICERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER (Joint Hon. Secretary) ... .. Treble	
*WILFRED G. WILSON (Asst. Hon. Sec., S. and W. Dist.) ... 2	
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE (Vice-President, S. and W. Dist.) ... 3	
CHARLES T. COLES (Joint Hon. Secretary) ... .. 4	
*HERBERT W. LIDDETT (Auditor S. and W. Dist.) ... .. 5	
FRANK CORKE (Central Committee) ... .. 6	
WILLIAM PICKWORTH (Vice-President, N. and E. Dist.) ... 7	
WILLIAM PYE (Master) ... .. 8	
ALBERT W. COLES (Master N. and E. Dist.) ... .. 9	
*EDWARD A. MORRIS (Central Committee) ... .. Tenor	

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal on ten bells. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last measure of respect to the late Thomas Beadle, one time vice-president, and a founding member of this association. Also in memory of the late Thomas T. Goffon, of Whitley Bay, Northumberland. This was the first peal on the ten bells in this tower.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Parish Church,

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

EDWARD BROWN ... .. Treble	J. C. POLLARD ... .. 5
GEORGE WORTHY ... .. 2	SAMUEL YATES ... .. 6
THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 3	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 7
MISS LANCASTER ... .. 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. C. Pollard, president of the association, and E. A. (4510), June 15th, 1931.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

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

At the Cathedral (St. Werburgh's Abbey),

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6
MARTIN HARRIS ... .. 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
JOHN HAYES ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

Rung in honour of St. Werburgh's Day.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Wednesday, June 17th, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Handcock (first in the method) 1, P. Meek 2, W. Hollamby 3, P. Splice 4, W. Rawlings 5, E. Mounter 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Meek 8. Rung for the wedding of Dr. G. D. Stilwell to Miss Joyce Hulme, of New Brighton, Cheshire.

## BRITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY A. HOVERD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AADSLEY ... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLOM, JUN. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

## ASHTEAD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF KENT SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

WILLIAM J. WHITING ... .. Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 5
JOHN HOYLE ... .. 2	GEORGE A. COOK ... .. 6
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

First peal in method by all the band, for the Guild, and in the county.

## WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT S. STRATFORD ... .. Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 2	ADAM DEAS ... .. 6
ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... .. 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 4	ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. T. GORTON. Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the composer, after his funeral at the above church on this day.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON ... .. Treble	*WILFRED APPELGATE ... 5
ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 2	*WALTER SWALLOW ... 6
*WILLIAM TATE ... .. 3	HARRY C. WALTERS ... 7
†HARRY BROWN ... .. 4	†CHARLES BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. BARKER. Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal and first attempt.

## SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN R. FRYERS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. BARKER ... .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... .. 2	HARRY GIBSON ... .. 6
*JOHN A. BROWN ... .. 3	JOHN R. BARTON ... .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 4	FRANK DAVIDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal 'inside.' The ringers of 2nd and 4th hail from Leicester, 3rd from Chester-le-Street, Durham. The remainder are members of the local band. Rung in honour of the wedding of Alban Disney, of Leicester, and Mary L. Cufflin, of Anstey, which took place at Anstey on the previous Saturday, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Poole and Miss Flossie Gibson, daughter of the ringer of the 6th. The conductor was elected a member of the association prior to starting for the peal.



ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, June 25, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Stephen, Eastwood,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

J. EDWARD CAWSE	... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOLER	... .. 5
SAMUEL HARRISON	... .. 2	WILLIAM GREEN	... .. 6
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER	... .. 3	T. COLIN RYDER	... .. 7
ALBERT NASH	... .. 4	HARRY MORGAN	... .. Tenor

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

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

WALTER F. JUDGE	... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. TAYLOR	... .. 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS	... .. 2	HARRY MILES	... .. 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	... .. 3	J. HOWARD FREEBORN	... .. 7
GEORGE GILBERT	... .. 4	JOHN BOWER	... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER	... .. Treble	HARRY BAKER	... .. 5
CHARLES H. SONE	... .. 2	ALBERT RELFE	... .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE	... .. 3	LUTHER J. HONESS	... .. 7
HARRY DOBELL	... .. 4	WILLIAM WENBAN	... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal away from tenor. H. Dobell kindly filled the gap after meeting short for Major. One hundredth peal together by T. E. and C. H. Sone. The conductor has now called a peal round the circle at this tower.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

FRANK LAWRENCE	... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	... .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	... .. 2	PERCY HARRISON	... .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD	... .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL	... .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS	... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM	... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR	... .. Treble	FRED WALKER	... .. 5
HAROLD TAYLOR	... .. 2	JOHN CLAYTON	... .. 6
HAROLD JACKSON	... .. 3	ERNEST GARSIDE	... .. 7
FRANK WELHAM	... .. 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT	... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

The thanks of the band are due to the ringer of the 3rd, who kindly took the place of Mr. J. Harrison, who is lying ill in the infirmary through an accident.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

HERBERT HAIGH	... .. Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON	... .. 5
GEORGE H. ROBINSON	... .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS	... .. 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL	... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	... .. 7
HAROLD EDWARDS	... .. 4	FREDERICK SEAGER	... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Superlative. Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Albert Henry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, of Low Moor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

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

ARTHUR COLLIER	... .. Treble	ALBERT E. CHERSEMAN	... .. 5
CHARLES HAZELDEN	... .. 2	ALAN R. PINK	... .. 6
WILLIAM WHITING	... .. 3	WILLIAM NEWBERRY	... .. 7
SIDNEY ELTON	... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN	... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Monica Downes, daughter of Canon E. A. and Mrs. Downes, of Leatherhead, and Mr. Frank Savell Wallace, of Clokhill Rectory, Bedford.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCIVAL A. ALDBAM	... .. Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	... .. 5
FRANK E. PERVIN	... .. 2	FRANK E. HAINES	... .. 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	... .. 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT	... .. 7
FRANK W. PERRENS	... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* First peal of Superlative.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. MAYNARD	... .. Treble	CHARLES A. HUGHES	... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE	... .. 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN	... .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	... .. 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER	... .. 7
ROBERT J. MAYNARD, SEN.	... .. 4	PERCY J. DAW	... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. R. Williams, M.A., who is leaving Leyton Parish Church to become chaplain of Ridley College, Cambridge.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

RONALD H. DOVE	... .. Treble	FRANK JENNINGS	... .. 5
ROYDON DAVIES	... .. 2	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	... .. 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS	... .. 3	AMOS W. CLARK	... .. 7
HERBERT J. SKELT	... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside' and 100th peal.

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*On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

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

Being one 720 of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and two each of Single Court and Single Oxford. Tenor 17 cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	Treble	HORACE M. DAY	...	4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY	...	HARRY GIBBARD	...	5
JAMES H. MUSSON	...	ROGER W. DANIELS	...	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday.

ARDLEY, Herts.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

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

Methods being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

MISS NORA WELCH	...	ARTHUR PHILLIPS	...	4
SIDNEY CARTER	...	JOHN WELCH	...	5
ROBERT HOWARD	...	BARNARD PATMORE	...	Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

First peal of Bob Minor on the bells.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Being 720 each of Primrose and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY GIBBARD	...	WILLIAM H. WALDRON	...	4
HORACE M. DAY	...	WILLIAM ROSE	...	5
ARTHUR RIGGALL	...	JOSEPH O. LANDAN	...	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. A. E. Landan, brother of the tenor ringer, and Miss Caroline Chantry, who were married the same afternoon.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, June 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,*

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN ROYDON	...	*RICHMOND ROBERTS	...	4
GEORGE E. SHALLISH	...	GEORGE GILLING	...	5
EDWARD G. NORTON	...	EDWARD J. AVERY	...	Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor in the method. This peal was rung in connection with the anniversary services held at the church the same day.

WIDFORD, Herts.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

*On Thursday, June 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,*

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

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

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR WREN	...	ARTHUR REDLINGTON	...	4
LEONARD LADBEY	...	JOHN WELCH	...	5
JOHN SUCKLING	...	SIDNEY CARTER	...	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

Rung in honour of the conferment of the degree of doctor of divinity by the University of London on Dr. Hollis, Rector of Widford.

RIPPINGALE.—On Tuesday, April 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 47 mins., as a birthday compliment to N. Atkinson and H. Willson, both regular Sunday service ringers, on their 21st birthday: R. Williamson 1, A. Scott 2, H. Willson 3, H. Gibbard (conductor) 4, C. Challand 5.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

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

Seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	...	*HORACE BENNETT	...	4
HARRY JOHNSON	...	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	...	5
*ARTHUR KEY	...	ALBERT H. BENNETT	...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

\* First peal and first attempt. The ringers of 3 and 4 were proposed members of the Guild before starting the peal. The ringers wish to thank Mr. A. H. Bennett for making up the band at a moment's notice.

SOMERTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

*On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY	Treble	ROGER W. DANIELS	...	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	...	HARRY GIBBARD	...	5
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	...	HORACE M. DAY	...	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal on the bells, which have hung in this tower for nearly 300 years, and were rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1930. This peal was arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who is a native of Somerton, and first learnt to handle a bell in this tower.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, June 24, 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 by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by M. MOORHOUSE

First peal of Royal as conductor and rung at the first attempt.

STOCKPORE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thursday, June 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT 23, GREEK STREET.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK PAGE	...	1-2	*ALLEN F. BAILEY	...	5-6
HAROLD JACKSON	...	3-4	ALFRED BARNES	...	7-8
			PETER LAFLIN	...	9-10

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

\* 100th handbell peal.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.

THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL (GLASGOW) SOCIETY.

*On Sunday, June 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT 66, HILLHEAD STREET.

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

Tenor size 13 in E.

*HARRY F. SARGENT	...	1-2	STEPHEN H. WOOD	...	5-6
*ALBERT F. SARGENT	...	3-4	*JOHN F. SARGENT	...	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

\* First peal and first attempt. This is the first peal for the above society, and it is believed to be the first handbell peal in the West of Scotland.

HITCHIN.—On Wednesday evening, March 18th, for a Confirmation service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes) in 51 mins.: C. V. Hare 1, G. T. Croft 2, A. E. Symonds 3, John Hare 4, H. W. Else 5, D. C. Mears 6, W. H. Coles (Taunton, Somerset) 7, L. Fidler (conductor) 8. The daughters of the ringers of the 5th and tenor were presented for Confirmation.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

## FEWER PEALS RUNG.

Favoured with fine weather, the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th, might be termed a success, both from numerical and social standpoints. Visitors arrived from places as far away as Preston, Northampton, Leicester, Birmingham, etc., and affiliated towers in the archdeaconry were well represented.

The Cathedral bells were raised at three o'clock, and kept going during the three-quarters of an hour allotted, another similar period being allowed in the evening. The eight at St. Mary's and six at St. Michael's, being free from restriction of time, were made good use of.

Those who attended the service in the Cathedral were well repaid, even if only for the beautiful singing. By the kind invitation of the Archdeacon, the Ven. Hugh Bright (president), tea was laid at Lloyd's Restaurant, to which more than eighty sat down, with the Archdeacon presiding.

The general meeting followed, and the president, who was in the chair, remarked how pleased he was to welcome such a gathering. An apology for being unable to stay to the tea and meeting was received from Mr. W. W. Worthington, who, however, managed to get a 'pull' during his short stay in the city.

The treasurer submitted a statement of accounts, which showed a balance of 10s. 9d. on the year's working. The committee's report was then read, and after being approved was ordered to be printed.

The report of the committee stated that meetings had been held during the past year at Lichfield, Enville, All Saints, West Bromwich, and St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, each of which was fairly well attended. The financial position of the society was firm, there being a balance of 10s. 9d. on the year's working. Twenty-nine new members had been admitted during the past twelve months. The number of peals rung during the year was 51, against 58 last year, those in the Grandsire method again greatly predominating, while Surprise peals were conspicuous by their absence, there having been only one rung, viz., Cambridge Surprise Minor. One performance stood out prominently, and that was the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Brewwood, unconduted. Out of a total number of 14 conductors, no less than four had each conducted their first peal, and two others had each conducted their first peal of Stedman Cinques. The peals were as follows: Doubles (two methods on handbells) 2, Grandsire Doubles 3, Grandsire Doubles (on handbells) 2, Grandsire Triples 27, Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Triples 4, Stedman Caters 1, Stedman Cinques 3, Bob Minor 4, Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Minor 1; total 51. The committee regretted to record the loss the society had sustained through the death of Mr. Thomas Meredith, of Barton-under-Needwood, and Mr. Alfred Fallon and Mr. Sydney Levett, both of St. Luke's company, Wolverhampton.

The election of officers included the appointment of Mr. J. Warriow, of Stafford, as Ringing Master, in the place of Mr. W. A. Cooper, retired, and Mr. W. Evans, Tipton, as auditor. The remaining officials were re-elected.

The following places have been chosen to hold meetings during the coming year: Colwich in September, Wood Green in January, Pattingham in April, and Lichfield (annual) in June. It was resolved that the society be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers, and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.

It was proposed that the following should be added to Rule 6: 'and not more than three co-opted by the committee.' After some discussion, this was agreed to.

It was resolved that the sum of £3 3s. be subscribed to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund.

Several new members were enrolled.

A vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his kindness in providing tea and for his presence was read with applause.

## RINGERS' WEDDING.

## MR. ALBAN DISNEY AND MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN.

An interesting ceremony took place at the Church of St. Mary, Anstey, Leicester, on Saturday, June 20th, when two members of the Midland Counties Association were married. The bridegroom was Mr. Alban Disney, son of the Rev. R. B. Disney, Rector of Eydon, Northants, who was for many years Vicar of Belgrave, Leicester, and the bride Miss Mary Louise Cufflin, daughter of Mr. Alfred Cufflin, the well-known towerkeeper of Anstey Church. The service was fully choral, the bridegroom's father performing the ceremony, assisted by the Rector of Anstey (the Rev. John Stewart). The hymns, 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden' and 'Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us,' were sung. The bridesmaids were the Misses Hester and Mary Disney, sisters of the bridegroom, and the Misses Eileen and Nancy Cufflin, sister and niece respectively of the bride. The best man was Mr. Michael Disney, brother of the bridegroom.

Mr. Alban Disney was for several years secretary of the Leicester District of the M.C.A., and is a ringer and sidesman at Anstey Church. The bride is also a ringer and chorister at Anstey, and both are well known in the Leicester district, having taken part in a number of peals.

## 'DOWN IN ZUMMERSET.'

## TEN TOWERS, TWENTY METHODS, FOUR HUNDRED MILES.

For many months past a few ringing enthusiasts of the Chester Branch of the Chester Guild had been looking forward to their annual ringing week-end. This year Bath was chosen as the venue, and on Friday, June 12th, the following set forth from Chester: Messrs. J. Morgan, H. W. Wilde, R. Sperring, J. Swindley, W. Bibby, J. W. Clarke, and A. E. Richards. Much to the regret of all, Messrs. W. Thomas and G. Jones, companions in many ringing 'outs,' were unable to accompany the party.

The trip down south, made in two cars, was all that could be desired, the weather that day being on its best behaviour. Bath was reached early in the evening, and after depositing luggage and giving some attention to the 'inner man' at the Angel in Westgate Street, the party were taken under the wing of Mr. Prescott and were soon among the ropes of the beautiful light eight at Corston. A very pleasant evening was spent with London, Cambridge and Stedman, followed by one or two 'rounds' in the open-air in front of the village hostelry.

The weather remained favourable during Saturday, and an early start was made for Bathampton, where the programme was opened with 720 Cambridge Minor followed by a course of Chester Surprise. Mention must also be made of the successful accomplishment of that 'intricate' method known as 'Grandma Doubles,' ably conducted by Mr. H. W. Wilde! No doubt this is the first time it has been rung in Somerset. The remainder of the morning was divided between Bathaston and Bathford, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob being scored at the latter place.

After lunch, and a short visit to the world-famous baths, the ringers went to the Abbey, where they were met by the Ven. Archdeacon Boyd, who gave them a hearty welcome and personally conducted them round the famous Abbey, an act which was greatly appreciated. The belfry was reached after a hard climb, and, the party now being augmented by several of the Bath ringers, including Miss N. Williams, and also by Miss Hastie, of Guildford, the ten (tenor 35 cwt.) were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire.

Fortunately, a third car was available, and quite a 'young army' of ringers arrived at Beckington for tea and a pleasant hour in the belfry. The heavy eight at Frome provided some good ringing, and the finishing touches of the day were rung at Norton St. Philip.

Quite a large gathering sat in the lounge of the Angel that evening, and the usual ringers' stories went round as well as a little argument about 'Grandma Doubles'!

Some good ringing was enjoyed at Twerton on Sunday morning, and then farewells were taken before beginning the homeward journey, which was made via Bristol and Gloucester. In the afternoon torrential rain set in, and the last hundred miles became almost a series of 'water jumps,' flooded roads being encountered every few miles. However, a halt was made at Bridgnorth, where Stedman and Kent were rung for evening service, the local ringers kindly handing over the ropes to the visitors.

Chester was eventually reached about 9 p.m., after a most enjoyable week-end, during which ten towers were visited, twenty methods rung, four hundred miles traversed, and a host of ringing friendships made. Thanks are due to all who helped to make the outing such a success, particularly to Miss Williams, Mr. Prescott, Mr. King, and the various incumbents and ringers of the churches visited.

A. E. R.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## NEWBURY BRANCH AT EAST ISLEY.

A very successful meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at East Isley on Saturday, June 20th, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beeton, Compton, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, Overton and East Isley. Visitors, including Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, were present from Abingdon, Basingstoke, Coventry, Eastleigh, Chidrey, Oxford and Reading. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Ogle), who gave a very interesting address. Mrs. East presided at the organ.

A marble peal tablet was dedicated at the conclusion of the service recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by East Isley ringers.

Tea was served at the Rectory by Mrs. Ogle and her helpers, when over forty sat down. The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. A. Ogle presided, in the absence of the chairman (the Rev. H. Bonsey).

The next meeting was fixed for Brightwalton on Saturday, September 5th, and a combined practice will be held at Highclere on Saturday, July 4th.

Five new members were elected, and it was proposed to send two guineas to the Stedman Memorial Fund. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. A. Ogle for his address and welcome, to Mrs. East for presiding at the organ, and to Mrs. Ogle and her helpers for providing the tea, which was carried with applause.

The tower was again visited, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyns (Master of the Guild) and several other visitors having turned up, some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 20th, the Liverpool Branch held its usual monthly meeting at Huyton. It is several years since this old church, with its six bells, has been visited. The ravages of the death watch beetle have been the main cause. First the church roof was attacked, and then the bell frame. However, both have now been put in order, the bells having been rehung in a new iron frame last autumn.

A few of the members who had gathered early witnessed a very pretty and impressive ceremony in connection with the village rose queen celebrations, which were in full swing about 3 p.m.

The bells were set going soon after to various methods, and quite a good muster of members found their way to the tower during the afternoon. In the absence of the Vicar, the curate took the usual form of service at 5.30 p.m., and welcomed the branch to Huyton.

Twenty-two members and friends partook of tea, which was ably arranged at a nearby cafe by Mr. J. Tickle, the leader of the local band. The meeting was held in the schoolroom, with Mr. Tickle as chairman.

Three new members were elected, including Mrs. Claude Davies, the assistant branch secretary, who was elected an hon. life member. The meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar and curate and to Mr. Tickle for so admirably making all the arrangements for the meeting, which all agreed was a highly successful one.

**EXCURSION TO CHESTER.**

The ringers of the Brookfield (Gorton) Church held their annual picnic on June 20th, the venue being Chester, where ringing had been arranged at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls and Eccleston. At the latter church 336 Stedman Triples was rung. Blessed with splendid weather, everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable day, and the ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. H. W. Wilde and Mr. J. Swindley for arranging for them to ring at both churches. It was unanimously decided to give a donation of 10s. to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

On Wednesday, June 10th, at Reigate Parish Church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. L. B. Eley and Miss M. C. Hartwell, 1,274 and 1,260 Grandsire Triples: \*R. Tuffin 1, \*W. Wells 2, \*C. Hygate 3, A. Bashford 4, J. Foster 5, M. Northover 6, G. Hoad (conductor) 7, A. Peck and G. Stemp 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.****HANDBELLS FOR MOST PROGRESSIVE BAND.**

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Harborne on Saturday, June 20th. There was a fairly large attendance of members, considering the fact that the tower is on the border of the district. The following towers were represented: Brierley Hill, Smethwick, King's Norton, Erdington, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, Stourbridge, Old Hill, Oldswinford, Hagley, Clent and Harborne. The Vicar (Canon O. S. Petit) welcomed the visitors, conducted the service, and gave a splendid address on the message that the bells often conveyed to the outsider. The association form of service was used, and Mr. E. Cairns, of the local company, presided at the organ. The collection at the service for the belfry repair fund realised 10s. 9d.

Tea was served in the Vicarage, at which the Vicar presided, and at the close welcomed the association to Harborne. He placed his grounds at the disposal of all present.—Mr. C. Skidmore moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for arranging the service and for the address, for the use of the bells, and so kindly placing his gardens at the visitors' disposal.—The vote was carried with applause.

The business meeting followed, at which the Rev. E. B. Farnicombe presided. Apologies were announced from Mr. H. Sheppard and Mr. H. Mason, who is staying at Colwyn Bay after an eye operation.

It was decided to send a suggestion from one of the members that a badge or some kind of insignia should be provided for the Ringing Master, to be worn when on official duty, to the Central Committee for consideration.

Several new members were elected to the roll, including the Vicar and his colleagues.

The quarterly peal is to be attempted at Harborne, the arrangements to be in the hands of the Ringing Master.

Mr. H. G. Bird said he was very sorry he was unable to attend the Central Council meeting.

Mr. W. Short explained the rules governing the forthcoming competition for the peal of handbells, which has been kindly given for the most progressive ringers within a stated period.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. E. B. Farnicombe for presiding at the meeting, also to Mr. F. H. Hawkins for his kindly help, and to Miss Hawkins who, with her lady helpers, looked after the members' wants admirably.—The Rev. E. B. Farnicombe briefly replied.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The widow and relatives of the late Mr. T. T. Goflon desire to express their grateful thanks to Mr. C. L. Routledge, and the ringers of Newcastle Cathedral, Gosforth, Sunderland, North Shields, Tynfield and Chester-le-Street for their kind expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Among the many distinguished subscribers to Mr. Ernest Morris' new book, 'History and Art of Change Ringing' is His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury. Recently the Lord Archbishop of Dublin ordered two copies, one for each of the Cathedrals in Dublin.

The many ringing friends of Mr. J. Burge will regret to learn that he has undergone an operation in the Avenue Nursing Home, Taunton, but will be pleased to know that he is making satisfactory progress.

Mr. Stephen H. Wood is to be congratulated upon the success which has attended his efforts to start a change ringing band, in connection with St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. He has not waited until his young ringers could handle the heavy ten bells in the tower before giving them an insight into the art. He has been instructing them on handbells, and to-day we record a handbell peal of Bob Major, in which three of his pupils rang a pair and scored at the first attempt. It is a fine achievement for these youths.

Service ringing at Glasgow Cathedral has been confined to the top six until last Sunday, when for the first time the back eight were rung open. We are going to hear more of ringing in the West of Scotland in the future than we have in the past.

Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn, who has recently been working for the Norwich City Council, in his capacity as a chartered surveyor, has been appointed to a post in London, and his address is The Dell, Little Chalfont, Amersham.

Previous to the peal of Stedman Cinques, at Southwark, on June 20th, Mr. J. G. Nash had not struck a blow on twelve bells, and had only once before seen twelve ropes hanging in a tower.

On Sunday last Mr. W. J. Gilbert, the veteran ringer of Raunds, Northamptonshire, attained his 80th birthday. A peal of Bob Major, to celebrate the occasion, was attempted the day previous, but came to grief after nearly three hours' ringing.

A peal of Treble Bob Major, which it was reported was rung at Burslem on June 13th, was rung at Longton. At present Burslem can boast of only six bells.

Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glensford, desires to thank his friends for their congratulations on his recent peal at Glensford. Last week he rang his one thousandth 720. His father rang considerably over this number. There can be but few instances of both father and son carrying their total of Minor extents into four figures.

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Horsell, Surrey, on Saturday, in conjunction with the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and continued till 4.30, when a very welcome tea was enjoyed.

The ladies then held their business meeting, Miss Fisher (Aldershot) being in the chair.

The following were all re-elected: Vice-president, Mrs. Bruce; secretary, Miss H. Mills; committee, Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Whittington and Miss Fisher.

It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting at Wokingham.

The Secretary reported that a letter of condolence had been sent to the vice-president on the sad death of her husband, Rev. J. C. G. Bruce.

The tower was revisited and the bells kept going till nine o'clock. The ringers afterward joined in evensong at the church, when they were welcomed by the Vicar (Canon Pares), who conducted the service and gave an address.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Leatherhead District was held at Newdigate on Saturday week. The 'early birds' arrived in time to help ring, as the Rector said at tea, to cheer up a wedding couple as they left the church.

Ringings are done from the ground floor, and with the doors open to the road the ringers had many spectators. The church itself is of great interest to visitors, being very old, and the tower, built of massive oak timbers, is quite an unusual feature.

Service, with a 'straight from the shoulder' address, was given by the Rev. J. W. Ward, after which the ringers, numbering twenty-two, from Cobham, Dorking, Capel, Leatherhead, Newdigate and one visitor from Uckfield, Sussex, adjourned to the other Six Bells across the road for tea.

The Vicar presided, and, at the business meeting which followed, one new member, Mr. Richard Orchard, of Dorking, was elected.

The Vicar then expressed his pleasure at the Guild's visit, and wished they could come more often, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to him for the use of the bells and for the service.

Ringings were then resumed, Oxford Treble Bob being in great demand, and the bells were finally lowered in peal just before nine o'clock.



## THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY. SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM FOUR CONTINENTS.

A very interesting feature of the contributions which have been received during the past week towards the Stedman Tercentenary Fund has been the donations from ringers overseas—from South Africa, from the United States, from India and from South America.

The Society of Cambridge Youths, the East Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Association, Surrey Association (Southern Branch), and Oxford Diocesan Guild (Newbury and North Berks Branches) are among the organisations which have voted contributions since our last issue.

A further list of donations will be published next week. In the meantime bands and individuals who wish to take a share in this national memorial to one of the earliest and greatest figures in the Exercise should forward their subscriptions without delay to:—

The Editor,  
'The Ringing World,'  
Woking, Surrey.

Readers will see a good many details of the commemoration scheme in the report of the Central Council's proceedings on another page in this issue.

One indirect outcome of the scheme seems to have been the formation of a South American Society of Change Ringers! The following letter reached us by air mail from Maracaibo, Venezuela, and speaks for itself:—

Dear Sir,—I have just received your issue of May 15th, 1931, outlining the scheme to commemorate the tercentenary of the founder of the 'Exercise.'

It is an object that, I am sure, will receive the whole-hearted support of all societies and associations, even the 'Secretaries' Association,' who will without doubt, do 'their bit' in the gathering of funds. In spite of the 'quibbling' that has been a topic in the last issues that I have received, I have just formed myself into the 'South American Society of Change Ringers,' appointed myself secretary and treasurer, and am herewith enclosing the subscription of this 'society,' namely, one guinea.—Yours faithfully,

B. A. SWINSON.

## PORTSMOUTH RINGERS GO WEST.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Portsmouth, held their annual outing on Saturday, June 20th. Leaving headquarters shortly after 8 a.m. by the trusty 'Triumph' coach, the open road was soon in evidence, and a splendid run through the New Forest by way of Cadnam and Ringwood brought the party to the delightful harbour of Poole. On arriving at the church tower, Mr. Townsend and a friend were there to meet the visitors, and a well-struck course of London Surprise Major was rung, which was followed by touches of Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge in which the Poole men took part. Bidding farewell to this fine ring of eight, another delightful run by way of Bere Regis brought the company to Dorchester, where the Vicar of Fordington St. George welcomed the ringers. A nice-toned ring of six were soon going to Doubles and Cambridge Surprise Minor, whilst the ladies had a stroll round the delightful Vicarage grounds. Once again aboard the motor coach and the company were soon on the open Dorset road to Sherborne, which was reached about 3.30 p.m. Here they were met by Mr. E. Coward, of Mere, and a move was then made to the Abbey, where one of the local band led the way to the 'great ascent' to the ringing chamber. This noble ring of eight (tenor 47 cwt.) were soon going, and an excellent touch of Bob Major was brought round (the tenorman quite appreciating 'Joe's' effort in ringing her to a peal recently). Some touches of Stedman Triples were also rung, in which Mr. Uriah Braven, of Bristol, took part. Reluctantly, the ringers left, and another delightful run brought them to Mere, where an excellent tea was partaken of at the Angel. Afterwards, at the tower, some good touches of London, Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandfire Triples brought the ringing to a conclusion. Shortly after 8 p.m. the return journey was commenced by way of Stonehenge and Salisbury. A short halt at this latter city was made, when the last lap was commenced, and home reached shortly after midnight. The thanks of all are due to the Vicars and local ringers who helped so much to the success of the day.

## IONA CATHEDRAL'S NEW BELL.

### FOUR HUNDRED JOURNEY TO SACRED ISLE FOR DEDICATION SERVICE.

'We dedicate this bell to the glory and service of God.'

As these words, spoken by the Rt. Rev. Dr. J. A. Graham, of Kalimpung, Moderator of the General Assembly, died away in the Cathedral at Iona, the first chimes of the newly-gifted bell rang over the waters from the tower.

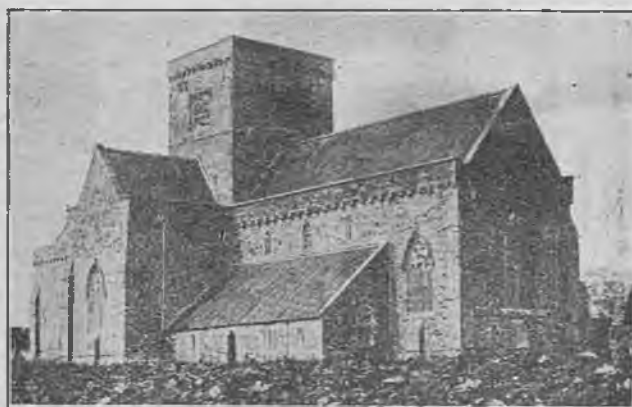
Its deeply reverberating notes stirred not only the hearts of the hundreds gathered reverently in the building, but the many who listened from ships and shore.

For many years this famous Cathedral has been without a proper bell to summon worshippers—an old ship's bell, cracked in note, having been used, as the trustees could not afford one befitting the dignity of the place.

Recently a young man, a visitor to the island in his childhood, offered to purchase a suitable bell for the Cathedral, and, yesterday, the dedicatory service was held.

Visitors from Glasgow and Edinburgh and the West of Scotland made a special trip to Iona, and assembled in the Cathedral.

They rose to sing the one hundredth Psalm, which opened the service—metley figures in tweeds, kilts, berets and hiking costume; old, young, and, in some cases, far from well; and they joined in the Lord's Prayer with the same profound feeling.



IONA CATHEDRAL.

They were gathered, as Dr. Graham said in his address, in a building which was specially sacred to them and their Scottish Church, as well as the Church of Christ throughout the world, as that of St. Columba, through whose apostolic zeal the Gospel was first proclaimed in that island and the mainland of Scotland, as well as other lands.

He then dedicated the bell to the service of God, and the congregation listened in silence to the first sound of its voice.

Rev. Neil Ross, of Kingussie, president of An Comunn Gaidhealach, gave a short address in Gaelic.

A prayer by Dr. Graham and the singing of the Doxology and the 18th Psalm completed the simple service; and, as the visitors made their way back through the rain to the ship, they heard again the triumphant chime.

### 400 VOYAGE TO IONA.

The bell is from the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, weighs 22 cwt., and sounds in the note of E flat.

Four hundred people journeyed from Glasgow for the dedication, leaving the city at the early hour of six, to make a special journey to Oban.

From that town the new MacBrayne steamer, Lochfyne, sailed to Iona by the south end of Mull, turning by Staffa.

The first part of the journey was made in excellent weather, but the landing and re-embarking at Iona were done in small boats in squalls of rain—rather like a modern version of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers.

### WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, June 27th, at St. Alfege Church, Greenwich, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. W. Richardson 1, J. J. Lamb 2, W. A. Martin 3, A. F. Petrie 4, H. W. Clark 5, W. Berry 6, F. W. Thornton (conductor) 7, D. Hodgson 8. Rung after the marriage (a fully choral service) of Elsie Annie Richardson with Harry Leslie Hoskins. The bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. Harry Hoskins, for many years a ringing colleague of Messrs. Thornton, Lamb, Berry, etc., at this church.

PORTMADOC, N. WALES.—On Monday evening, June 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: D. Wozencroft 1, G. Humphreys 2, H. Roberts 3, H. Wakefield 4, P. Roberts 5, A. E. Pogler (Bangor) (conductor) 6.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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### THE STEDMAN COMMEMORATION.

Mr. E. A. Young, speaking as a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee, said as far as his activities were concerned, they had been confined to giving some advice in connection with the tower at Howden Church, Yorkshire, which had been badly damaged by fire.

The President said his portion of the report would be the peg on which to hang some remarks respecting the question of the bells of St. Benet's, Cambridge. They had all seen in 'The Ringing World' the proposal that St. Benet's bells should once more be put into ringing order to commemorate the tercentenary year of Stedman, and the members would know most of the details of the scheme. What it was proposed to do was to rehang the bells as far as possible in the present frame and with the present style of hanging, so that the bells should remain as nearly as they could in Stedman's day. In order to modify the sound in the immediate neighbourhood—the tower was right in the midst of Corpus College and business premises, and it was no good doing anything to the bells unless they could be rung afterwards—it was suggested that they should drop them twelve feet in the tower. Further, as the tower was one of great national interest, being one of the few complete pre-Norman Conquest towers, the building must be safeguarded, and by dropping the bells twelve feet they would reduce the bending moment of the tower by 25 per cent.; further, by slightly modifying the position of the ropes with regard to the wheels, the strain on the tower could be further reduced. As the Council would know, the matter was raised by Mr. Goldsmith, and it had obviously caught the imagination of the ringers of the country from the way the money had been coming in so far, but it would be very desirable, from the point of view of the Standing Committee, who had discussed the matter that morning, that the appeal to the ringers of the country should be given final sanction by the Council. That could be done in two ways. One was that the Council should contribute a sum to the list of subscriptions, and he was going to suggest that they give a grant of ten guineas towards the fund. The other was that they should elect certain of their members to co-operate with the Parochial Church Council of St. Benet's in carrying out the scheme. The Parochial Church Council were the people who must get the faculty and who must be responsible. The Council would have to approach them officially as to whether they would accept the gift. If they were willing to accept it, he suggested they should appoint certain of their members to carry out the scheme with them and see the whole thing through. Proceeding, the President said another slight change which they suggested should be made in the belfry was that the ringers should ring from the ground floor instead of going up a vertical steel ladder, as they did at present, to ring on the floor above. Further, the scheme would include the provision of a tablet recording the fact that the restoration of the bells was carried out in commemoration of Fabian Stedman. With regard to the names of the committee to co-operate with the Parochial Church Council, he thought it would be wise if the Council would leave that to the Towers and Belfries Committee. The Council could trust the Committee to appoint suitable people. He proposed the adoption of the verbal reports of the members of the committee, including the recommendations that the Council make a grant of ten guineas towards the Stedman Commemoration Fund, that the Council officially offer the gift to the Parochial Church Council of St. Benet's, and that they leave it to the Towers and Belfries Committee to appoint two or three members of the Council to co-operate with the Church Council.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said as one who many years ago had the privilege of ringing on these bells, he would like to second the motion.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said, as instigator of the scheme, the proposals put forward by the president had his full approval. He was anxious that the commemoration should be a national one, and for that reason he desired to see the Council taking official part in it. He would be only too glad to continue to act as 'publicity agent' (applause).

### NO ROOM FOR MORE BELLS.

Mr. W. Willson said it appeared to him that the money they were asking for ought to be sufficient to restore the bells and provide two trebles. He thought two new bells should be put in as a memorial to Stedman, otherwise 50 years hence the work of this generation would be forgotten. Why not go the 'whole hog'?

The President said his answer to that was to ask Mr. Willson if he had seen the tower; did he know the tower?

Mr. Willson said he did not know the tower.

The President said it would be impossible to put two more trebles in the tower with any sort of satisfaction. There was only just room for the existing six. The President added that the proposed scheme would involve some work to the tower, because it would be necessary to put in a concrete beam round the walls to take the beams of the dropped frame. The amount which had been mentioned was only a rough estimate. Although the frame was old, it seemed perfectly sound as far as one could see from a hurried inspection. There was practically no movement of the frame—it was

not more than one-sixteenth of an inch when any of the bells were rung singly. They felt that it would be far more appropriate that the bells should be hung as far as possible as they were in Stedman's time. If they tried to put them in modern hangings they might get various authorities up against them as well as the opposition of the local authorities. It was a delightful old tower, the bells were hung in the old-fashioned way, and, personally, he should prefer to see them hung in the same manner as an historical memorial. Mr. Lewis said there was one other point. He thought they should formally appoint a treasurer of the fund.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed that the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn should continue in office.—Mr. Young seconded, and the motion was carried.

The President said he thought they ought to thank Mr. Goldsmith and say how much they owed to him for having made the suggestion and having carried it as far as he had done (applause). Mr. Lewis added that when he and Mr. Goldsmith went to Cambridge to inspect the tower they took along with them the secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. The result was that they had got him entirely on their side, provided they carried out the scheme on the lines he had mentioned; in fact, Mr. Powys went so far as to say he would be prepared, if they wished it, to issue an appeal to his members for funds (hear, hear).

Mr. Young: Of course, we would rather do it ourselves.

### MISSING RECORDS.

The next report should have been that of the Records Committee, but the Rev. H. Law James said he was sorry he had nothing to report. The Rev. A. T. Beeston used to do this work, but when he retired last year the records were handed to Mr. T. Hervey Beams, who, as they knew, had since died, and where the records were to-day he (the speaker) did not know. Not having the previous records to work from, it was impossible to carry them forward. Although he was put on this committee, it was not the sort of work that appealed to him in any way, and he would be glad to be released.

Mr. G. L. Grover said he must apologise and plead guilty for the non-appearance of the report, but he recommended himself to mercy with a certain amount of confidence (laughter). He thought that as the junior member of the committee his only duty would be formally to approve of the report (laughter). If, however, he could get hold of the papers which had been before the Council on previous occasions, and it would relieve Mr. James to any extent, he would be pleased to present a report covering the whole of the two years at the next meeting of the Council (applause).

The President said the hon. secretary would endeavour to discover where the records were and hand them over to the committee.

The Council then proceeded to consider the motions on the agenda.

### MUFFLED RINGING.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards moved: 'When any peal, practice or ringers' meeting previously arranged happens through unforeseen circumstances to coincide with an occasion of public mourning, whether national or local, it should be the normal procedure to make emergency arrangements with the proper authorities for the muffling of the bells before use, care being taken, unless otherwise directed, to have the muffles removed at the conclusion of the ringing.' Nothing that he was going to say, he remarked, was intended to apply to any Sunday, festival or occasion of public rejoicing, but, apart from that, the motion would not have been necessary, or hardly necessary, if all the clergy in charge of churches with peals of bells were well instructed in the use of bells and thoroughly alive to their responsibility. But at present, unfortunately, the care and use of bells was not a subject that found a place in the curriculum of theological colleges, and he had never heard of any Bishop including questions on the subject in the examination of candidates for the ministry. That being the case, ringers must be prepared to act on their own initiative, and he had put this motion on the agenda with a view, if possible, to avoiding unfortunate and regrettable occurrences in future. On almost any Saturday in the year there were a large number of ringers' fixtures previously arranged—sometimes peals and in other cases meetings of associations and, in a few instances, perhaps, ordinary practices. They never knew when they arranged anything on a particular day what might happen. The King or the Queen might die, or the Vicar of the parish or his wife or child. In such a case ringing would not be done with open bells—of course, it would not; but there were many more instances, which people did not always think of, when it would be entirely inappropriate to ring the bells open. The greatest care should be taken that ringers did not get a bad name by ringing with open bells when the feelings of the parishioners were out of harmony with it. For example, the churchwarden of the parish, or his wife, might have died and been buried perhaps that very day. If a body of ringers went to the parish and rang the bells open for several hours—with the best of intentions—it would jar on the feelings of the parishioners, and the ringers would get a bad name. It was to meet cases like that that there should be a regular understanding that those who arranged such meetings or practices should be prepared to get the bells muffled and ring them muffled or cancel the ringing altogether. In the case of a peal, it was more or less easy to cancel it, but in the case of a general meeting they could not cancel it without putting some people to inconvenience. The best way to deal with it was to muffle the bells. That would give the ringers a good name. Mr.

Edwards went on to quote some specific instances where local or national feeling had been disregarded by the ringing of open bells, one being the ringing of open bells on the day of the burial of the victims of the R101 disaster. By ignoring public feeling on occasions such as this ringers were doing themselves great harm, for the sound of open bells at such a time only caused indignation. Again, it was not very long since the Princess Royal died. Her funeral took place on a Saturday. There, again, probably a great many bells were rung open, because meetings had been previously arranged, though in some cases muffled peals were rung, but it was most inappropriate that bells should be rung open when any member of the royal family was being interred, except if it happened to be on a festival. The Council could give guidance in this matter, and those who arranged any sort of ringing should be prepared in any case like that to arrange with the proper authorities, the Vicar or the steeplekeeper, to get the bells muffled and use them muffled, and any association should be prepared to pay a small fee, if necessary, for having the muffles put on and removed. He put in the last proviso, so that if muffles were put on, the local ringers should not find, when they began to use the bells for the church services on Sunday, that the muffles had not been removed. He thought it was advisable that the Council should give general advice to those making ringing fixtures to be prepared to act in such a way in case of emergency.

Mr. Cave seconded, and the President said he thought they would all agree with the sentiments of the motion.

The Rev. H. Law James said muffled bells on Saturday afternoon or Sunday seemed to him to be a denial of the doctrine of the Resurrection.

The Rev. W. P. Farrow said in this resolution lay a great opportunity for the Council. It was a splendid chance for them to show that they desired to do nothing against public feeling. In his own parish they would be delighted to hear that the Church Council had done such a thing, and respected the sorrow of the poor as well as of the rich. He thought this was a great opportunity to call the attention of incumbents to the work of the Central Council.

The motion was carried.

#### SUGGESTED REGISTER OF COMPOSITIONS.

Mr. G. R. Newton moved: 'That in the interests of the Exercise this Council takes such steps as they deem necessary for the registration of compositions.' This was a matter, he said, which should have been tackled years ago by the Council; it was something that had been constantly cropping up on the question of claiming other people's peals. After he had put his motion forward, he saw an article by Mr. Trollope in 'The Ringing World' which stated that it was impossible for a register of compositions to be established. That was a debatable point, but his first impulse was to withdraw the motion. However, he thought it was only right that the Council should have a chance to discuss the facts and express their opinion with regard to it. Mr. Newton proceeded to read an article which appeared in 'The Ringing World' in October, 1928, advocating the provision of such a register, and Mr. Trollope's article saying that it was practically impossible. In spite of what Mr. Trollope said, added Mr. Newton, he still maintained it was possible, if they got the right men, to set up this register. He realised that it would be a colossal task and would require a young and enthusiastic man to take it up. A year ago he was speaking to a certain ringer with regard to it, and asked him if, in the event of the Council deciding to set up this register, he would take part in the work, and only recently he had received a card from him saying he would be pleased to assist in any way he could if the resolution was passed by the Council. If it could be done it would be a big step towards establishing the authorship of peals, and would be of great benefit to the Exercise. The young man he had in mind was one of the cleverest young men in the Exercise, and he believed others would come forward and assist in compiling the register.

Mr. A. E. Sharman formally seconded the motion.

Rev. H. Law James said the Council had already published a collection of Plain Major peals; they had also got a collection of Treble Bob peals, but there had never been a collection of Surprise compositions published, and if only these collections could be carried on he thought there would be some good come of it.

Mr. Trollope said, as his article had been quoted, he could only say that in his opinion it was absolutely impossible to get a register of compositions to decide what should be called original. It could not be done. If a man were to start now and work for a hundred years working out the variations of different peals and filing them he would hardly have touched the thing. The only thing would be to set up a low standard. When a man knew anything about how figures ran, and understood the working of Q sets, he could sit down and write out peals as fast as he liked, and in that case there was no such thing as original composition as they understood it in the old style. He did not mean to say that there was no scope at all for composition. In the case of a composition like Mr. Law James' spliced Surprise peal, that was something a man could call his own, because he had done something no one else had done, but when they got hold of original peals they had got a certain formula which would provide them with so many variations that if they tried to file them, even in the case of Bob Major, which was the simplest of things, they would find it absolutely impossible. The only thing they would do would be to set up a low standard of composition. What

they had to do was to get people to realise that the old idea of composition, with its reverse and variations as an independent thing, no longer held good. They had got to get rid of the idea of putting a name at the bottom of every composition, for it was hardly likely in these days that anyone could get a composition of the ordinary sort that was original.

#### A PAMPHLET ON 'VARIATIONS'

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said he had a great deal of sympathy with the article in 'The Ringing World' which was quoted by Mr. Newton, and with what Mr. Newton said. If they could contrive something of the sort it would be extremely useful. He thought, however, there was something in the view which Mr. Trollope expressed that it would tend to set up a low standard. What would happen, probably, was that a composition would be produced, and if the exact figures were not found in the register, that composition would be labelled original. Mr. Trollope had told them something about variations; he had suffered a great deal in the last ten or fifteen years in hunting out variations, and he could assure them that even by ordinary rule-of-thumb variations compositions were innumerable, and the labour when this register existed, if some composition was submitted, might be considerable. It might require several days before it could be said with any sort of confidence whether the composition was in the register already or whether it was not. The thing really was very difficult. He thought it was a good thing the subject had been ventilated, but he did not think the way out of it was by setting up the suggested register of compositions; he was quite sure from his own experience that it would not have the desired effect. It would not prevent compositions which were not original from being published as original compositions. What, however, he thought was emphatically worth while was that something should go down among the decisions of the Council as to the great desirability of taking all possible steps to consult the collections, to find out if a composition was original before being claimed as such. It was all to the good that attention should be drawn to the matter and a sort of warning sounded. He wondered whether it would be of value to have some little pamphlet, simply and solely on variations, produced by the Council. It would not meet the exact difficulty, but it would help to instruct ringers generally.

The President asked if Mr. Richardson thought good might be served by having a small committee to explore the subject and possibly bring out the pamphlet he had suggested, while carefully considering the pros and cons of the proposed register, and possibly bring the matter forward again. He did not think it was fair, so late in the afternoon, to turn down such a proposal as had been made, for it was quite clear the experts were not entirely agreed. They all had a great deal of sympathy with what Mr. Newton had proposed. He suggested that possibly the Peals Collection Committee would do what had been suggested.

Mr. Newton said he would agree with this course being taken.

Mr. Elwell said they ought to add Mr. Newton to the committee.

Mr. Newton: That is not quite in my province. I have in mind someone, but he is not on the Council.

The President said the committee would be only too glad to have the co-operation of someone who was not on the Council, and if it was desired they could arrange later to get him on the Council as an hon. member.

Mr. Newton said the gentleman he had in mind was Mr. C. W. Roberts, of London.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, who is a member of the committee, said he did not wish to serve on it for this purpose. He was quite sure that the attempt to form anything in the nature of a register would ultimately do distinctly more harm than good. If they could go on collecting and printing selected useful compositions in various methods they would be getting a standard and showing conductors the standard of what had been produced in the past. He was quite sure it would be a sheer waste of time and labour on the part of the committee to try and set about forming a register. Actually, when they got down to brass tacks, they would find that it could not be done.

It was mentioned that at present the Peals Collection Committee consisted of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. E. S. Powell, Mrs. Fletcher, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and J. W. Parker.

Mr. Trollope said it would hardly be fair for him to continue on the committee, having already committed himself to an opinion.

It was ultimately resolved that the matter be referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. Wilde and Mrs. Fletcher, with power to add to their number, including Mr. J. W. Parker if he would serve, it being left with them, if they could draw up the suggested pamphlet, to get on with that part of the work.

#### A DATE TOUCH.

At Boxley, Kent, on Tuesday, June 23rd, a date touch of Grand-sire Doubles (1,931 changes) was rung in 1 hour 14 mins.: D. Gower 1, W. Gosling (conductor) 2, B. White 3, V. Smith 4, G. Youles 5, A. Alder 6. B. White comes from Bearsted. First date touch by ringers of 1 and 5, and rung on the occasion of the 37th birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.



### DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH AND BELLS.

#### RINGING OCTAVE AND CARILLON IN NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Saturday, June 6th, the recently built Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham, Newcastle, was dedicated by the Bishop of Newcastle, Dr. Bilbrough. Unfortunately, the inclement weather put a stop to the grand civic and clerical procession arranged to precede the ceremony, but the Bishop dedicated the tower, bells and clock from the outside in a downpour. The church was packed to overflowing as the new bells struck out in rounds while the Bishop and the procession of clergy, etc., moved round to the west porch to demand admittance.

The bells are a very fine, melodious peal of eight, with tenor 14½ cwt. in F, hung for ringing, with nine other smaller bells fixed to act as a carillon of seventeen bells, complete with clavier. The lightest bell weighs only 2 cwt. 14 lb., and the tenor is inscribed, 'We ring in memory of James and Basil Knott; God knows.' Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, have almost excelled themselves in producing a thoroughly tuneful peal with workmanlike frames for the ring of eight, the carillon bells having been arranged so that they are heard to the best advantage.

The bells were opened by a representative band of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, the first touch being rung as the congregation left the church, a 504 of Stedman Triples by: C. L. Routledge 1, W. Story 2, A. Payne 3, G. W. Park 4, J. W. Parker 5, W. H. Barber 6, T. T. Gofton 7, E. E. Ferry 8. This was followed by touches of Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, in which Messrs. A. A. Hughes (of the Whitechapel Foundry), G. S. Taylor (hon. secretary of the association), J. E. Keen and G. A. Pickering took part.

The church, bells, organ, vicarage and surrounding gardens, with a parish hall (in the process of building), are the gifts of Sir James Knott, Bart., who has built them to the memory of his two sons, James and Basil, who laid down their lives in the Great War.

On Saturday, June 20th, the bells were thrown open to the members of the association, and there was a good attendance, about forty sitting down to a sumptuous tea, at which the Vicar, the Rev. S. Redman, presided.

The president, Mr. Ernest Ferry, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the helpers, to which the Vicar responded, saying he thought the vote of thanks should have come from him to the association for the good work they had put in at the dedication of the church.

Mr. Routledge struck a sad note at the meeting in announcing the sudden illness of Mr. Tom Gofton, who had a seizure that morning.

The members passed a vote of condolence to Mrs. Gofton, and hoped that he would soon be restored to his usual good health. Unhappily, Mr. Gofton passed away later. Throughout the day, touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, with some Grandsire Triples as well, were rung with excellent striking. Among those present was Mr. Hessian, of Rugby.

### 'STEEPLECHASING' IN THREE COUNTIES.

On Saturday, June 13th, Swindon Parish Church ringers held their annual outing, and were accompanied by several friends, the party numbering twenty. The birthplace of the 'Kings' was left at 7.45 a.m., en route for Gloucester, where the iron road was forsaken for the King's highway, and here Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin joined the party. At Ross, Mr. J. Clark met the party, and the good bells of this church were soon set going. Owing to a full programme, the stops were rather brief, and Herefordshire was shortly left behind, Monmouth being the next step. Here a disappointment was in store. Owing to the Assizes being in progress, no ringing was allowed, so after a brief inspection of the interesting church a move was made towards Usk, where an excellent lunch was provided at the Three Salmons Hotel. Mr. Clift was in attendance at the church, and the excellent light peal of eight were fully employed for the time allowed. A pleasant run next brought the party to Newport, where Messrs. J. W. Jones and C. Greedy extended a welcome, and after a pull on the beautiful peal at St. Woolos', Mr. Jones acted as pilot to All Saints' Church, where only a short stay was possible before going on to Chepstow, where Mr. Simms met the party. After a welcome 'cup that cheers', St. Mary's bells were set going. All too soon the clock pointed the hour of departure, and Monmouthshire was left behind for the county where hats are lost, and it was noticed that a furtive inspection of headgear was taking place. Lydney was the last call, and here Mr. Oliver Thomas was waiting, and the bells were utilised for about half-an-hour. The final run from Lydney to Gloucester was done in excellent time, the scheduled train being boarded with about three minutes in hand. Swindon was reached at 11.25 p.m., and it was unanimously agreed that it was 'the end of a perfect day.' Thanks are accorded the gentlemen named above, whose co-operation helped to make the outing such a success, and the respective incumbents for the use of the bells. The clerk of the weather also must not be forgotten. All the arrangements in connection with the outing were made by Mr. W. B. Kynaston, while Mr. R. Townsend acted as chancellor of the exchequer. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday, June 28th, for morning service, 720 York Surprise: Miss D. I. Leatham 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, J. Leslie 3, F. Banton 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. For afternoon service (Sunday School anniversary), 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Parry 1, Miss D. I. Leatham 2, Miss M. Cooke 3, A. K. Leatham 4, W. Dean (conductor) 5, J. Cooke 6. For evening service, 720 of Beverley Surprise: F. Banton 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, A. K. Leatham 3, W. Dean 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6.

**LEWISHAM.**—At St. Mary's Church, on June 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Warnett, son, 1, W. W. Fox 2, H. James 3, J. Bennett 4, H. Warnett, jun., 5, C. Moulton 6, J. Dafters (conductor) 7, H. Goodwin 8.

**DISWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, June 28th, for matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: C. Dakin 1, W. Fletcher 2, W. Russell 3, C. Fletcher 4, J. Saddington (conductor) 5, B. Orton 6. All are local ringers, except the conductor, who hails from Loughborough.

**SOUTHOVER, LEWES.**—On Sunday evening, June 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes): J. Wilmshurst (first quarter-peal) 1, A. J. Turner 2, R. W. E. Dawe 3, B. Heasman 4, D. White 5, R. Hide 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, G. Elphick (first quarter-peal) 8. Also rung for the treble ringer's 21st birthday.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, June 21st, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: H. Milton 1, R. Picton 2, R. Bell 3, H. Long 4, S. Hoare 5, F. Crook 6, F. Elliott 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8.

**CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.**—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Sunday evening, June 21st, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins.: E. Shallish 1, F. Hawkins 2, E. Norton 3, R. Roberts 4, G. Gilling 5, E. Avery (first 720 as conductor) 6.

**PINEDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: G. Ette 1, T. Abbott 2, H. Ette 3, J. R. Main 4, A. Boddington 5, H. Pettitt 6, T. R. Hensher (conductor) 7, C. Richardson 8.

### ERDINGTON RINGERS' OUTING.

The twenty-sixth annual outing of the ringers of the Erdington Parish Church, Birmingham, took place on Saturday, June 20th. The party left Erdington at 8 a.m. by motor-coach and proceeded to Evesham, where a short time was spent before going on to Hinton-on-the-Green, at which place arrangements had been made for ringing. The party was met by the Vicar, Rev. V. Blythe, who gave them a very hearty welcome to his church. The visitors then made their way to the belfry, where they found Miss Johnson (who had come in place of her father) waiting to greet them. The bells were raised in peal, and various methods were rung, including a fine course of Cambridge Surprise, in which two ladies, Miss O. M. Sanders, Erdington, and Miss R. Johnson, Hinton, took part. Proceeding via Winchcombe to Cheltenham, where a good repast was served at the Royal Hotel, the visitors had a look round the town before going to Bourton-on-the-Water, where, at the Parish Church, they were met by the local band. After ringing various methods with the home ringers, the visitors rang a course of Cambridge before leaving for Stow-on-the-Wold, where tea was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel. Leaving Stow-on-the-Wold, they passed through Chipping Campden and visited the old church, where the vergier showed them many interesting items. Stratford-on-Avon was the next calling place, before passing on to Warwick and Kenilworth en route to Erdington, which was reached at 10.30 p.m. During the tea Mr. F. V. Jephcott proposed a vote of thanks in very happy vein to the secretary for the way he had made the arrangements for the day.—This was seconded by Mr. J. W. Pemberton, and the secretary replied. The weather was favourable, and the party spent a very enjoyable time.

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**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. 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.—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, 3 to 4 and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Service in Farnham Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute 5.30 p.m., at 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—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, 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.

**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.

**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.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**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.

**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.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry St., 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.

**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.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

**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).—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.

**ALDENHAM**, Saturday, July 4th. Bells available, from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Village Club, 5.30. Cheap tickets from all parts by rail or coach (nearest rail station: Bushey or Radlett).—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Poolstock, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Meetings for July; 5th, Sunday, St. Clement Danes, 10 a.m.; 7th, Tuesday, St. Mary, Lambeth, 8 p.m.; 13th, Monday, St. Clement Danes, 6.30 p.m., quarterly meeting 8.15 p.m.; 27th, Monday, St. Clement Danes, 7.30 p.m. Visitors invited.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 9th, \*St. Giles', Cripple-gate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 14th, St. Magnus' on the 16th and 30th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**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.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Lympsham on Saturday, July 11th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. It is hoped that arrangements for the second Annual Dinner will be made possible at this gathering. A splendid bus service passes close to the tower. Kindly notify your intention of attendance to L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Barton Seagrave (5) on Saturday, July 11th. Usual arrangements. Intending visitors are specially requested to advise me by Tuesday, July 7th.—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting of the branch will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Tea to those who notify the Rev. J. Hodgkin, The Rectory, before July 7th.—E. Jennings, Secretary, Castle Oval, Kendal.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at King's Somborne, on Saturday, July 11th. Service in the Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Village Hall at 4.30. Bells available at 2.30.—G. Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

**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.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough and Burton-on-Trent District.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at the Parish Church, Whitwick, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that all who can possibly attend will do so to make this, the first joint meeting, a success.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**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.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Swynnerton on Saturday, July 11th. Will those who intend to be present please notify me before July 8th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Halewood, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. S. Griffiths, 3, Church Road, Halewood, Liverpool, before Wednesday, July 8th. Business election of local officers. Nominations please for branch secretary, 2 committee men, branch ringing master and bell adviser.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Old Brampton on Saturday, July 11th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify Mr. W. Collis, Old Brampton Post Office, Chesterfield, by Thursday, July 9th.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingford Grey on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 2.45 p.m.—6 p.m. Tea at 6. Will those requiring tea please advise me before Thursday, July 9th?—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival at Gorseinon on Saturday, July 11th. Tower of St. Catherine's Church open for ringing (8 bells) 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m., 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service in St. Catherine's Church 3 p.m. (preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese). Tea in St. Catherine's Hall (by kind invitation of Rev. W. J. Thomas, Vicar) at 4 p.m. Business meeting in St. Catherine's Hall at 4.30 p.m. Lower secretaries are asked to please write to Mr. D. J. Williams, 48, St. Paul's Terrace, Garden Village, Gorseinon, Glam., as to the numbers expected for tea by Saturday, July 4th, without fail.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Secretary, N. P. Bank Chambers, Neath, Glam. N.B.—Bassett's and South Wales Transport Motor Buses leave for Gorseinon at frequent intervals from Central Police Station, Swansea, and Post Office, Llanelly—fare 1s. return.

**A COMBINED MEETING** of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association will be held at East Coker, on Saturday, July 11th. West Coker bells available. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech and Marshland Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Shouldham on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea in the Village Hall for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 8th, at 1s. each.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**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.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungelow, Linton, Maidstone.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Marlborough branch. — The next quarterly meeting of the branch will be held at Pewsey, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea 4.30. Visitors who require tea kindly notify the secretary before Wednesday, 8th. — Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Grafton, Marlborough.

**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 Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 8th? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.** — Western Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wychibold, 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.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Archdeaconry of Ely) and **ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Fulbourne, on Wednesday, July 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. If possible a short service will be held, tea following. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by July 14th? Everyone welcome. — B. D. Buttress, Balsam Road, Fulbourne, Cambs.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — South-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (kindly provided by the Vicar, Rev. Robert Bren) to those who advise me of their intention of being present by Tuesday, July 14th. — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Canterbury District. — By the kind permission of Rev. K. Percival Smith, the summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea (kindly given by the Church authorities) at the Red Lion Hotel. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Fairbeard, 31, Mayville Road, St. Peter's, Broadstairs, not later than Wednesday, July 15th? — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at the Old Church, Radcliffe, on Saturday, July 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names to be sent to Mr. W. Emerson, 75, Knowles Street, Radcliffe, not later than Tuesday, July 14th. A good attendance is requested. Let us have a real good meeting. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Yateley on July 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30, business meeting follows. Visitors welcomed. Please send numbers attending direct to S. J. Riddell, Esq. Yateley, by July 15th. — D. L. Board, Dis. Sec.

**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.

**MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.** — A fete in aid of Church Funds will be held on Thursday, July 23rd. The 8 bells at the beautiful Parish Church will be available to visiting ringers, afternoon and evening. If any company would like to attempt peal during the morning please advise me as early as possible. — Percy W. Fordham, Kings Way, Mildenhall, via Ely.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Founded 1881. Jubilee 1931). — The 50th annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 25th (D.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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#### LATE NOTICE.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at Ubley. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea 5. Those intending to be present kindly let me know. — G. M. Hazell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

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