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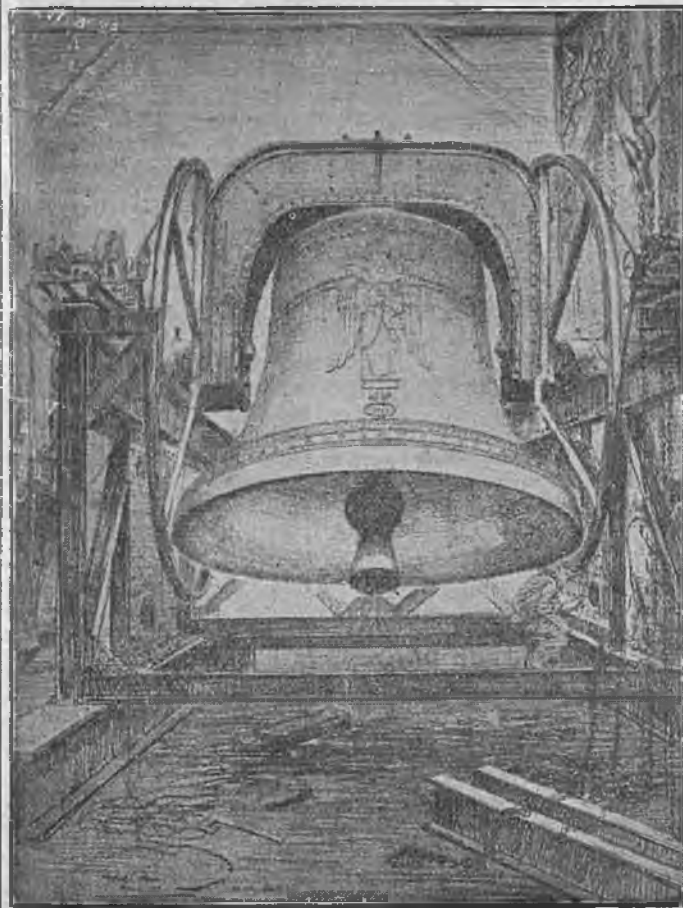
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COMPOSERS AND THEIR WORK.

On many occasions we have advocated the setting up of a register of compositions and now, at length, the Central Council, the only body that could really shoulder such a task, has discussed the question and heard the views of some of those competent to give an opinion on the subject. Obviously there are great difficulties in the way of forming the register, and there seems little real hope of its ever being undertaken, so that the Exercise will go on with future composers claiming as original the work which has already been produced by others. It is to be regretted, but at the moment it appears to be inevitable. Let us hope that some good may come of the decision of the Council to provide a pamphlet on 'variation of peals' for the benefit of budding composers and others. It will probably be of considerable advantage, but it can never, of course, wholly prevent the reproduction of peals already obtained by authors living and dead.

The chief obstacles to the register are, first, the heavy work that would be involved in making it up, and, secondly, the labour of checking new compositions, for, in these days, the great difficulty is to find men with the necessary knowledge and time to do the work. The complications, of course, have not been minimised by the 'mass production' methods which have been applied to composition by such men as the late Mr. John Carter and Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, but we do not think that the argument that a register would tend to reduce the standard of composition need be regarded as of any weight—especially in view of the present tendency in some quarters to undermine the standards of peal ringing—neither need there be any heed paid to the suggestion that the setting up of the register would involve the working out of every possible composition in every known method. The idea was to make, as far as possible, a register of compositions which already exist and arrange them so that new compositions could be checked against them. The real stumbling block seems to us to be the latter part of the proposal, namely, the finding of a suitable method of reference arising from the multiplicity of possible variations of a peal.

Compared with even 30 years ago, composition to-day is on an entirely different footing. From being a problem involving solution in the case of each separate peal, peal production has been reduced in certain of its phases merely to mathematical formulæ, and when it reaches this stage compositions cease, as Mr. J. A. Trollope has pointed out, to be the purely personal property such as once they were regarded. That, however, does not alter the claim which composers of peals with special qualities

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have to call them their own, and unless every composer is prepared to waive his right to a proprietary interest in his work—there are some still living who would not be prepared to do this, and manifest injustice would be done to composers who have now gone from us—there will always be the risk of piracy, deliberate or unintentional, if some way cannot be devised of protecting the rightful interests of those who have in the past given their work to the Exercise. We hope the committee which the Central Council appointed will not abandon the question until every possible avenue of overcoming the difficulties—admittedly great—has been explored.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt. in C.

*Mrs. G. H. Cross Treble	*William B. Duncan ... 6
†Miss Mabel Robertson ... 2	Bertie J. Howchin ... 7
*F. Nolan Golden 3	William E. Bason ... 8
Frederick J. Howchin ... 4	George H. Cross ... 9
George Mayers 5	George Bailey Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

* First of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

JOHN PRICE Treble	†WALTER FARLEY ... 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 2	BENJAMIN GODGE ... 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 3	CHARLES W. COOPER ... 8
*JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 4	HENRY GOODMAN ... 9
HARRY GOODMAN ... 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.
 * 150th peal. † 170th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon A. H. Phelps, Vicar of Dudley, and president of the Guild.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM A. CAVE Treble	ALBERT L. GALE ... 6
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 2	ALFRED PEARCE ... 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	HENRY PRING ... 8
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 9
GILBERT PEARCE 5	JOHN H. LAMBLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(St. Andrew's Society.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.	Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).
CHARLES HOLMES Treble	ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... 5
JOHN GLUYAS 2	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 6
G. HARRY MYERS 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 7
WILLIAM HAMLYN 4	GEORGE R. MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to S. O'Shaughnessy. The band tender their sincere thanks to the Rector for granting permission at short notice, and to Mr. W. Wonnacott for having everything in readiness. This is the quickest peal on the bells. All the band ring regularly for Sunday services at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM PERRY... ..Treble	HENRY T. WILSON 5
*JOHN E. FOWLER 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN... .. 3	FRANK LUFKIN 7
*CECIL W. ELLIS... .. 4	ERNEST W. FURBANKTenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by H. T. WILSON.

* First peal. Rung for evening service.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

MRS. G. H. CROSSTreble	*ARTHUR G. BASON 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	F. NOLAN GOLDEN 6
WILLIAM H. DUNCAN 3	WILLIAM CLOVER 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4	GEORGE H. CROSSTenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. 50th peal in the method by the ringer of the 3rd.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT RAINBIRDTreble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
*FRANK G. RINGE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYETenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Consisting of 960 Rutland, 960 London, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Norfolk, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY KILBYTreble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYETenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in twelve Surprise Major methods yet rung. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Eastcote and Wembley are now rung in a peal for the first time. They were published in 'The Ringing World' on August 22nd, 1930, as Lindoff's No. 10 and No. 30 respectively.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*VICTOR E. TOOBYTreble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
JOHN WHEADON... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4	*SLAD, A. BISHOP... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First attempt for a peal and elected members of the association previous to starting.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 5th, for evensong, in 29 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. W. Burton 1, J. Mason 2, R. W. Pye 3, J. Elliott 4, S. A. Pye 5, W. T. Elliott (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 of Cambridge rung by an entirely local band at this church.

TIDESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 11 lb.

MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ...Treble	EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 5
*J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	†CHARLES H. LYONS 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	T. COLIN RYDER 7
HARRY MORGAN... .. 4	‡PERCY GLEDSTONETenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN P. TARLTONTreble	WALTER ALLWOOD 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 2	BERT WHEELER... .. 6
WILLIAM T. PALMER 3	*WILLIAM SWAIN... .. 7
FRED. W. KNOWLES 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTSTenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. Rung in honour of the wedding of William H. Wain, a respected member of the local band, and Miss Gladys Hopkinson..

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE STOCKERTreble	EDWARD SPRAGUE 5
FRED DIMOND 2	ALFRED LOVERING 6
JOHN M. SKINNER 3	JOHN R. HAYMAN 7
WILLIAM HAYMAN 4	GEORGE RENDELLTenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYMAN.

First peal on the bells.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

THOMAS W. STRANGWAY ...Treble	*SIDNEY BARRON... .. 5
WILLIAM E. H. ASH 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
GEORGE W. STEEL 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 4	HERBERT PEELTenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON

* First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ambrose,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM STAFFORDTreble	RAYMOND C. SEAGER... .. 5
FRANK SKIDMORE 2	GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE 6
ALFRED KNIGHT... .. 3	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 7
*BERTRAM C. WORSDELL 4	HENRY T. HOWELLTenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HENRY T. HOWELL.

* First peal of Major and first on a working bell. First peal of Major on the bells, and with the exception of the ringer of the 5th (who kindly filled the breach at short notice), all the above are regular Sunday service ringers at St. Ambrose's Church.

PENDLETON.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, on the occasion of the anniversary sermons, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Greenhalgh 1, W. Clark 2, W. Edwards 3, H. Hollingworth 4, S. Holt 5, H. Shuker 6, H. Greenhalgh (conductor) 7, R. Johnson 8.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*STANLEY HULMES Treble	ERNEST BENNETT 4
ENG. FREDK. H. CRAWLEY 2	JOHN BROWN 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 3	†ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † 150th peal and 50th as conductor. Longest length by the ringers of 2nd, 4th and 5th. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss E. Crawley, sister of Messrs. A. and G. H. Crawley, and Mr. J. Hughes, who were married at Christ Church, Crewe. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. G. H. Crawley.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Collego Exercise, Kingston, Norbury, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOSHUA WORMALD Treble	GEORGE WILLIAM STEEL ... 4
†GEORGE COPLEY... .. 2	PERCY MASSAM 5
FRANK ELLIS 3	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. First peal in seven methods by all except the ringer of the fourth.

CLIFTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores with ten callings.

KENNETH F. A. JORDAN ... Treble	ARTHUR W. DILLEY ... 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. 2	HERBERT SHERMAN ... 5
JOHN TAYLOR 3	THOMAS H. DILLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal. Rung on the back six, which have been hung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

DEATH OF MR. TOM BEADLE.

A VETERAN MIDDLESEX RINGER.

West Middlesex has lost a well-known figure in ringing circles by the death of Mr. Tom Beadle, of Isleworth, who passed away at an advanced age after a long illness. He had been actively identified with the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild from its foundation, and just lived to see the completion of the association's scheme to add two trebles at his tower.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Isleworth (Rev. P. W. Shepherd Smith), the first portion being held in the Parish Church, and the interment taking place at the cemetery. Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president) represented the association, and other ringers present included the following, who rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: Messrs. G. R. Pye (conductor), W. H. Fussell, G. Lucas, H. W. Lidbetter, A. Sheard, W. H. Stevens, G. Spencer and W. Ellingham. The mourners included ten members of the family, and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the close of the service. Further half-muffled ringing took place in the evening. Among the many wreaths were tributes from the members of the South and West District of the association, the Isleworth band and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hollier.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The May meeting was held at Guiseley, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Holbeck, Rothwell, Headingley St. Chad's, Headingley St. Michael's, Burley, Calverley, Sharrow and the local company, also friends from Bradford and Rotherham.

Among other business, the Stedman Memorial was discussed, and it was decided to send a donation.

The Ringers' Directory was also discussed. A vote of thanks to the Rector of Guiseley, the churchwardens, and the local company was proposed by the president, and seconded by Mr. Morris.—Mr. F. W. Dixon replied on behalf of the local ringers.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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VII. THE ANNUAL OUTING.

Two of the most important institutions of the old London societies were the annual outing and the annual feast. Both were established by the beginning of the eighteenth century, perhaps before. The Cumberlands had a rule 'that the Master once a year shall have power to command the Society ten Miles out of London, and he that refuses to go shall pay 2s. 6d.'

The College Youths from the beginning were great travellers. As early as 1657 they visited Cambridge and rang with Fabian Stedman, who gave them some new five and six bell methods, but not (as Shipway says) his Principle. That was not composed till later. Once in Annable's time they went to Dover and rang a peal of Bob Major at St. Mary's and touches at other places. Then they went over to Calais, and on the way rang some Cinques on handbells, the first recorded change ringing outside England. At another time they attempted peals at Christ Church, Magdalen, and New Colleges in Oxford. I have elsewhere told the story of this visit.

The new company kept up the old custom. In 1759 they rang Bob Major at Ware; in 1760 Treble Bob at Wrotham; in 1761 Bob Major at Bolney; in 1762 they went to Leeds in Kent and rang a peal of Grandsire Caters. James Barham and his band were then in their prime. In 1763 the company visited St. Albans and rang Treble Bob at St. Peter's. The next year they were at Oxford, and this time they scored a peal at Magdalen College. In 1765 they rang Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Cambridge.

In those days means of communication between different places were very poor. The roads were bad and often dangerous. Great people travelled in their carriages with retinues of armed servants; lesser men who could afford it rode horseback. But the main roads out of London there were lonely stretches which had evil reputations, where my lord's carriage might be held up by masked and armed highwaymen, and even the humble wayfarer might meet footpads lurking in thievish places. On Hounslow Heath and Crack Skull Common and such-like places the gibbet with its dead and rotting bodies told what end such gentry sometimes came to. Our ringers were a stout lot of fellows. They travelled in company and were more than a match for any sturdy ruffians they might meet.

In 1767 the outing was to Cirencester, where they rang the first peal on the twelve bells—5,082 Grandsire Cinques. Change ringing was very popular with all classes in Cirencester from very early times. The bells cast by Rudhall are the oldest twelve in England.

At Ampney Park nearby, there lived a Mr. Blackwell, a member of the College Youths, who probably invited them down. About 1754 this gentleman had a copy made of the College Youths' name and peal book. It was in his library till 1839, when his books were sold by auction and dispersed. This book was afterwards bought from Mr. Strong, bookseller, of Bristol, for six and a half guineas. It is now in the possession of the Society of College Youths. It has been suggested that this is not a copy but the old book itself, and that when the trouble occurred in 1756 it was entrusted to Mr. Blackwell for safety. But that cannot be for at least three reasons.

Even if it had been handed to Mr. Blackwell for safety (which is extremely unlikely), he would not have kept it; the society would have wanted it back. Secondly, when it was bought the leaves were fresh, and the book evidently had not been much handled. And, thirdly, all the entries except one peal were in the handwriting of James Albion. It is true that a large part of the records of all the old societies was written by the same man, but they cover only comparatively few years. The College Youths' name book covers from 1637 to 1754.

In 1770 the outing was to the Isle of Wight, where a new ring of bells was to be opened at Carisbrooke. An account of this visit, written by Joseph Monk, one of the band, has come down to us, and it is worth reproducing.

Carisbrooke, Monday, October 1st, 1770. The Society rang a peal of 5,040 changes Bob Major in 3 hrs. and 10 minutes. Call'd by Mr. Geo. Meakins. Joseph Monk 1. Samuel Adams 2. John Cadman 3. George Meakins 4. Thomas Bennett 5. Edmund Sylvester 6. William Mills 7. Thomas Sylvester, Tenor. On Friday evening, September 28th, 1770, the above written Members of the Society of College Youths left London, arrived at Portsmouth on Saturday afternoon, and the next morning embarked for the Island on board a Vessel provided by the Gentlemen of the Isle, where (after ringing a Course of Cinques on the sea) they safely arrived and proceeded to Newport; where they were met by a hearty welcome. Monday morning, October 1st, being appointed for celebrating the opening of the new Bells, they proceeded to Carisbrooke, found the steeple decorated with Flags and Streamers and booths erected to accommodate the numerous concourse of people who had assembled from all parts of the Island to partake of the Festivities of the day. After dining with the principal Gentlemen of the Isle (under a large temporary building erected for that purpose in the garden) they again proceeded to the Steeple and rang the above peal, receiving the highest acclamations from all the hearers, spent the evening in high glee, and next day, taking leave of Gentl (from whom they recd. the utmost polite attention), went to Cowes, took the Packet boat for Southampton and (after ringing another Course of Cinques on the Sea) arrived safe at the Port. Wednesday morning set out for London and arrived the same evening at the Barley Mow in Salisbury Court, Fleet Street (the then club house). The satisfaction this Society gave to all persons was genteely acknowledged by the Gentlemen of the Wight, who expressed a strong desire to detain their visitors a longer time and by sending to Town a handsome basket of Game.

This is a good picture of the opening of a new ring of bells in the eighteenth century. What strikes us at once is the purely secular spirit of it all. Everything is done well, generously and with dignity. But there is no mention of any dedication or religious service. The concourse of people who came from all parts, came to the festivities held in the booths, not to any service in church. The clergy, as clergy, do not seem to have had any part; probably they were included in the gentlemen of the Isle.

The spirit was common everywhere in that century. In the whole history of these old London societies I have not come across a single thing to show they had any connection with the Church. The College Youths did, indeed, at one time go once a year in state to church, but that was as any of the City Companies or suchlike bodies went. They did not go as if they themselves were officers and servants of the Church.

In 1791 the society again visited Carisbrooke and rang a peal of Treble Bob. None of the first band was in the second.

In the College Youths' Book of Rules, 1894, it is stated that 'the Company have had the honour of being professionally engaged in various places.' The implication, so far as the eighteenth century is concerned, is quite wrong. These men did not hire out their services or accept engagements for payment (Note 8). They had their annual outing, and if it coincided with the opening of a new ring, so much the better. They were invited to different places and accepted hospitality and 'a present of a handsome basket of game,' as from gentlemen to gentlemen. But the offer of money was resented and re-

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. SUMMER FESTIVAL.

The summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday at Farnham, and proved a great attraction. The festival is an occasion when formal business is dispensed with and the members spend their time in ringing and fraternal intercourse. Over eighty ringers from all parts of the diocese took a share in the proceedings, and spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and evening. Farnham Parish Church bells were kept busily employed, while another eight at Aldershot came in for special attention, and six at Bentley were also available for any who desired to use them. The bells at Farnham had also been secured, but at the last minute ringing there had to be cancelled on account of a death in the parish.

Service was held in Farnham Church, when, in the absence, owing to illness, of the Bishop of Guildford, who had promised to preach, the Archdeacon of Surrey gave the address. The Guild's form of service was used, and was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Price, while the assistance of the organist and choirboys made the singing a feature.

The Archdeacon's address was prefaced by regret at the Bishop's absence and a message from his Lordship conveying his good wishes to the Guild, and expressing his keen interest in their work. Basing his remarks on words from the Epistle for the next day, 'Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous,' the Archdeacon delivered a striking address, in which he appealed to churchworkers not to move in isolated departments in Church life, whether in the parish or diocese, but to mingle with other sections of workers. Churchworkers were too prone to keep their interests in one groove, with the result that there was a loss of effectiveness; churchmen were inclined sometimes to think too much of their differences and to waste their time in criticism of one another, whereas by unity of action and purpose they would open up a new and splendid prospect of work in the cause for which the Church was founded.

After tea at the Church Institute, thanks were expressed to all who had helped to make the day's proceedings enjoyable—the Archdeacon, the Rev. J. E. Price (who acted for the Rector, who was away on holiday), the organist, the incumbents of the churches who had put the bells at the disposal of the members, the Farnham ringers, and particularly Mr. R. Hasted, who had made the successful local arrangements.

The greetings of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, from which the Guildford Guild sprang, were received and heartily reciprocated, but a note of sadness was touched when the members were asked to stand in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to the late Rev. J. C. G. Bruce, a life member who had recently died.

Sympathy with the Lord Bishop in his illness, and the hope for his speedy and complete recovery, was expressed.

Afterwards a large party visited the grounds of Farnham Castle, where, until the separation of the diocese, the Bishops of Winchester had resided for hundreds of years. The interesting features of the building were pointed out by Capt. Stroud, and the grounds, which include a lovely rose garden on top of the ruins of the old keep, were much admired.

Altogether it was a pleasant and happy reunion.

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

On Saturday, June 20th, the 120th ringing anniversary was held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham. Many touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Superlative. Upwards of thirty ringers were present, including one of the gentler sex in Miss Waldoek, of Maldon, Essex. Other places represented were Bury St. Edmunds, Sudbury, Long Melford, Colchester, Hesselton, Farnham, St. Martin's, Little Walsingham, Holbrook, Goldhanger, and the local band.

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fused even if it came from so great a person as an Archbishop. This sort of thing would have been quite unintelligible to the College Youths of a century later.

The present official handbook mentions a visit to Sonning in 1783, where a silver cup was won in competition, and goes on to suggest that this 'professionalism' may have led to the decay of the next century. It did not. The decline thirty or forty years later was due to entirely different causes and persons. And the last word to apply to these men is 'professional.' We have now definite views about the suitability of ringing competitions, but people in the eighteenth century thought otherwise. The College Youths were as free to compete for a cup without any loss of dignity as any amateur sportsman would be to-day. It was precisely the same thing as if the Corinthians won the Association football cup.

NOTE 8.—In the records of the Hertford College Youths there is an account of a member being expelled the society because he had rung for money.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Bath on Saturday, when the bells at Twerton, Weston, St. Mary's and the Abbey were available. The association's form of service was held at St. Mary's, and conducted by the Rev. Preb. G. Ruck, assisted by the Rev. Preb. D. M. Ross. Fifty members from twenty-three towers were present at the church. The address, by the Rev. Preb. G. Ruck struck a new note in ringers' addresses, and was highly appreciated by those who heard it.

The subsequent business meeting was held in St. Mary's Church House, with the Master, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, in the chair. The attendance of seventy or so at this meeting was somewhat low, due, no doubt, to the bad weather.

Fourteen new members were elected, and the election of the officials of the association then took place, the Master, the hon. secretary and treasurer and the hon. auditor (Mr. D. G. Taylor) being re-elected, while on the proposition of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Merson, the hon. secretary was voted the usual honorarium.

Mr. J. Hunt gave his report of the meeting of the Central Council at Liverpool in his usual lucid and breezy manner.

The Stedman Tercentenary Fund next received consideration. A proposal to vote five guineas to this cause was followed by amendments urging three and two guineas respectively. The original proposition being withdrawn, voting on the two amendments resulted in the latter being carried.

Some correspondence from an insurance company concerning insurance for ringers was read and discussed, but no decision was reached, it being left to individual companies to avail themselves, or otherwise, of the proposal.

It was decided to hold the quarterly meetings at Dunster, Ditchet and Bridgwater respectively. Some doubts being expressed of the stability of Ditchet tower at the moment, it was resolved to go to Wrington if the state of Ditchet tower be found to preclude the possibility of ringing there.

Votes of thanks were expressed to the various incumbents who had allowed the use of their bells, to Preb. Ruck for conducting the service, and to the choir. The meeting then adjourned, dispersing to the various towers, where methods up to Cambridge Major were rung.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

'SPLICED' SURPRISE AT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The North and East District midsummer meeting was held at Stanmore on Saturday last, and was, as usual, well attended. Punctually at 3 p.m. ringing commenced, and under the leadership of the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) touches to suit all tastes were rung.

The Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewitt) welcomed the members in the fine old Parish Church, where a bright service was enjoyed. After tea, at the business meeting, a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. Tom Beadle, of Isleworth, and of Mr. T. T. Goffon, of Whitley Bay, was passed in silence. In moving the vote, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) referred to the early days of the association, when Mr. Tom Beadle was one of those mainly instrumental in forming the society. For that he was entitled to their gratitude. Of Mr. Goffon, the hon. secretary said he was a man whom everybody respected, and he was a real loss to the Exercise.

After four new members had been elected, the hon. secretary gave a report of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Liverpool.

Hendon was chosen for the next meeting on August 8th. A vote of thanks to the Rector and to Mr. G. Hughes was carried with acclamation, to which the latter replied.

A number of Central Council publications were on sale, and several members took the opportunity of purchasing copies of books in which they were interested.

Subsequently further ringing took place, and included touches of Spliced Surprise Major, but it was a matter for regret that an attempt for a touch in six different methods was lost near the end through a misunderstanding as to the method being rung. Spliced Surprise is becoming quite a feature at these meetings, but we fancy that six methods would have constituted a record.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Barrington on Saturday, when members were present from Barley, Cambridge, Cherryhinton, Chrishall, Elmdon, Fulbourne, Great Staughton, Melbourn, Newton, Sawston, Stapleford, Stetchworth and Trumpington.

The Rev. G. E. Childs, of Foxton, kindly presided at the tea table in the Vicar's absence.

It was a very great pleasure to elect Mr. G. R. Pye a life member of the association.

Sawston was chosen for the next by-meeting on August 15th.

Various methods from Rob Minor to Spliced York and Durham Surprise were rung, and during the evening the five-bell tower of Foxton was visited.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.

BATLEY'S SUCCESS.

The Halifax and District Association held their annual meeting, and a six bell contest, at Elland Church on Saturday. Eight sets had entered for the competition, and the draw resulted in ringing taking place in the following order: 1 Holmfirth (Oxford), 2 Friezland (Oxford), 3 Low Moor (Oxford), 4 Meltham (Oxford), 5 Halifax (Kent), 6 Batley (Oxford), 7 Stainland (Oxford), 8 Shelley (Oxford).

It was decided at the committee meeting to ring 600 changes, any method, with three leads, or one plain course, allowed for practice.

A large number of ringers were present, and those waiting passed a pleasant time in the Parochial Hall, which is one of the best in the country. A party of about 100 sat down to an excellent tea, which was much enjoyed.

Ringing ceased about nine o'clock, and the meeting was held immediately after, Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham) presiding. The balance sheet was read and unanimously adopted. Mr. Senior (Batley) proposed, and Mr. Marsden (Batley) seconded, that the president, Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham), Mr. F. Salmons (Halifax), treasurer, with Mr. L. Hargreaves (Halifax), secretary, be re-elected, and this was carried.

Mr. S. Gibson (Batley) proposed, and Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for use of the bells, also to the ladies and the Elland ringers for making the contest a success.—Rev. M. A. Maddocks (Rector) in reply, said he was pleased to welcome the ringers to Elland, and hoped they would pay another visit in the near future. The auditors, Messrs. E. Whitely (Meltham) and Mr. Walter Ainley (Elland), were accorded a vote of thanks on the motion of Mr. F. Salmons (Halifax), seconded by Mr. Bentley (Elland).

The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford), Mr. W. Ambler (Queensbury), with Mr. Bentley (Elland), gave their decision as follows:—

Holmfirth: 148 faults; total 148.
Friezland: 290 faults, 30 penalty; total 320.
Low Moor: 401 faults, 20 penalty; total 421.
Meltham: 182 faults, 10 penalty; total 192.
Halifax: Rung out.
Batley: 128 faults; total 128.
Stainland: 162 faults; total 162.
Shelley: 169 faults; total 169.

Batley were therefore declared winners of the cup.

The Rector, in presenting the cup to Mr. S. Gibson (conductor), congratulated them on their ringing. He was very proud of their young ringers at Elland for the way they had stuck together. He remembered an appeal being made for £300, and he was told three weeks after the appeal was made that it was oversubscribed. In his opinion he thought it went to show how much the ringing was appreciated in Elland. He hoped the ringers who had not been successful that day would try harder and fare better another time.—Mr. Gibson suitably replied.

A vote of thanks was accorded retiring officers, and thanks to the judges and chairman closed a very enjoyable meeting.

CORBY BELLS RESTORED.

REDEDICATION OF A NORTANT'S RING.

After a silence of 33 years, the bells of Corby, near Kettering, are now in a condition that they can be rung. The rededication took place on Tuesday, June 30th, by the Right Rev. C. M. Blagden, the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, who also preached a forceful sermon to a large congregation. The clergy present included Rev. Canon Rubie (Cottingham), Rev. R. C. Thurstfield, J.P. (Cranford), president of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Rev. A. Westcott (Deene) and the Rev. A. B. Westcott, the Rector of Corby.

Immediately following the dedication, the bells were rung to a well-struck course of Minor, and after the service to a 240 Kent Treble Bob by the following members of the Peterborough Guild: R. G. Black (general secretary) 1, B. P. Morris 2, R. F. Turner 3, C. W. Bird 4, H. Baxter (Kettering Branch secretary) 5, F. Wilford (Master) 6.

The bells were open to visiting ringers after the service, and some various methods of Minor and Doubles were rung.

The bells, an old ring of four by Henry Penn, of Peterborough, cast in 1722, were returned, and two new ones added in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Pain, of Corby, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have hung the six in new fittings in a new two-tier frame. The weights are:—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble	3	0	17
2	3	1	26
3	3	0	19
4	3	3	10
5	6	1	5
Tenor	7	3	19

Total ... 27 3 12

The bells 'go' splendidly and run very steadily for so light a ring, being quite easy to handle. The bell foundries were represented at the dedication by Mr. F. C. W. Stevenson.

DEATH OF MR. PERCY O. LAFLIN.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Percy O. Laflin, of King's Norton, who passed away in the early hours of Monday morning. He had been in indifferent health for a considerable period.

Mr. Laflin was an accomplished ringer on both tower and hand-bells. An excellent striker himself, he had little patience with the indifferent ringer, and he was an outspoken critic. He was a tower of strength to the King's Norton band, and a valued member of St. Martin's Guild, with whom he rang a large number of twelve-bell peals.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DIVISION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 4th, members attending from Brighton (St. Nicholas' and the Church of the Good Shepherd), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Heathfield, Hellingly, Horsmonden, Southover, Lewes, Mayfield, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Leonard's (Christ Church), Seaford, Uckfield, together with members of the Alfriston band. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and the bells were kept going merrily during the afternoon and evening in all methods up to Cambridge Minor.

At the service the Vicar, the Rev. Marchant-Pearson, gave a most interesting address. He also presided at the tea which followed, about thirty members and friends being present.

At the conclusion of the tea, Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and also for kindly presiding at the tea. This was supported by Mr. A. R. Miles.

The Vicar, in responding, stated that he had been delighted to welcome the members of the association to Alfriston, and hoped that another meeting might be arranged at no distant date.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. W. D. Smith occupied the chair. After reading the minutes of the last meeting, the divisional secretary announced that he had received an appeal from the editor of 'The Ringing World' regarding the Stedman Tercentenary Fund. He (the local secretary) had sent out to the affiliated towers in the division copies of that appeal, and he hoped that all members would do their utmost to support the fund.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Members then returned to the tower, keeping the bells going until well after 8 p.m.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**NORTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.**

The annual meeting of the district was held at Handsworth, Sheffield, when ringers attended from Leeds, Norton, Nottingham, Thurgroft, Rotherham, Freeton, Grimsby, and the local band.

A choral service was conducted by the Rev. W. A. Baker, Mrs. Baker presiding at the organ. Tea was served in the schoolroom prepared by members and friends.

Miss Thompson, of Nottingham, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Baker, to the ladies for preparing tea, and to all who had helped with the arrangements for the meeting.

The gentlemen then adjourned to the belfry, while the ladies held their business meeting, Mrs. Baker, an hon. member, being voted to the chair. The officers for the year were elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. Ryder (Rotherham); hon. secretary, Miss Cawthorne (Handsworth); committee, Mrs. Wolstencroft (Ashton-under-Lyne), Miss G. Burchnall (Sutton-on-Trent), Mrs. Scott (Thurgroft), and Miss Leach (Bramley, Leeds); Central Committee, Miss Lewis (Nuneaton), and Miss Thompson (Nottingham).

The following new ringing members were elected: Miss L. Kelly and Miss J. Flack, of Handsworth, Miss E. Coad, of Rotherham, Miss Harrison and Miss Smith, of Barton-in-Fabis. Mrs. H. Oldfield, of Darnell, was elected an hon. non-ringing member.

The meetings proposed for the ensuing year are: September at Bramley, Leeds, December at Eastwood, Rotherham, March in Manchester district, and the annual at Nottingham.

The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Baker and the district secretary.

During the afternoon and evening there was ringing in various methods, including Plain Bob, Kent, Spliced Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Peak District was held at Hathersage on Saturday, June 20th, about thirty ringers being present from Baslow, Bakewell, Castleton, Darley Dale, Ecclesfield, Handsworth, Manchester and Sheffield. The very old and interesting, but not too easy-going peal of six bells, were kept going in the various standard methods during the afternoon and evening.

A substantial tea was provided free, through the kindness of Mr. H. Newbery, and a short business meeting followed. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. W. P. Wright and from the secretary, who was laid up with tonsillitis.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Castleton on July 18th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

One hundred and eighty years ago last Tuesday Holt's famous 'Original' peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the first time. Holt himself called it from manuscript at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, and it was rung by the Union Scholars.

The performance is recorded on a board in the belfry as follows: 'Sunday, July 7th, 1751. The Society of Union Scholars rang in this steeple with two singles the first true and complete peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples, which peal was performed in 3 hours and 15 minutes by the following persons: James Davis treble, James Albion 2, Jacob Hall 3, Thomas Jackson 4, James Vickers 5, James Newby 6, John Lloyd 7, Geo. Henry and Ed. Davis tenor. The peal was composed and call'd by John Holt, Captain Nicholas Spencer and Mr. William Goff, Church Wardens.'

This historic peal board has recently been thoroughly cleaned and revarnished, and is in perfect condition. Visitors are invited to inspect it, and will be welcome this evening (Friday) at 7.30, and on Sunday at 5.30 p.m., when there will be ringing at St. Margaret's.

Trowell, where the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association will hold a meeting to-morrow, and where the tenor used to be half a note flat, is the town where Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mr. E. C. Gobey (secretary of the Nottingham District) spent their early ringing days. The bells have now been recast by Taylors.

SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

A PEAL RUNG IN TWELVE METHODS.

On December 26th last a peal of Spiced Surprise Major in seven to sixteen methods was published in 'The Ringing World' by Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot. Twelve of these methods have now been rung in one peal by members of the Middlesex County Association by the same band that had previously rung peals in three, five, six, ten and eleven methods.

The latest achievement of this company entailed a considerable number of meetings, and several attempts failed before success was attained. Only a week previously, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, an attempt 'went west' within seven leads from rounds after 2 hours 50 minutes' ringing.

The composition is appended, and a brief examination of the figures will show that whilst there are 160 leads in the peal, the changes of method are made so frequently that on only 20 occasions are two leads in any one method rung consecutively. Thus there are actually 139 changes of method in the peal! As the composition will admit of 16 methods being rung, there is ample opportunity yet for an ambitious band to make more ringing history.

It is necessary to add a word of appreciation of the kindness of the ringers at Willesden and Ealing (Christ Church) for postponing practices to enable several of the attempts to be made, and to thank Mr. R. E. Geare (St. Giles-in-the-Fields) and Mr. J. H. Hunnisett (Ealing St. Mary's) for arranging the last two attempts at those churches.

Strangely enough, this is the first time that a Surprise peal has been rung at St. Mary's, Ealing.

THE COMPOSITION.

5,120 Spiced Surprise Major by A. J. Pitman.

23456 M. W. H. Methods, one lead each of

35642	—	2	3	Eastcote, Pudsey, Bristol, Rutland, New Gloucester	
32546	2	—	—	Rutland, Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland.	[(2).
52643	—	—	—	Rutland, Yorkshire, Rutland.	
36245	—	—	—	London, Superlative, London.	
26543	—	—	—	London, Yorkshire, London.	
(56342)	—	—	—	Rutland, Cambridge.	
23645	—	—	—	Norfolk, Superlative, Eastcote.	
(63542)	—	—	—	Wembley, Cambridge.	
53246	—	—	—	Norfolk, Lincolnshire, London.	
62345	—	—	—	London, Lincolnshire, Wembley.	

Four times repeated.

Norfolk must be rung with a fourth's place bob.

The course-ends in brackets are not actually rung, Norfolk cutting out the home lead.

Eastcote is Lindoff's No. 10, and Wembley is Lindoff's No. 30, published in 'The Ringing World', August 22nd, 1930.

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The committee of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds are very grateful to you for your appealing article in 'The Ringing World' of June 26th. More than 100 new subscribers have come forward since your leader appeared.

The committee are also very grateful to the new subscribers and the renewal subscribers. There are, however, former subscribers who have not responded to date, and the committee make this final appeal to them now to send in as soon as possible before July 20th, 1931, upon which date the list is closing.

The Empire section by Mr. Fussell should be an interesting feature, and the Sunday service touches by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff are alone worth the shilling.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE

(on behalf of the committee).

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

FOURTH LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

FUND NOW OVER £420.

We print below the fourth list of contributions to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, which was opened by 'The Ringing World' to restore the bells of St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of Fabian Stedman.

The marvellous response that has been made will enable the work that is necessary in this historic tower—historic in itself, for it has stood nearly a thousand years, and historic in its association with ringing—to be efficiently and completely carried out. The amount originally asked for was an estimated sum to put the bells in ringing order and to alter their position in the tower so that the building might be further safeguarded and the bells rung in future with the least disturbance to the public living round the church, and especially to the activities of Corpus Christi College, which it adjoins.

It is hoped that the amount which will eventually be raised will enable certain other details to be carried out, so that the restoration may be full and thorough. Therefore, although the sum originally asked for has already been oversubscribed, and this in less than two months, the fund is still open for further contributions in order that the scheme may be carried out in a manner fully worthy of the great Exercise in which Stedman has been so notable a figure.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is hon. treasurer of the fund, and donations should be sent to

The Editor,

'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey.

There is a special interest in the donation given by the Ancient Society of College Youths, for it was to this society that Stedman dedicated both 'Tintinnologia' in 1668, and 'Campanologia' in 1677. He was elected a member of the society in 1664, was appointed steward in 1677 and became Master in 1682. It was at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, too, that, according to tradition, certain visiting members of the College Youths first became acquainted with Stedman's famous method.

Other associations who have now voted contributions to the fund are the Yorkshire Association, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, whose members for 160 years have been among the greatest exponents in the ringing of Stedman's method, Midland Counties Association, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association, the Society of Cambridge Youths, North Notts Association, North Staffs and District Association, the Worcestershire Association, and last, but by no means least, the Ladies' Guild.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	335	15	6
Ancient Society of College Youths	10	10	0
Yorkshire Association	10	0	0
St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham	5	5	0
Midland Counties Association	5	5	0
Archdeaconry of Stafford Society	3	3	0
Worcestershire and Districts Association	3	0	0
Norwich Diocesan Association	2	2	0
Society of Cambridge Youths	2	2	0
Oxford Diocesan Guild (Newbury Branch)	2	2	0
North Staffs and District Association	2	2	0
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association	2	2	0
The Ladies' Guild	2	2	0
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
Surrey Association (Southern Branch)	1	11	6
East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association	1	10	0
Cambridge University Guild	1	1	0
North Notts Association	1	1	0
Oxford Diocesan Guild (North Berks Branch)	1	1	0
Sheffield Cathedral Company	1	1	0
Ringers of St. Mary's, Handsworth, Sheffield	1	1	0
York Minster Society (York members)	1	0	0
Oxford University Society	10	6	
Leeds and District Society	10	6	
Ringers of St. James', Taunton	10	0	
Ringers of St. Anne's, Bagshot, Surrey	10	0	
Ringers of Apsley End, Herts	10	0	
Ringers of Brookfield (Gorton)	10	0	
Ringers of Swindon Parish Church	8	6	
Ringers of Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire	8	0	
Ringers of Ottershaw, Surrey (further contribution)	1	0	
Suffolk Guild towers:			
SS. Peter and Mary's, Stowmarket	14	0	
Hessett, Bury St. Edmunds	13	0	
Pressingfield	11	6	
St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich	10	6	
St. Petronilla's, Whipstead	7	6	
St. Martin's, Tuddenham	7	0	
St. Mary's, Grundisburgh	6	6	
St. Andrew's, Rushmere	6	0	
St. Matthew's, Ipswich	5	0	
St. Mary's, Halesworth	5	0	
St. Mary's, Haughley	5	0	
St. Michael's, Beccles	5	0	
St. Mary's, Newmarket	5	0	
Bures	4	0	
Sussex Association towers:			
St. Saviour's Guild, Eastbourne	1	1	0
St. Botolph's, Hecne	1	0	0
Chichester Cathedral	13	6	
St. Mary's, Shoreham-by-Sea	11	0	
St. Peter's, Slinfold	11	0	
St. Peter's, Wisborough Green	10	6	
St. Mary's, Pulborough	10	0	
Holy Trinity, Rudgwick	10	0	
St. Nicholas', Itchingfield	8	0	
St. Mary's, Billingshurst	7	6	
East Grinstead	5	0	
St. Margaret's, Warnham	5	0	
St. Mary-the-Virgin, Ringmer	5	0	
St. John's, Kirdford	5	0	
Mr. A. N. Wood, Northampton	5	5	0
Rev. Wm. Greenwood, Vicar of St. Benedict's, Cambridge	3	3	0
Canon Ridout, Johannesburg, South Africa	1	1	0
Mr. B. N. Swinson, Maracaibo, Venezuela, S. America	1	1	0
Mr. P. F. Johnson, Leeds	1	0	0
Mr. T. F. King, Twerton, Bath	10	6	
Mr. E. M. Atkins, London	10	6	
Mr. A. Flowers (late of Birmingham), Marysville, Mich., U.S.A.	10	0	
Rev. A. P. Thurlow, Arthorpe Roding, Essex	5	0	
Mr. G. L. Grover, West Clandon, Guildford	5	0	
'The Mad Hatter'	5	0	
Mr. D. Vincent, Fulwell, Sunderland	5	0	
J. H. and A. J. Brown, Mansfield Woodhouse	5	0	
Mr. G. Ladd, Pinchbeck, Spalding	5	0	
Mr. C. Sharples, Blackpool	5	0	
Mr. C. N. Sharples, Larkana, Sind, India	5	0	
Mr. G. F. Swann, Sutton Coldfield	5	0	
'E. S. A.'	5	0	
Mr. J. J. Attwater, Kent, Massachusetts, U.S.A.	4	0	
Mr. and Mrs. F. Warrington, Over, Cambs	2	6	
Mr. E. C. Gobey, Ilkeston, Derbyshire	2	6	
Mr. A. J. Abrams, Chatteris, Cambs	2	6	
Mr. G. R. Newton, Liverpool	2	6	
Rev. F. R. Bonsey, Wrentham, Suffolk	2	6	
Mr. F. Nye, Bagshot, Surrey	2	6	
Mr. P. C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds	2	6	
Mr. J. Taylor, Reedham, Norwich	2	0	
Total	£429	19	6

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The June meeting was held at Liversedge. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening with a break for the business meeting, which was held in the tower. The president (Mr. W. H. Senior) was in the chair, and four new members were elected, viz., Miss V. Holmes (unattached), Messrs. H. Dransfield, of Earlsheaton, T. Smith, of Queensbury, and G. Jones, of Liversedge. Numerous learners were given an opportunity to try courses of whatever method they had learned.

The next meeting is due to be held at Calverley on July 25th.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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COVERING BELLS IN PEALS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved: 'That this Council deprecates the ringing of peals of Minor with a covering bell or bells, and peals of Doubles with more than one covering bell, and recommends guilds and associations to discourage this practice.' He said that to ring Minor with covering bells was against the canons of the art. It was never intended that even-bell methods should be rung with covers. With regard to peals of Doubles which were sometimes rung with three covering bells, it could not be said, he claimed, that the ringers of the two extra covers had rung a peal; the best that could be said for their performance was that they had rung rounds 5,040 times. Peal ringing had reached such a standard in these days that the Council should now definitely discourage such performances as were included in this motion, and he hoped the associations would in the same way discourage their members from ringing peals of the kind referred to.—Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded.

The President, in putting the motion, said another reason against ringing peals with two or three covers was the effect on the nerves of those outside who had to listen to the bells. It was one of the duties of the Council to see that ringing was made such as would be appreciated by the parishioners.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

RINGING TERMS.

The Rev. H. Drake next moved: "(a) That the words, Reverse, Double, Little or Bob be not used as names of methods, and (b) that the terms 'shunt' and 'hunting backwards' are not approved." Dealing first with (a), he said the terms should be applied only to classes of methods and not to the methods themselves. The question had already been discussed in correspondence that appeared some time ago over a method that was called 'Double Little Bob' by some, and others wanted to call it 'Erith Little Bob.' His point was Erith Little Bob was a name, but Double Little Bob was not. The terms described classes and ought not to be used as names of methods. He was not asking the Council to decide whether such methods were double or little; the point was whether they should use Double or Little as a name of a method. He contended that they should not call methods by these particular words, but use them as descriptions and not as names.

Mr. C. Mee formally seconded the motion.

The Rev. H. Law James asked Mr. Drake to tell them who used these categories as names.

Mr. Trollope said when they talked about Bob Major, that was what they called a method; it was not the name of it. If they looked at it from that point of view they would see it was quite all right.

The Rev. H. Drake said in Suffolk they always called it 'Plain'; they did not call it Bob at all. Plain was the name of it, and they said, 'Go, Plain,' not 'Go, Bob.' They ought to call the method 'Plain,' and if they had the reverse of it they should call it 'Reverse Plain' and not 'Reverse Bob' ('Oh' and laughter). His motion did not refer to the past; it referred to the future.

The Rev. H. Law James said Mr. Drake had raised another point, that what was commonly called 'Bob' was 'Plain.' 'Plain' was a category, and if they went back to the edition of 'Campanalogia' in 1677 they would find it had got a name, and the name was 'Grandsire Bob.' In practice the name had been dropped. Grandsire Doubles was Doubles with two plain hunts, and Grandsire Bob was Bob Minor; and that was its name.

The Rev. H. Drake said it did not matter whether they called it Plain or Grandsire; neither of these words occurred in his resolution.

Mr. Pulling said some years ago Mr. Lindoff published a method which he called Dublin; Mr. Bankes James, shortly after, published the double method, which he called Double Dublin. Mr. Goldsmith turned the original method round and called it Reverse Dublin. Could Mr. Drake suggest any better way of describing these methods?

Mr. Drake said the descriptions were all right. The terms should be used as descriptions of classes. If they had Dublin and reversed it they did not call it 'Reverse' without the Dublin (laughter).

A member said that, in this year of Stedman's tercentenary, when the Council had just voted ten guineas to the Tercentenary Fund, for a representative of the eastern counties—Stedman's own district—to come there and try to abolish the terms that Stedman himself had used, was indeed very, very sad (laughter).

The motion, on being put, was lost by an overwhelming majority.

'SHUNT' NOT SHUNTED.

The Rev. H. Drake then moved the second part of his motion. 'Shunt,' he said, was a word which they used in the wrong place. It did not mean what it was intended to imply. The right word to use was 'move.' With regard to 'hunting backwards,' he did not know what it meant, and no one had been able to tell him. It had been said that a quick six in Stedman was hunting forward, and a slow six was hunting backward, but a slow six was not hunting, and it was not backwards. Of the sixes, one was even work and the other odd work.

Mr. Mee was the formal seconder of this motion.

The Rev. H. Law James said he believed he was responsible for the use of both these terms.

Mr. T. Faulkner: I shouldn't be surprised (laughter).

Mr. James said the word 'shunt' was a word adopted to deal with three-bell Q sets, simply because Thompson used it in his pamphlet on Grandsire Triples. That was where it came from. Thompson used it, and he (Mr. James) considered he was justified in using the same term to express the same thing. With regard to hunting backwards, it was quite right to say that a slow six was hunting backwards. In Minor they normally started 214365, but in London Surprise they began 213546; 21 were hunting forward, 3456 were hunting backwards; then (the treble dodged, and the whole six bells were hunting backwards. A dodge was nothing on earth but hunting backwards, and he did not know any other way of expressing it.

Mr. Trollope said the term hunting backwards was a proper use of English language. They all knew what hunting was as applied to ringing, and hunting backwards was—well, simply hunting backwards (laughter). If they could get a handbell band after that meeting to ring a course of Bob Major backwards, they would have plenty of fun, and they would know what hunting backwards was. They could not stop people using the English language.

Mr. Drake said he had no objection to using the English language if it was used so that it could be understood.

Mr. Trollope: That is the fault of the people, not the fault of the language.

The motion was lost by a large majority.

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

The Council was next called upon to consider the place of next year's meeting, which is due to be held in the South. The President said the Standing Committee recommended Wells.

Mr. J. Hunt said, on behalf of the Bath and Wells Association, he was requested to invite the Council to Bath. They would have liked the Council to visit Wells, but from inquiries they had made they found it was doubtful if there would be accommodation there for all the members. The Theological College would be in session, and at Whitsun there were always a large number of visiting friends of the students, and all the accommodation in the city was full up. The association would give the Council a hearty welcome to Bath. They asked the Council to come there eight or nine years ago, and hoped they would visit there next year. The Council had never paid a visit to Somerset, and the association would be very pleased to see them there, and would do everything they could to make the visit a happy one.

Mr. J. Parker said he did not see how they could go to Bath and call it South. He proposed they visit Portsmouth.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said the Council had several times been invited to visit Plymouth, and once actually decided to go there, but the war caused the meeting to be cancelled. Plymouth was South. Bath or Wells was distinctly west (laughter). The Devon Guild would welcome them very cordially if they would go to Plymouth and fulfil this long-standing promise.

Mr. Coles seconded, and said one good reason for visiting Plymouth was that it was within reach of that most beautiful Abbey at Buckfastleigh, which would be a source of interest to everyone, and he did not think there would be any great difficulty in the Council obtaining permission to ring on the peal of twelve bells at that place.

The Rev. H. Law James pointed out that while they had never yet visited the Bath and Wells Association, they had visited the Devon ringers, for one meeting had been held at Exeter.

Mr. C. H. Jennings suggested that the Council should go to Bournemouth for the next meeting, and Mr. Parker withdrew Portsmouth in favour of this.

On being put to the vote, Plymouth was declared selected, the voting being Plymouth 35, Bath 31, and Bournemouth 6.

On the item of 'other business,' Mr. T. Faulkner suggested that in future the members of the Council should be individually summoned to the meetings by notice, and that a copy of the agenda should be sent out at least 10 days before the meeting. He moved that this be done.

Mr. Young pointed out that the agenda was published beforehand in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. C. H. Kippin seconded Mr. Faulkner's proposal.

Alderman Pritchett, as an old member of the Council, pointed out that a similar motion had been brought forward at least twice in his own recollection. There were several difficulties in the way, one of which was in keeping a correct register of the names and addresses of the members, in whose personnel there were constant changes. The labour involved was another objection. There was another difficulty that the whole of the business of the Council was not always completely ascertained a month before the meeting. He did not see why the practice of publishing the notice and agenda in 'The Ringing World' should not continue. It was good for ringers generally to know what was coming before the Council, and this would be impossible unless the agenda was published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. James George said everything should be done through 'The Ringing World.' It was only right that the ringing public should know what was going on.

Mr. Faulkner's motion was lost.

WHEN RIGHTS ARE THREATENED.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards said the Literature Committee was charged with the defence of ringers' rights, and he asked, wherever they were threatened and it was thought the services of the committee could be of use, that those concerned should at once communicate with the secretary of the Council or one of the members of the committee. In one case which occurred last year they were able to do useful work.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the local committee of the Lancashire Association, who had made the most successful arrangements for the meeting, and in that connection, he said, they specially thanked Canon Elsee (the president of the association), Mr. G. R. Newton, and Mr. Claude Davies, who had done so much of

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, LIVERPOOL.

The bells of St. Nicholas' Church offered a great attraction to many of the ringers who visited Liverpool for the Central Council meeting, and, in addition to the peal rung on them on Monday, they were well utilised on Tuesday evening.



St. Nicholas' bells have an interesting history. In 1552 there was one large bell, but in 1625 it was decided 'that all the fines for this year shall be collected and payed to the towne for and towards a ringe of bells.' The Corporation bought four bells that had been confiscated at Drogheda, and had them recast, but evidently they were not a very musical ring, for they were recast again in 1636 by Thomas Hancock, of Walsall. In 1649 Scott, of Wigan, provided two more trebles, and the whole of them were recast with additional metal by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1724. On February 11th, 1810, occurred the calamity when the spire fell and many people in the church were killed, as well as one man in the tower, who, it is said, returned for his watch after the first ominous sign of disaster which had caused the ringers to bolt 'like rabbits from a dangerous hole.'

The first stone of the present tower was laid on September 25th, 1811, and a ring of twelve bells ordered from W. Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, and these were rung on June 4th, 1814, although the steeple was not completed until August 4th, 1815. The 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 8th are survivals of the former ring of 1724, of which the 2nd was the treble and the 8th the tenor. The present tenor was recast in 1911 by Warner, and weighs 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

the detailed work, and done it exceedingly well (applause). Mr. Lewis also proposed that a formal letter of thanks be sent to the Lord Mayor for his kindness in placing at their disposal the Council Chamber, which, he thought, was one of the best rooms in which they had ever met. The Council were not only grateful to the Lord Mayor for this kindness, but also for meeting them that morning and for his hospitality which they were to enjoy (applause). They also had to thank the Bishop for his presence and his words of en-

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THE LATE MR. TOM GOFTON.
A VERSATILE AND MASTERLY RINGER.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

We laid the remains of our dear old friend to rest on Tuesday, June 23rd, and a sad procession it was. Besides the relatives and friends who followed on foot and in coaches to the church, his oldest ringing companions walked on each side of the hearse—Mr. Ernest Ferry (president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association), Mr. George Taylor (hon. secretary), Mr. J. W. Parker (treasurer), Mr. J. E. Keen (vice-president), Mr. W. Story and Mr. C. L. Routledge (ex-presidents), and Messrs. J. M. Whitfield and H. Tyson (old committee men)—while Mr. W. H. Barber took charge of the muffled ringing in the belfry. A very impressive and beautiful service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Dowland, assisted by the choir and wardens, in the Church of St. Paul, where our departed friend had spent forty odd years of his life in ringing and in teaching others. After the Vicar had pronounced the committal sentences and the Benediction at the graveside, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave, and ceased one by one in rounds by C. L. Routledge 1-2, W. H. Barber 3-4, J. E. Keen 5-6, E. Ferry 7-8.

This was followed by the whole pull and stand on the tower bells, and after tea a 5,000 of Double Norwich Major was rung to the memory of our old friend—a method of which he was particularly fond on account of its musical qualities, and many peals of which he had called both on tower and handbells.

And thus closed the career of one of the most brilliant ringers and conductors in the kingdom, as well as one of the finest natured and most lovable men one could wish to meet.

It would take volumes to tell of his achievements in the art of ringing, of his grasp of methods innumerable at a glance, and the calling thereof, of his placidity at moments of crisis in a peal, and prompt correction of the recalcitrant brother. Heavy bell or light was handled in equally masterly style, a rhythm of motion rarely seen in any belfry.

His patience in teaching youngsters was wonderful, and he has taught almost more ringers than any other man in the association.

Of his versatility the writer well remembers him calling a peal of Stedman Cinques at Sheffield Cathedral in 1919, when he certainly had only rung a touch of Cinques before and had never called a bob on twelve bells till then, ringing a working bell, too (the 4th).

He has rung over 300 peals with the Durham and Newcastle Association alone, besides over 100 with other associations, while taking part in ringing tours and visiting other associations' territory. We shall never see his like again, and we mourn his loss more deeply than can be expressed on paper.

C. L. R.

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couragement, the incumbents of the various churches where the members of the Council had had the use of the bells, and also Mr. Lange, churchwarden of St. Nicholas', who kindly entertained members and their friends, to the number of 62, after ringing at Oxtou on the previous day. In addition, he thanked Archdeacon Howson for taking parties over the Cathedral (applause).

Canon Elsee, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said the Council's thanks were due, not so much to the Lancashire Association as to Mr. Davies, who had really done the work. He was glad to see that his figure had not diminished as the result of his efforts (laughter and applause). Canon Elsee concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the president for his services in the chair, and, this having been carried with applause, the meeting terminated.

The members, joined by numerous friends, were then the guests of the Lord Mayor at tea, which was served in one of the magnificent reception rooms. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress mingled freely with their guests and were photographed with a company who rang a handbell touch for their edification. During the proceedings, the Liverpool Police Orchestra discoursed a selection of music.

Many ringers afterwards took the opportunity of ringing on the twelve bells of St. Nicholas' Church, and subsequently at headquarters, the Stork Hotel, an enjoyable social was held. There was an excellent entertainment of vocal and instrumental music, a professor of sleight of hand mystified the company, handbell ringing, including the backward course of Bob Major, was indulged in, glasses clinked and tongues wagged, and the time for separation came all too soon. Socially, at any rate, the Liverpool meeting has never been exceeded in its success in the history of the Council.

MASONIC GATHERING.

On the Wednesday evening several Masonic members of the Central Council were, on the invitation of Bro. C. I. Davies, the guests of the Lancastrian Lodge. At the banquet following the ceremony, the Worshipful Master made reference to their presence, and their health was proposed by the Provincial Grand Chaplain of West Lancashire and enthusiastically honoured.

Wor. Bro. J. S. Pritchett, Assistant Prov. G.M. (Warws), in response, expressed the great pleasure of all the visitors at the warm welcome extended to them.

Courses of Grandsire were rung on handbells, in which Wor. Bro. F. Ll. Edwards, Prov. G. Chaplain (Dorset) and Bros. E. Barker, F. Perrins, C. I. Davies and G. R. Newton took part. An attempt at a Masonic peal during the afternoon had unfortunately to be abandoned owing to the heavy 'go' of the bells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Sleaford and was well attended by members and friends from Bardney, Barrow-on-Humber, Bassingham, Blankney, Branston, Burton-on-Stather, Ewerby, Gainsborough, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Heckington, Leasingham, Lincoln (Cathedral), Scotcherne, Scotter and Scunthorpe, in addition to the local company. The Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild), Mr. Geo. Ladd and Mr. R. Richardson from the Elloe Deaneries Branch and a visitor from Wymondham, were also present.

The fine peal of eight bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept going in various methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

Evensong was held in the side chapel, at which the Vicar (Rev. W. Norton-Howe) officiated, Mr. R. Scott (Sleaford district secretary) presiding at the organ. An instructive address was given to the large number present by the Rev. A. R. Tucker (Rector of Leasingham). An excellent tea was provided in the Church Room, to which fifty-six sat down, including the Vicar, who had to leave immediately afterwards.

Mr. F. F. Linley (president of the branch) presided over the business meeting.

The whole of the officers were re-elected as follows: President and treasurer, Mr. F. F. Linley; hon. secretary, Mr. F. S. W. Butler; hon. auditors, Messrs. F. W. Stokes and J. R. Sharpe; Ringing Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; two representatives to serve on the Guild Committee, Messrs. Geo. Chester and J. A. Freeman. Four new performing members were elected: Messrs. Wm. Sergeant and T. Clark (Scotcherne), and Messrs. W. F. Wescombe and R. M. Wescombe (Bassingham), also one hon. member, Rev. A. R. Tucker (Leasingham).

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Lincoln, the arrangements being left in the hands of the general secretary and Lincoln members of the committee.

A grant of ten guineas was made to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, also an honorarium of two guineas to the general secretary.

Mr. Chester made reference to the recent Central Council meeting at Liverpool, and suggested that the branch should purchase or take on approval some of the Council's publications. At the same time he very kindly offered to relieve the general secretary by taking the responsibility of carrying the matter through.—Mr. F. A. Holden and the Rev. H. Law James both spoke in favour of the suggestion.

The best thanks of the members were extended to Mr. Chester and the Rev. H. T. Parry for their interest on behalf of the branch at the Central Council meetings.

A cordial welcome was offered to the visitors, who were thanked for their presence.

The Rev. A. R. Tucker interested those present by having brought for inspection a bell clapper, dated 1605, belonging to a bell of the same date which hung in the tower of North Thoresby at the time of the Gunpowder Plot, and which was in use until the year 1905.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the organist and organ blower for their services, to the Rev. A. R. Tucker for his address, to the caterers for the splendid tea provided, and to Mr. Linley for presiding at the meeting.

This concluded the business, after which some of the members took part in handbell ringing, while others returned to the church for further ringing until about nine o'clock, when a most successful and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, June 21st, for the Sunday School Anniversary service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Machin 1, F. C. Limb 2, H. A. Smith 3, J. Williams 4, S. Hyder 5, W. Pickthall 6, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 7, A. Matthews 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at 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. — 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. — 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.

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 Boiney (Haywards Heath Station) Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Eight Bells, 1s. 3d. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

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

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. Business election of local officers. Nominations please for branch secretary, 2 committee men, branch ringing master and bell adviser.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Trowell to-morrow (Saturday), July 11th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. These bells have been recast and rehung by Taylor's, on the old frame.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden to-morrow (Saturday), July 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Hemingford Grey on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 2.45 p.m.—6 p.m. Tea at 6.—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.—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.

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., Bungalow, 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.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Grafton, Marlborough.

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.

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. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting arranged to take place at Old Brampton on Saturday, July 11th, is cancelled, owing to serious illness in the village.—J. W. England.

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, Balsham Road, Fulbourne, Cambs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead (6 bells), on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service will be held, taken by the Vicar. Tea at a small charge in the village nearby. All welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Glossop, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market Street, Ashton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Service 6. Will all intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, July 14th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Hazelbeech on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All wishing to be present at tea must please notify me as early as possible.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Bidston (6 bells) on July 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Please let the secretary know if you can come.—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

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.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 18th, at Deeping St. James. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. M. Day, of Market Deeping, Peterborough, by Wednesday, July 15th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Upwey on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available: Abbotsbury (6), Upwey (6), from 2.30 p.m., Wyke Regis (8), 7.30—9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—A combined meeting of the Grimsby district and the Lincoln Ladies' Guild will be held at Bigby on Saturday, July 18th. Bells 16 ready early. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to Rev. H. T. Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnethy, Lincs, by Wednesday, July 15th.—H. T. Mingay, Hon. Dis. 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.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Smarden on Saturday, July 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Tydd St. Mary on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by July 14th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, July 18th. At 3 p.m. St. Paul's tower (8 bells) will be open. Other attraction: Chippenham Cottage Hospital Carnival. Visitors welcome. Notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Dibden on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform me by July 14th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby (not Stratford, as previously arranged) on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 at the Denbigh Arms. The business meeting will follow the tea. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester and Hinckley Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea provided for all at moderate charge. A good meeting is hoped for, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope and E. H. Bagworth, Local Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Castleton on Saturday, July 18th. Church of St. Edmund (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 3 p.m. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

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.

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

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

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Bardfield on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who send their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 22nd.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at Fabb's Restaurant 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome. Cheap tickets are issued on the railways.—William H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Stanton on Saturday, July 25th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided. Please send me a p.c. who is coming not later than the Tuesday previous.—J. Henning, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, near Evesham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 25th, at Stone-in-Oxney. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be given a hearty welcome. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3. Tea and business to follow. Tea for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 22nd. All ringers welcome. — A. J. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Cudham on Saturday, July 25th. Further particulars next week. Half fares paid at this meeting. — A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, kindly provided by the church authorities. Please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 21st. — Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) & GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District). — A combined meeting will be held at Rammore on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please send their numbers to Mr. Alan R. Pink, the Railway Hotel, Dorking, before July 22nd? — D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE. — At Christ Church, on Sunday, July 5th, for children's anniversary service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 540 Oxford Bob and 720 Plain Bob, in 39 mins.: R. Shacklady (longest length) 1, D. Parry 2, G. Lunt 3, A. Gorman 4, J. McKeo 5, J. Brown (conductor) 6. Believed to be the first quarter-peal by all Bootle ringers.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. — At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, July 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: B. Gough (Coseley) 1, B. Boote 2, H. Hill 3, A. Round 4, S. J. Hughes (Smethwick) 5, A. Prestidge, sen., 6, T. A. Townsend 7, A. Rowley (Brierley Hill) (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2 and 7.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE. — On Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: T. Marshall 1, H. Wright 2, E. H. Kynaston 3, R. T. Evans 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, H. T. Hughes 8.

HOLBECK, LEEDS. — On Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, at St. Matthew's Church, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins.: W. L. Toogood 1, A. Teale, jun., 2, W. Burgess 3, Malcolm Moorhouse 4, R. Clarke 5, L. W. G. Morris (conductor) 6. For evensong, 1,080 Bob Minor in 42 mins.: W. L. Toogood 1, A. Teale, jun., 2, W. Burgess 3, L. W. G. Morris 4, R. Clarke 5, W. Draper (conductor) 6. This was the longest length by all the band except the ringer of the 4th, and was also the first touch as conductor.

SHEFFIELD. — At St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, for evening service, on Sunday, June 28th, and to celebrate the 72nd birthday of Mr. James Alfred Dixon (the city's oldest ringer), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: J. Tuke 1, G. Lewis (conductor) 2, R. Harrison, sen., 3, G. Holmes 4, J. A. Dixon 5, W. Biggin 6, T. Edw. Lee 7, R. Harrison, jun., 8.

BOYNE HILL. — On Sunday, June 28th, for organ dedication service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Holmes (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Martin (conductor) 2, E. Eldridge 3, W. E. Taylor 4, E. Hobbs 5, T. J. Fowler 6, J. Eldridge 7, H. Baldwin 8.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS. — At St. Mary's Church, on June 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by the local band in 40 mins.: Miss H. Curtis (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, W. Hibbert 4, E. Sneller 5, K. Burt 6, C. Hibbert (conductor) 7, J. Field 8.

APSLEY END. — On Sunday, June 28th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of St. Albans for the diamond jubilee of the church, for evensong, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 25 mins.: S. Durrant 1, A. V. Good 2, C. J. Henley 3, E. Picton 4, G. Bruce 5, F. Tompkins (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringer of treble, and first 720 and first attempt as conductor.

OVER, CAMBS. — On Sunday, June 21st, at the Church of St. Mary, for matins, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Ginn 1, A. J. Ginn 2, D. Adams 3, R. Thoday 4, W. Bavin 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. For evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. G. Gleaves 1, S. Murphy (Chatteris) 2, B. Wayman 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, W. Seekings (Chatteris) 5, A. J. Ginn 6.

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