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'SILENT' PEALS.

A short but none the less important discussion arose unexpectedly at the Central Council meeting, on the subject of 'silent' peals, and it ventilated a matter that it is just as well should be made clear. The Analysis Committee had recorded as 'non-conducted' a peal of Double Norwich Major rung on handbells by the Yorkshire Association; the association asked that it should be recorded as 'silent and non-conducted.' Ringing terms and descriptions are notoriously 'loose'; they have grown up out of use among men who paid little heed, in many cases, to the subsequent construction which might be put upon them; or they have been employed with varying meanings among different people. 'Silent' and 'non-conducted,' as applied to peals, have been regarded by most ringers as synonymous terms, but that there is room for the belief that there is a difference between them is manifest from the request of the Yorkshire representatives. A 'silent' peal is obviously 'non-conducted,' for any spoken word breaks the 'silence,' but, presumably, not everyone looks upon a 'non-conducted' peal as necessarily silent; in other words, they consider 'non-conducted' as indicating that no bobs are called, but that trips may be corrected. Although we imagine the majority of ringers do not accept this view, it is pretty clear that it exists, and as the Council have definitions of many things concerning peals, they might make clear what is to be understood by 'silent' and 'non-conducted,' and what, if any, difference there is between them.

And this leads us to another matter. A great deal of extra merit attaches to a 'silent' peal, and even a peal in which no bobs are called is worthy of a good deal more credit than an ordinary performance. In view of the standard which has been reached by many bands, we wonder why there are not more peals attempted without the services of a 'conductor.' Many peals are now rung by bands, the members of which are all capable of calling. It is an established practice that someone shall be deputed to call the bobs, but we imagine there would be a good deal more interest if all the band had to 'call' their own peal. No one denies the fact that 'conducting' in the true sense requires more knowledge of a method than the mere ability to ring it; therefore non-conducted peals ought to raise the standard of method knowledge. It would give the mentally 'lazy' ringer more to think about; and the ringer who is anxious to learn more would be given the opportunity of doing so. We do not for a moment suggest that 'silent' peal ringing could be generally adopted, but if those bands—and

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there are quite a number about the country—who are really capable of peal ringing on these lines, whether it is Plain Bob or London Surprise, would sometimes adopt the plan they would be pushing still further forward the advance trenches of achievement. Spliced-method ringing is receiving considerable attention; it is a distinct step forward. Peals rung without a bob caller; and, in a still greater degree, 'silent' peals would, if more widely practised, be yet another sign of progress. The loss of a few more peals in the process would be as nothing to the extra merit which would reward success.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. WHITE ... Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE ... 6
HENRY C. WHITE ... 2	CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... 7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token to Albert H. White, aged 66, brother of ringers of 6th, 7th, 9th and tenor, and uncle and cousin of treble and second ringers respectively. The funeral took place at Fyfield, Berks, on Sunday, June 18th.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM G. THORPE ... Treble	ERNEST BARTRAM ... 6
*FREDERICK LEGGOTT ... 2	ARTHUR MACHEARS ... 7
*FRANK DEWEY ... 3	JOHN W. WOOD ... 8
*WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 4	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 9
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... 5	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the patronal festival. 50th peal by the ringer of the 3rd.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

THOMAS J. HULL ... Treble	†SIDNEY CARTER ... 6
*STANLEY A. CARTER ... 2	†JOHN WELCH ... 7
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 8
†REGINALD DORE ... 4	†JOSEPH LADLEY ... 9
BARNARD PATMORE ... 5	†SYDNEY C. ROCHESTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First attempt for a peal on ten bells. † First attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal contains all 56's, 54's, 65's and 64's in the tittums and all 65's and 64's in the handstroke home position.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS K. DRIVER ... Treble	*WILFRED STEVENSON ... 5
NORMAN HEAPS ... 2	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 6
THOMAS JONES ... 3	WILFRED J. MOSS ... 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGRON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. GUDGRON.

* Hails from Macclesfield.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 15, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

*CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	*WILFRED J. MOSS ... 5
NORMAN HEAPS ... 2	†HARRY MELLOR ... 6
IVAN KAY ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
HAROLD HAMER ... 4	†THOMAS COCKING ... Tenor

Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

* 25th peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.)

MISS G. BURCHNALL ... Treble	*HAROLD DENMAN ... 5
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 2	*ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... 6
*ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	*LEONARD PIERREPONT ... 7
*GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 4	†J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor, also for the association. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. H. Underwood, secretary to the Church Council. A birthday compliment to ringers of treble, 2nd and 6th and N. Moxon, a local ringer.

KNARESBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
FRED DUNKERLEY ... 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... 6
JOSEPH OGDEN ... 3	WILFRED J. MOSS ... 7
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 4	HARRY MELLOR ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

The conductor would like to take this opportunity of thanking the band for helping him to realise this ambition, and particularly the owners of the 'runabouts.' According to local information, this is the first peal in the method on the bells.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN W. HOBSON ... Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 5
WALTER GODDARD ... 2	*GEORGE DOBBS ... 6
*JOHN W. TOMLINSON ... 3	*GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
†CECIL CORRICK ... 4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. The opening event in Barton in marking the centenary of the great church revival of 1835.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOODY ... Treble	*GEORGE L. HALL ... 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... 2	*GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 6
*GEORGE E. FEARN ... 3	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7
FRANK LORD ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBBY.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First 'Spliced' peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 20, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM M. STONE ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
JOHN P. PELLOE ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 4	GEORGE W. STEERE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

J. P. Pelloe's first peal of Surprise.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

RICHARD PAINE ... Treble	THOMAS W. THIRKELL ... 5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... 2	WALTER LINTER ... 6
FREDERICK S. PASKINS ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
*AUBREY L. BENNETT ... 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Bob Major. Mr. A. L. Bennett hails from Buckfastleigh.

HARMSTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 21, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*KENNETH W. WRIGHT ... Treble	*DONAVON R. WHITE ... 5
†HERBERT LOWMAN ... 2	JOHN WALDEN ... 6
*ARTHUR W. BUNN ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4	GEORGE CHESTER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. SWINFELD'S ODD BOB TEN-PART, No. 2. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 5
MAURICE SWINFELD ... 2	NORMAN G. LEECH ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 4	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. This peal was rung at the request of the wardens to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the building of the church.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE MAYERS ... Treble	CYRIL CROWE ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 6
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 3	GEORGE H. MOORE ... 7
ALBERT E. BRACEY ... 4	CHARLES H. MOORE ... Tenor

Composed by Wm. E. BASON.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This composition, containing all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, is now rung for the first time.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 22, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED DUNKERLEY 1	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 5
HAROLD HAMER 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
MISS ROSE BELL 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
*MISS HEATHER BELL 4	SAMUEL HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Friday, June 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
*GUY R. AMBROSE 2	GEORGE MORROW 6
JOHN BURLES 3	GEORGE BUTCHER 7
CHARLES R. GOODBURN 4	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged and rung as a 'farewell' to Mrs. Walden and Miss Mennie, daughters of the late Rector, who have been associated with this church for 33 years, and, on the death of their father, have left the parish for New Barnet.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	WALTER ALLWOOD 6
NORMAN C. LEWIS 3	EDWARD F. GOBEY 7
WILLIAM J. TRYNG 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

First peal of Spiced Treble Bob Major by all except the 2nd and 7th. Rung on St. John the Baptist's Day and the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. It was also a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM

* First peal of 'Surprise.' Rung to celebrate the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

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FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	GARHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS J. ELTON Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5
JOHN C. ADAMS 2	HARRY BOSWELL 6
*WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	BERT HORTON Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Major. Mr. Beniams hails from Ludlow, Shropshire. Believed to be the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

BOLTON, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 5
WILFRED HALLIWELL 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
ROBERT WALLWORK 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
THOMAS WALLWORK 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of London on the bells.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD H. SPICE Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
*MRS. E. H. SPICE 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
GEORGE KENWARD 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
EDWARD J. BEER 4	WILLIAM J. BEER Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal in the method.

EDMONTON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MRS. E. K. FLETCHER Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES 5
*MISS G. CHURCH 2	GEORGE RADLEY 6
GEORGE B. COLLINS 3	JAMES PARKER 7
FRANK C. SHORTER 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER.

* First peal.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Mr. C. H. Sone has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 1; $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOWE Treble	*ALFRED L. POPE 5
AUBREY L. BENNETT 2	ARTHUR T. TRIDMAN 6
EDWARD W. BIFFEN 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 4	ARTHUR H. GOAD Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the eve of the celebration of the 800th anniversary of Exeter Cathedral.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

INWORTH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twenty-four six-scores Grandsire, 18 six-scores Bob Doubles, eight different callings. Tenor 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.

BERT WINGER Treble	ERNEST MINGAY 3
JOSEPH BROWN 2	REGINALD GRAINGER 4
GEORGE KNIGHT Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MINGAY.

First peal on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. First peal as conductor. All except the 4th ringer are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD WHITE Treble	*WILFRED REDDING 4
JONATHAN HONEY 2	*WILLIAM CUDDE 5
JOHN NOBES 3	*FRANCIS J. HONEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since a new treble was added by R. White, of Appleton, Berks.

BIGBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Spliced Oxford and Kent, and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM MIDDLETON Treble	GEORGE BLANCHARD 4
FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK 2	JOHN NEVIN 5
ELVIN HOSWAM 3	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

First peal in three methods by all except the ringer of the 4th. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

TANFIELD.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

HARRY TYSON Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON 4
HERBERT P. CLIFF 2	*ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 5
KENNETH W. CHEERSEMAN 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. G. Hunter, who was churchwarden at the above church for many years.

BANBURY.—On Wednesday, May 17th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Higham 1, W. Watson 2, F. Selwyn 3, L. J. Malings (Deddington) (first quarter-peal) 4, T. Impey 5, W. Tandy 6, H. Impey (conductor) 7, W. Aston 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINGS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5003 CHANGES;

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3-4	EDWARD J. BEER 7-8
EDWIN BARNETT 9-10	

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Umpire—Mrs. George H. Cross.

First peal of Grandsire Caterers as conductor and first in the method by the rest of the band. Edwin A. Barnett's first peal on ten bells, and first 'in hand' on ten by E. Barnett and E. J. Beer.

BARNETBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 22, 1933, in One Hour and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. BLANCHARD, 57, SILVER STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK 1-2	ELVIN HOSWAM 3-4
GEORGE E. FEARN 5-6	

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

Umpire—George Blanchard.

First peal 'in hand' by all. First peal as conductor.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*JOHN P. PELLOE 1-2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	MAURICE SMITHER 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal away from 7-8.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. E. J. BEER, 25, WOODFIELD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

*GEORGE J. BUTCHER 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
*EDWARD J. BEER 3-4	*HARRY HOVERD 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Witnesses—Mrs. E. J. Beer and Mrs. G. H. Cross.

* First in the method 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.' First handbell peal rung in Gravesend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION MEETING AT HEPTONSTALL.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Heptonstall on Saturday, June 10th. Although there had been a considerable cooling off in the weather, about 30 members took the advantage of being able to ring on this fine peal of bells, made famous by the long peal of Treble Bob and the unsuccessful long peal of Double Norwich. The towers represented were Armley, Almondbury, Brighouse, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Holbeck, Halifax, Keighley, Leeds, Lindley, Northowram, Pudsey, Queensbury, Selsden and the local company. Friends from Cross Stone, Todmorden, Milnrow and Bolton were also welcomed. The bells were kept going in the afternoon in various methods from Grandsire to Superlative Surprise, and a bounteous tea was served in the schools.

The business meeting followed. Owing to a family bereavement, Mr. P. J. Johnson was unable to be present, and Mr. J. Cotterell occupied the chair, and the secretary was requested to send a letter of condolence to Mr. Johnson.

Mr. J. Heaton, of Selsden, was the only new member to be elected. An invitation to hold the September meeting at Ilkley was accepted. Mr. J. Cotterell proposed and Mr. J. F. Smallwood seconded that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood, in proposing a vote of thanks to the local company, spoke of the pleasure it had given him to be able to be present, and assured them that the bells were worthy of all the good things he had heard about them.—Mr. F. Robertshaw responded for the local company and assured the meeting of a hearty welcome any time they wished to visit Heptonstall again.

This concluded the meeting, and the tower was again visited for further ringing.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

JUBILEE MEETING.

This is the jubilee year of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Reference to this auspicious event was made at the annual meeting on Saturday week, and a dinner in celebration is to be held later in the year. In the course of the 50 years there have been five presidents, but only three lay secretaries. The first was Mr. W. A. Wood (1883-5), who is now Mayor of Lichfield and was present to give the society a welcome to the city for their jubilee meeting. The second lay secretary was Mr. Samuel Reeves (1885-1908), and the present secretary Mr. Herbert Knight, who has given 25 years' service, is the third.

The number of members on the books at the end of the first year of the society was 65, and one life member; to-day there are something like 280 ringing and 210 life members; but alas! the number of hon. members is deplorably low, there being only seven, whereas in the second year the number was 22. The first Ringing Master of the society was Mr. James E. Groves, who was elected in 1907, and held office until 1910. Those who succeeded him were: Thomas J. Elton from 1910-12, George Hughes 1912-14, William Fisher 1914-22, Thomas J. Elton (second time) 1922-26, Christopher Wallater 1926-27, Robert Pickering 1927-28, John C. Adams 1928-29, John Perry 1929-30, William A. Cooper 1930-31, John Warilow 1931-32, and Robert Pickering (second time) 1932-33.

The annual meeting, held at Lichfield, proved to be quite a success, more than 100 being present. Besides a good representation from affiliated towers in the Archdeaconry, there were visitors from Harlow (Essex), Coalbrookdale, Coventry, Stoke, Northampton, Birmingham, Derby, Loughborough, Old Hill, etc. The bells of the city—the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's—were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

The service in the Cathedral was impressive. The first lesson was read by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th. (clerical secretary and treasurer of the society), and the second by the Very Rev. Dean Savage. In his address the Dean took for his text, 'It is a day of blowing trumpets unto you,' Num. 29, 1. He likened the ringing of bells to-day—for great national events—to the trumpets of the days of pre-Christianity. He also spoke of the beginning of change ringing—of Fabian Stedman and the 'sixes,' and remarked that his hearers might smile at that to-day, in the present advanced stage of the science. 'Scientific change ringing is a real church work,' he said; 'it is a great service, a service of real art and to the glory of God.' In conclusion, the Dean congratulated the members upon having a society which had lasted for 50 years, and hoped that many of the younger ones present might live to see the centenary celebration.

WELCOME TO THE MAYOR AND THE DEAN.

A beautiful tea was prepared in St. Mary's Parish Hall by Mrs. Cresswell (wife of the Rev. H. J. Cresswell, Vicar of St. Mary's) and a band of willing helpers. Before tea was begun, his Worship the Mayor (Alderman W. A. Wood) addressed the assembly. After giving the company a welcome to Lichfield, he recalled the fact that for the first two years of the society's existence he was the lay secretary. He also gave a brief summary of his ringing in those far-off days, and remarked that he knew of no work which was so keenly done by individuals as bellringing. He was sorry he could not stay for the tea, as he had some other duties to attend to.

Not long after the departure of the Mayor, the Dean arrived, and stated that he would like to say how heartily glad he was to welcome the society. He explained how difficult it was to 'hold the balance'—inferring that the bells were somewhat disturbing to those who lived in close proximity—hence the curtailing of the use of the Cathedral bells. He concluded by saying he hoped the members would have a really good day. He, too, apologised for not being able to stay any longer, as he had five or six hours' work to do before Sunday morning.

At the general meeting, which followed tea, the Ven. Archdeacon Bright presided. After the report and statement of accounts had been read, the Archdeacon moved the adoption of both, which were received with applause. He congratulated the members on holding the jubilee celebration, and totalled up the presidents since the inception of the society. They were Archdeacons Isles, Scott, Hodson, Blakeway and himself. He struck an average of each one's office, viz., ten years, and as he had done his 'quota,' he considered his time was up (laughter).

Three officers were re-elected, except the Ringing Master, Mr. Robert Pickering, who retired. There were three nominations for this office, and, on a show of hands, Mr. Bert Horton was declared elected.

The following places were chosen for the coming meetings: Bloxwich in September; Coseley, January; Brewood, April; and Lichfield (annual), June.

It was resolved that a dinner be arranged to take place in October in connection with the jubilee celebration.

A vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his presence in the chair, and to Mrs. Cresswell for catering, brought forth applause. In reply, the Archdeacon invited all to visit his garden, which many did.

The committee in their report referred to the meetings held during the year, and expressed gratitude to the various incumbents for so readily granting the use of their bells, and for the helpful addresses given by them. Bell restoration had taken place at Tamworth, where the front seven had been recast and the whole octave hung in

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH INVITATION MEETING AT BERE REGIS.

Through the kind invitation of Mr. Wm. Bedford—an hon. life member of the Salisbury Guild—members attended a special meeting at Bere Regis on Saturday, June 17th. The bells were available during the afternoon, and some good practice was obtained by the learners. The Guild service was held in the famous church, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. W. Taylor), the address being given by the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector of Upwey). After the service, tea, kindly provided by Mr. Bedford, was partaken of at the Village Hall, the chair being taken by the Rev. E. S. Tarrant (Vicar of Wool and chairman of the branch). The party numbered over 70, including representatives of the Dorchester branch from Bere Regis, Buckland Newton, Dorchester, Puddletown, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis, West Dorset branch from Bridport and Evershot, Wimborne branch from Bourne-mouth and Poole, and North Dorset branch from Kingston Magna. Among others present were Messrs. A. A. Hughes (Mears and Stainbank, London), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon) and I. Setter (Yeovil). Among the apologies for absence was one from the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), who was taking the opportunity to go to the joint meeting of the Devizes and Salisbury branches at Amesbury.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed on the motion of the chairman, seconded by the Rev. A. S. Bryant, to Mr. Bedford for his kind invitation to Bere Regis, his hospitality in providing the tea, and for the great interest he takes in the Guild and his own band, and, following this, he was going to conduct the members over his wonderful extensive gardens.

Hearty votes of thanks were also expressed to the Vicar for conducting the service, to the Rev. A. S. Bryant for giving such an original address, to the organist, choir and blower.

Replying, Mr. Bedford welcomed the members, and mentioned he was proud of the fact of the service of the present ringers, which was: T. Boyte, 41 years; P. Hewitt, 40 years; I. Miller, 40 years; J. Jones, 38 years; G. Farr, 33 years; A. Jones (steeplekeeper), 22 years; H. Pittfield, 12 years; E. Rawbone, 6 years; J. Cleall, 6 years; H. Hann, 2 years. Mr. Bedford also gave details of the inscriptions and weight of the bells: Treble (no weight stated), inscription 'Pax,' 1919, Mears and Stainbank; 2nd, weight 8 cwt. 12 lb., inscription 'Although I am but small, I be heard among them all. A. L., J. D., C.W. Anno Domini, 1656. Anthony Lamb, John Daw, churchwardens'; 3rd, 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb., inscription, Taylor and Co., Bell Founders, Loughborough, 1875 (this bell was recast); 4th, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb., inscription, 'Praise the Lord'; 5th, 13 cwt. 3 qr., inscription, 'Robert Frampton, Thomas Frampton, Thomas Knight, William Knight, Anno Domini, 1709'; tenor, 18 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb., inscription, 'Justergen Ekins and John Haggard, Churchwardens, Job Augherlouy, Vicar: the gift of Mary Dyot. Clement Toscar cast me in 1698.' A warm welcome was extended to all the visitors, and Mr. A. A. Hughes replied on their behalf. They were fortunate, he said, in having such a man as Mr. Bedford, and he was always struck with the kindness and hospitality he always met with in their beautiful county of Dorset.

The meeting ended, the party was conducted round the famous farms and gardens of Messrs. Bedford and Jesty, where agriculture and horticulture dovetail one with the other. Strawberries, black currants, apples and pears, cultivated blackberries and a large acreage of watercress beds keep something like 200 employees in full work right through the year.

Good practice was obtained until late in the evening with the able assistance of Messrs. W. Shute and J. Ralph (North Dorset Branch), Miss M. White and Mr. A. Rose (Wimborne Branch) and Mr. A. A. Hughes. One party went on to Milton Abbey, while others rang at Puddletown. Thus ended a memorable meeting.

The quarterly meeting of the branch will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 15th, and due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

CORONATION DAY.

On Thursday, June 22nd, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, in celebration of Coronation Day, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Boh Major (1,280 changes): C. Edwards 1, Miss H. F. Mills 2, J. Read 3, C. Wells 4, T. Upshall 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8. On Friday, June 23rd, in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 504 Stedman Triples.

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a new iron frame. Bloxwich eight had also been relung. Gradually much-needed restorations were being accomplished, but there were several more places where the bellhanger's services were desirable. The committee were fully aware of the difficulties of raising funds for this work—especially at this time when there is so much distress—and hoped that ere long times would be brighter and the desired improvements would be made.

The number of peals rung during the year was 33 and the conducting had been shared by 12 members. Those who had rung their first peals numbered eight. The committee recorded with regret the death of John William Perry, of Brewood; Edward F. Mitchell, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; Albert E. Parsons, of Old Hill; and Henry W. Wilde, of Pulford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTHERN BRANCH.

A Grimsby district meeting was held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, June 10th when a large number attended and enjoyed a ring on the fine peal of eight, a light ring, but very musical, hung in the ancient old Church of St. Peter. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and also after the meeting. The service was conducted by the curate, who gave the members an interesting address. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ. After service tea was served in the assembly rooms, 46 members and friends sitting down. Towers represented were Bigby, Barton-on-Stather, Ulceby, Thornton Curtis, Scunthorpe, Killingholme, Barrow-on-Humber. Unattached members from Grimsby, the Rev. G. H. Legge, of Killingholme, Dr. F. P. H. Birtwhistle, of Barton-on-Humber, Messrs. G. Williams and Hobson, of Hull, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bramwell, of Cleethorpes, Mrs. Rushby and the local ringers were also present.

The president of the district (the Rev. Canon H. T. Parry) presided over the meeting, at which four new members were elected from Scunthorpe and Barton-on-Humber.

The district bell fund collection was given to the Rev. Law James Memorial Fund.

The president gave the members an outline of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting.

The Vicar of Barton (the Rev. W. E. Varah) spoke on the coming centenary celebration of the Oxford Movement, and said that ringers had that movement to thank for the conditions of the churches and belfries as they are to-day. He hoped peals would be rung in honour of the great men who started the movement and those who carried it on.

Mr. J. Bray proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, Mr. Rushby for playing the organ and Mr. Bramwell for acting as blower; to the caterers and all who had made the arrangements. Mr. Martin Walker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the president for taking the chair. Afterwards the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing. The next meeting is on Saturday, July 15th, at Thornton Curtis. Particulars will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

FIRST LOCAL C.E.M.S. QUARTER-PEAL IN WALES.

The first quarter-peal by a local band of C.E.M.S. members in Wales was rung at St. Peter's Church, Pentre Rhondda, on Saturday. This was Kent Treble Bob Major by H. Crabbe 1, W. Palmer 2, W. Cross 3, G. Palmer 4, G. Wines 5, H. Davies (conductor) 6, J. Lovett 7, F. Lasbury 8.

UP FOR T' COUNCIL.

YORKSHIRE VISITORS TO ST. ALBANS.

A party of Yorkshire ringers spent a very pleasant week-end at St. Albans, prior to attending the Central Council meeting in London on Tuesday, June 6th. The party was arranged by Mr. Maude, of Pudsey, and consisted of the following members: Mr. and Mrs. Maude, Mr. and Mrs. Cotterell (Bradford), Mr. Hardcastle (Bradford), Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, Leeds, Mr. Fearnley (York), Mr. and Miss Naylor (Lightcliffe), Mr. Pratt (Calverley) and Mr. Austin (Gloucester).

Ringings commenced at St. Peter's, where the local company had arranged for the visitors to ring at 8.15 p.m. for the King's birthday, and the local company at the Abbey had also arranged for the visitors to ring for morning service, when several touches were brought round.

Mr. Walter Ayre invited all the visitors to tea on Sunday afternoon at his home at Leverstock Green (which was rather 'rough' on his good lady, owing to her having such short notice), but when they arrived they found a real Yorkshire lady, with a real Yorkshire tea. After tea, handbell ringing was indulged in, and Mr. and Mrs. Ayre also entertained the visitors with some songs, which were greatly appreciated. The party's best thanks are tendered to both for their kindness.

Mr. Debenham, jun., had kindly made arrangements for a tour on the Monday, when Harpenden, Luton and Dunstable were visited, and touches in various methods were rung at each place. Mr. Debenham acted as guide, and a splendid guide he made, as he took no risks and landed the party safely back at St. Albans at 6 p.m. They had intended visiting Hemel Hempstead, but, owing to lack of time, this had to be cut out.

Mr. Debenham, sen., kindly invited all the party to dinner at his home in the evening, when they sat down to a sumptuous repast. After dinner was over, there was handbell ringing on the lawn, which was led by Mr. Ayre, Mr. Debenham taking a pair in a touch of Grandsire Caters, and, although he has not rung handbells for a considerable time, proved that he could still ring well.

The party wish to tender their best thanks to Mr. and Miss Debenham for their kindness in giving them such a hearty welcome. They also wish to thank the Vicars at various churches and all the members of the local companies who met them and had the bells in readiness. Some of the party were sorry they had not seen the member of the St. Peter's band who initiated them into the art of 'deep sea fishing' on their previous visit.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been entrusted with the order to relang the heavy ring of twelve bells at the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on ball bearings. The tower itself has recently been under restoration.

The 400th anniversary of the building of the church at Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs, was celebrated by a procession, with tableaux, etc., and drew together a large number of people from neighbouring towns and villages. A peal of Sledman Triples was also rung.

Ringers sometimes do funny things. Recently a party arranged to meet for a peal of Treble Bob at a tower in the North Midlands. When five of them arrived at the church, a wedding was in progress. They rested content until the ceremony was over and then wondered where the other three members of the band were? After talking matters over—how the absentees' ears must have burned!—the party found out they were at the wrong tower. The one they wanted was four miles further south! Eventually they reached the right tower three quarters of an hour late, but finished a very good peal just before service time.

Ringers who propose to attend the official opening of Bow Bells on Friday, July 7th, should note that the service will commence at 3.30 p.m. Applications for tickets for tea on Saturday, July 8th, must be made not later than Monday next. Full details will be found in our notice column.

One of a celebrated family of ringing brothers, Mr. David G. Wightman, of Suffolk, has passed away at the age of 71 years.

MR. JAMES GEORGE AND THE COUNCIL.

A STATEMENT REPUDIATED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have carefully perused the account of the Central Council meeting in 'The Ringing World' of June 16th.

I am greatly hurt and surprised at the untruthful statement made by Mr. Coles. I have never thought such a thing, let alone told him or anyone else that I wished the Painswick ringing to be commemorated by a tablet. I challenge him to bring anyone forward who can TRUTHFULLY state that I have ever made such a statement, and I shall expect him to withdraw it. It is a pure invention on his part and was meant to do me an injury.

I have said, 'I object to various people calling it a "PEAL TABLET," as the word "PEAL" is not mentioned on it, and a note at the bottom should have been added that the composition was false, as it might be misleading to future generations.'

For the information of the Exercise I send you an extract from my letter to Mr. A. Wright on September 11th, 1932: 'I consider you have caused me sufficient pain by making me ring a false peal of such a length and cutting me out of the Central Council after 14 years as an honorary member through placing an unnecessary tablet in the belfry which I knew nothing about until after it was fixed.'

My jealous enemies (and I know them) can be counted on the fingers of one hand, but I have numerous kind and sincere friends, which is proved by this week's issue of 'The Ringing World.' I am deeply moved by the unexpectedly kind remarks of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Mr. James Hunt, the Rev. F. L. Edwards and the Rev. Canon Elsec. I sincerely thank them, the Rev. H. Drake, who seconded my nomination, and the numerous members of the Central Council who voted for me on this occasion.

You will observe from my letter to Mr. Wright that I was ignorant of the tablet being fixed. If something could be done to get it either taken down or got my name erased from it I should be thankful.—Yours faithfully,
JAMES GEORGE.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The June meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Idle, near Bradford, on Saturday, June 24th, when about 20 ringers were present from Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Headingley (unattached), Northowram, Shipley, Sowerby Bridge and the local company. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and was continued until 9 o'clock. At the business meeting, held in the tower, Mr. C. E. Lawson was chairman, and it was decided that the next meeting should be held at Headingley (St. Chad's) on July 29th.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens and the local company for allowing the use of the bells and for the general arrangements was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. S. Batrop.—Mr. T. Hill (churchwarden and ringer) replied.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Branch was held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, June 24th. During afternoon and evening about twenty members were present, and some good practice in the following methods took place: London, York, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob, also 120 of Stedman Doubles. The Vicar (the Rev. E. Atkins) gave an inspiring address. He also welcomed the ringers to Chatteris. Mr. A. J. Abrams (local captain) saw to the needs of all, a measure of thanks being due to him for his interest.

The next meeting is to take place at Soham at an early date. Due notice will be given in the proper columns of 'The Ringing World.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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BELL BROKEN BY ELLACOMBE HAMMER.

The following report of the Towers and Belfries Committee was submitted by the President, the acting convener: During the year this committee has lost its convener by the death of the Rev. G. W. O. Jenkyn. In his position as Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild he was consulted in many cases of restoration in that diocese, and was always ready to give sound and practical advice to the local authorities. The committee has held no meetings because until late in the year no questions of principle had arisen in the various towers where the help of individual members was sought. The three remaining members of the committee gave evidence in at least 17 instances, in most cases after visiting the towers, in the remainder by correspondence. Recently two matters of principle have been raised, and it is desirable that the committee should consider them at an early date. A case has been reported where a bell has been completely broken in two by being rung with Ellacombe hammers in gear. Several other bells have been reported as chipped from the same cause. Until the question has been further considered, the committee would like to call attention to the need of an official being appointed who shall be responsible for seeing that Ellacombe hammers are left out of gear, in every tower where they are fitted. The other cause of damage which has been reported was due to the method sometimes employed of lowering bells out of a tower by means of tackle attached to the cast-in clapper staple, about which the committee wish to make further inquiry.

The President added that the Boston job had been completed practically as the committee recommended it should be done, and anyone who had rung there would agree it was quite successful. The Newbury restoration had rather tragic memories. It was one of the cases which he examined and recommended the addition of two new bells which would reduce, rather than increase, the motion of the tower. As they knew, the bells were put in and the effect on the tower was as predicted. It was after going to hear these new bells that Mr. Jenkyn suddenly passed away. There had been a case brought to their notice within the last fortnight where the question of deadening the sound of the bells had been held up for years because the local architect, who carried much weight with the clergy and churchwardens, said that if they closed the windows and confined the sound to the tower, it would disintegrate the walls of the belfry and soon damage the tower itself. He (the president) wrote back and pointed out, as politely as he could, that that was absolute bunkum (hear, hear, and laughter). They could block up the windows to within 3ft. of the top, and, if that was not enough, they could block them up altogether and open a hole in the roof. He believed the architect had now been outvoted by the parochial committee.

TOWERKEEPER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Major J. H. B. Hesse (a member of the committee) referred to the case that had recently occurred of a bell being broken completely off through an Ellacombe hammer being left in gear. He wondered whether they, as a committee, with the help of the bellfounders, could ask people not to have chiming hammers put in. This case was in Somerset, where there was a complete family of Bilbie bells, all good. The history of those bells was now broken. They could get a new bell just as good, but it was not the same thing. His own grandfather was Rector at this church for 40 years, and arrangements had been made to have the bell recast. This case proved more than ever the necessity of instructing towerkeepers to see that all hammers were out of gear. He believed the late Mr. J. W. Taylor used to prefer to see bells clocked, if they were clocked properly. The chiming apparatus in this church would not go back, and they would swing-chime two bells if they could not get enough ringers. There was another case, said Major Hesse, in which a bell had been broken by being lowered out of a steeple by the crown staple. The bell was upside down and got a cross strain on the staple, which cracked the crown. He thought they might ask the bellfounders to watch this matter in future and see what they could do to stop it.

Mr. E. A. Young (also a member of the committee) said they must not stultify themselves over the question of 'clocking,' but there were other ways of chiming than by hammers. It was important that they should see if they could do something to prevent such a thing occurring again. Mr. Young added that he had inspected in two cases in Bedfordshire. In one case he was able to save a rather good oak frame, as far as the material was concerned, by recommending that it be turned upside down. The bells, which used to run anti-clockwise, now run clockwise.

Mr. C. F. Johnston said it was sometimes difficult to fit Ellacombe chiming hammers. There were many places where a parson wanted the bells rung on Sundays, but wanted the bells chimed in the week, and it sometimes took a little thinking out to evolve something which was nearly fool-proof. Meanwhile, he thought the bellfounders might collaborate to provide a clearer notice of warning in the tower to the effect that the hammers must be removed before the bells were swung. There were some machines where the hammers could be easily detached and some which were not so easy. Mr. Johnston said with regard to the accident in lowering a bell from the steeple that the person responsible ought to be speedily retired from the bellhanging fraternity. Proceeding, he said he would like to express appreciation,

as one who had had contact with the committee, of the helpfulness of the committee. On at least two occasions during the last four months they had been most useful. Mr. Lewis had been able to bridge the gulf between the bellfounder and the architect.

Canon Coleridge emphasised the need for care in regard to chiming apparatus, and instanced a case of many years ago where, after the apparatus had been put in, the new cords shrank in wet weather to such an extent that the hammers, although supposed to be out of gear, were against the bells.

ELLACOMBE HAMMERS SAFER THAN 'CLOCKING.'

Canon Elsee said Ellacombe hammers had saved a great number of bells from being cracked, whereas clocking had certainly been responsible for damage to a great many. As far as he knew, the actual number of cases of damage done by Ellacombe hammers was very small. Lovers of bells had a good deal of cause to be thankful to Canon Ellacombe for his invention, and, on the whole, they were as good a system for chiming as could be found.

The Rev. E. S. Powell suggested that the hammers should be fixed, as clock hammers were, to strike on the outside of the bell and be so arranged that they struck on the side contrary to the way in which the bell swung. It was, he believed, Canon Ellacombe himself who, at Clyst St. George, fitted the clock hammer on to the tenor so that the hammer never need be pulled off. They could raise the tenor without it touching the clock hammer at all.

Mr. Johnston said this might be possible, although it might take a little thinking out. It was a matter of leverages and might increase the work of the chimer considerably.

Mr. E. A. Young asked what happened when the bells were rung.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said he had never been into the bell chamber to see what happened to the hammer when the bells were rung.

Major J. H. B. Hesse: Isn't there a likelihood of its being broken off?

Mr. S. F. Palmer said they had experience of a tune playing apparatus at Sheffield Cathedral. Tunes were played every three hours and there was a great conglomeration of wires and hammers. Occasionally there was trouble and they would find a hammer broken. But they got over the difficulty. When the bells were taken down to be tuned and rehung they had to remove the chiming apparatus—and they forgot to put it back (laughter).

Mr. E. M. Atkins said when a chiming apparatus was installed it was a mistake to make the shanks of the hammers too strong. It was a point whether they could not be made of wood, as a stay was made. It was a mistake to think that chiming apparatus should be done away with. There were many occasions when the bells were needed and when it was impossible to get a band of ringers together. It would be wrong for the Council to put forward the suggestion.

Mr. J. W. Jones referred to a case in the Llandaff and Monmouth diocese where the incumbent had introduced the clocking system. He (Mr. Jones) had pointed out the danger of cracking the bells, but the incumbent had replied that it answered his purpose as well as having the bells rung. Further efforts failed to convince him, and he said that it was all piffle. What, asked Mr. Jones, did the Council suggest could be done in this case?

The President: I suggest you send him away for a holiday and forget to bring him back (laughter). The President went on to say that the Towers and Belfries Committee did not suggest doing away with Ellacombe hammers, but that the whole question be looked into. If the Council reappointed the committee, they would consider the subject and consult the bellfounders over it. The Standing Committee, he added, suggested that the committee (the president, Major Hesse and Mr. Young) be reappointed, with the addition of Mr. James Hunt, of the Bath and Wells Association.

This was agreed to, and Mr. Lewis was appointed convener.

THE STEDMAN MEMORIAL.

The hon. secretary presented the final report of the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration Committee, and this consisted of a financial statement. At the last meeting of the Council, £50 13s. 6d., the balance of account, was owing to Mr. W. Sindall, the builder, and there were also outstanding the treasurer's expenses, £2 10s. At that time there was £19 8s. in hand, and since then £19 7s. had been received in subscriptions, 12s. by sale of ash trays and 5d. for postages. The accounts had been paid and there was now a deficit of £13 16s. 1d., which had been advanced by the Council. The whole statement of accounts was as follows: Receipts: Subscriptions and donations, £507 6s. 4d.; interest on bank deposits, £4 16s. 9d.; souvenir booklets, ash trays and blocks, less cost, £9 17s. 9d.; advanced by the Council, £13 16s. 1d.; total £535 16s. 11d. Expenses: J. Taylor and Co. (bellfounders), £289; W. Sindall (builder), £182 13s. 6d.; F. W. Troup (architect), £21 19s. 3d.; Birmingham Guild, Ltd. (for memorial tablet), £22 3s.; cost of faculty, £5 5s.; printing, etc., £6 9s. 6d.; hon. treasurer's expenses, £2 10s.; Commemoration Day expenses, £3 6s.; postages, £2 3s. 8d.; sundries, 8s.; total £535 16s. 11d.

The President, in proposing the adoption of the accounts, pointed out that the present position was that the Council had paid £13 16s. 1d. to square up the accounts. He proposed that the whole business be now closed by the Council voting this sum, and, if any further subscriptions were received, they should go into the Council's funds.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith seconded.

Mr. E. M. Atkins having raised the question of ringing on the Stedman bells at St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, the President said

he understood the bells were available to anybody who wanted to ring them, but the difficulty was to find ringers. It was not what had been said about the ringing of the bells which was the cause of their not being rung. Other ringing in Cambridge had been almost closed down, and it was very difficult to get anything done. He had no doubt if things were more alive in Cambridge they would improve at St. Benedict's.

Mr. Atkins asked if the Council were satisfied that the bells were hung in such a way that beginners could be taught upon them? The impression had got about that the bells were hung in a very 'tender' way so that if the stay and slider were bumped there was a danger of breaking the cannons, and that the committee had not done its job properly in seeing that the bells were properly hung.

The President said the committee were quite satisfied that the bells were properly hung. If reasonable care was exercised, there was no danger. Wherever they had got bells which were valuable, in fact, any bells at all, they should use discretion in teaching beginners, but, provided there was a thoroughly responsible person in charge, the committee saw no reason why beginners should not be instructed at St. Benedict's.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: What has happened to the band that was being instructed there?

A BELLOUNDER'S VIEWS.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor said he still protested against beginners being taught upon Stedman's bells. They were a very valuable relic from the past, and he did not think it was a place where beginners should be taught. They were old bells with cannons and had been quarter turned, and there was a danger, if they were violently bumped, of breaking the cannons off. He did not think it was a place at which to teach beginners.

Asked to explain the present position at St. Benedict's, Miss K. Willers, who was largely responsible for forming a band of learners at the church after the opening of the bells, said some of the pupils seemed to get on very well at first, but then got a bit slack. When they found the Council did not approve of beginners being taught on the bells, they felt a little discouraged and there was no ringing being done there now.

Mr. P. Johnson said it seemed to him a repetition of the story of the old lady who told the boy not to go near the water until he could swim. He had never had a single experience yet where a pupil he had been teaching had thrown a bell over. He thought it was largely a question of the tutor. That, said Mr. Johnson, is my personal opinion as a practical ringer. I don't speak as a bellhanger—thank heaven (laughter).

The President: Are you satisfied, Mr. Atkins?

Mr. Atkins: No, I am not. The Council should either endorse Mr. Taylor's remarks or do the opposite. They should say whether the bells should be closed on all but special occasions, or whether the Cambridge ringers should be encouraged to start again and be encouraged, also, by the fact of knowing they have the Council behind them in ringing for the Sunday service (hear, hear). That is what we restored the bells for (hear, hear). They put the bells back in the church, said Mr. Atkins, to be rung in the same way as the bells in any other church, and they, as a Council, should encourage the ringing of them by a local band. As long as the local people felt that the Council were against that view, they never would have a band there.

Mr. C. F. Johnston said there were cannons and cannons. Perhaps Mr. Taylor would tell them if the cannons were specially liable to be broken off by rough usage. There were cannons which, by normal use, took a lot of bumping off.

Mr. Taylor said he would not say that the cannons at St. Benedict's were weaker than ordinary cannons, but these bells were certainly more valuable than ordinary bells. They might ring them as much as they liked with a good band of ringers, but he stuck to his point that they should not have beginners practising on them.

Mr. J. Parker: If we do not have any beginners we shall soon have no ringers (hear, hear).

Mr. J. A. Trollope said, as far as he was concerned, the value of the bells entirely consisted of their use in the services of the church. So far as their historical value as a memorial to Fabian Stedman was concerned, there was a great deal of sentiment. There was not the slightest proof that Stedman ever went into the tower; it was more likely that he did most of his ringing at St. Mary's or at Holy Trinity. The only historical association between St. Benedict's and Stedman consisted of the statement, made nearly 200 years afterwards, that the College Youths visited Cambridge and rang Stedman's principle at St. Benedict's. As there were in Stedman's time eight bells at St. Mary's, he would think it a most extraordinary thing if Stedman did not do most of his ringing at Great St. Mary's, but they had to put their memorial somewhere, and it was as well in St. Benedict's tower as anywhere.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor said the present Bishop of Derby was formerly Vicar of St. Benedict's, Cambridge, and he did a great deal of searching among the records there. The Bishop had told him that Stedman's name was in the records there as being parish clerk and that he spelt his name Phabian.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith also stated that there was reliable information in the parish records that Stedman was parish clerk of St. Benedict's, which was pretty good evidence that Stedman rang at this church.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards hoped the Council would do something to encourage the beginners at St. Benedict's.

Mr. E. M. Atkins moved 'That this Council expresses the hope that the Stedman bells will be rung regularly to the glory of God by a local band of ringers.'

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards seconded.

Replying to Mr. W. Ayre, the President did not think it was entirely the remarks made by Mr. Taylor at Plymouth and at the Midland Counties Association meeting that was the cause of the trouble. There were apparently other local ringing troubles in Cambridge.

The motion was carried and the report adopted.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

The report of the Literature and Press Committee, read by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, was a lengthy document, which dealt first with the new text books on ringing published during the year. These included 'The Ringers' Handbook,' by the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell, and 'Village Bells,' by the Rev. R. Howes, published specially for the beginner; and, for more advanced ringers, 'Cambridge Surprise,' by Mr. W. A. Cave, and 'Cambridge Minor and Major Simply Explained,' by K. Quick. The committee expressed the hope that the enterprise shown by these authors would reap the reward which their courage and labour, as well as their desire to forward the art of change ringing, deserve. A number of articles by experts, said the report, had appeared in various and sometimes unexpected quarters. Several events had occasioned references to bells and ringing in the Press at large, and such references as had come under notice had, for the most part, been of an accurate and favourable character. The removal of the cannons from a bell in Wiltshire called forth a leading article in 'The Times,' which was followed up by considerable correspondence under the heading, 'Reconditioned bells.' The committee's report went on to refer to the strange refusal of the Crown Lands Commissioners to allow the erection of a bell in a new Roman Catholic Church at Mottingham, Kent, and quoted the Parliamentary questions which were asked. The explanation offered was that the restriction was only imposed by the Commissioners in the interests of the occupiers of neighbouring houses and was expressly agreed to before the contract for the purchase of the site was made. There was no question of religious tolerance or discrimination. It would be well, added the committee's report, to keep a watchful eye on any such high-handed action. The dispute at Minety, Gloucestershire, where a disgruntled household showed their disapproval of the midnight ringing on New Year's Eve by creating a din with horns and trumpets close to the church during divine service on New Year's Day, found wide publicity in the newspapers. It was satisfactory to be able to report that the Rector of the parish received strong support from the Bishop and Archdeacon in upholding the right of the ringers to discharge their accustomed duties.

In the case of the complaints about the ringing of the bells at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, the report referred to the discussion in the Town Council on the subject of the ringers' weekly practice, when a proposal was submitted by the Finance Committee that steps should be taken to get the bells muffled on practice night. Eventually the minute was referred back for further consideration, but nothing further seemed to have transpired. The deplorable case of Llanstephan bells was also mentioned. This Carmarthenshire village possesses not only a ring of eight bells, but also an endowment to provide for their being regularly rung. Unfortunately, it also possesses an incumbent who refuses to have the bells used in any other way than by means of a chiming apparatus, and the money provided specifically for 'eight men to ring' is diverted to the pockets of three or four persons who manipulate the apparatus. In this case, as in the two former, a representative of the Council's committee had been in communication with those interested. Full information had been obtained and it was a matter calling for the intervention of the Central Council, if any means can be found of taking effective action.

BROADCASTS OF BELLS.

The report continued with the following reference to broadcasting:—

In accordance with a recommendation made by this committee last year, the secretary of the Council wrote to the B.B.C. expressing the Council's appreciation of the various broadcasts of change ringing and asking the Corporation to give the national art of bellringing a more frequent and prominent place in their programmes. Two suggestions were put forward: (1) That broadcasts of bells should always be advertised in 'World Radio' as well as in 'Radio Times'; (2) that B.B.C. should make a special feature of a broadcast of some well-known peal of bells—independently of any religious ceremony—for about 15 minutes on Christmas Day, Easter Day and the King's birthday. The first suggestion was accepted and carried out with commendable promptitude. To the second B.B.C. replied that they had found broadcasts of bells not to appeal to the taste of listeners except for about five minutes in connection with a religious service.

We are glad to note, however, that more prominence has, in fact, been given to bellringing, both in the programmes and in the letterpress. One or more ring of bells has been broadcast on most Sundays and duly advertised in the radio publications. In a sacred play on All Saints' Eve very effective use was made of St. Hilary's bells, Cornwall, both open and muffled. Bells were conspicuous in the midnight broadcast on New Year's Eve, and were introduced with romantic effect in a talk on Wales, when the speaker was referring to

St. David's Cathedral. A week of Lincolnshire programmes ended with the dedication of Boston bells. Both 'Radio Times' and the special announcer, Mr. S. P. B. Mais, referred to the pealing of the bells from the historic Boston Stump as a fitting climax to the week's celebrations, and the fine tone of the recast peal came over the ether with grand effect. Best of all, a radio week devoted to Leicestershire included a broadcast from Loughborough Foundry, and thus enabled Mr. Taylor to give an admirable description of change ringing with illustrations for the enlightenment of the general public.

Under the heading, 'A Carillon of Bells,' 'World Radio' of Jan. 13th published an article by Jay Coote. From one sentence it appeared that the writer imagined change ringing to be done from a keyboard, but otherwise the article was well written and full of interest.

Readers of 'Radio Times' may often find amusement and delight in the clever parodies of Pepsys' Diary, written by R. M. Freeman. In one of these ingenious paragraphs he explained the difference between ringing and chiming, and in a further reference to the subject spoke of himself as being taught to ring. Inquiry elicited the fact that this diverting author was actually taught to handle a bell at Norton St. Philip by H. Hamilton Palairot, a former Master of the Salisbury Guild. Another issue of 'Radio Times' contained a request from ringers at Blandford for longer broadcasts of change ringing.

We recommend that the Council thank the B.B.C. for carrying out their request to include broadcasts of bells in the programmes published in 'World Radio,' and express their appreciation of broadcasts of change ringing given during the past twelve months, with special reference to the bells ringing in the New Year, at the same time calling attention to the strange absence of bells from the Easter programmes, and suggesting that the programmes on church festivals should always be so arranged as to include at least one peal of bells, preferably on the National wavelength.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, in moving the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, thanked those members of the Council and other ringers who had been sending him extracts from the Press from time to time.

The report was adopted, and the committee, consisting of the Rev. F. L. Edwards (convenor), Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, C. H. Howard and A. Paddon Smith, were re-elected. Mr. W. Willson, having ceased to be a member of the Council, was not re-elected.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards suggested that a separate Broadcasting Committee should be brought into being. It needed a committee, he said, of three or four members whose circumstances would enable them to listen regularly to broadcasts of bells. His idea was that the committee should keep a watchful eye on the programmes and notice any improvement that might be introduced to the B.B.C. for making more effective use of church bells; also to take careful note of the broadcasts that were given and draw up a report, recommending any improvements that might be made, so that the broadcasts would give a better impression of ringing. The committee should be given power to take over the broadcasting side of the Literature and Press Committee's work, and he suggested that Mr. Albert Walker would be a useful member of such a committee.

Mr. E. M. Atkins said he believed more notice was taken by the B.B.C. of communications from the public than from committees. The best thing a committee could do was to find out what gave the best results and try and get every ringer in every Guild to write and say, 'This is what we want.' The way in which the B.B.C. gathered what was most popular among the public was from their postbag.

At the suggestion of the President, it was decided to give the Literature and Press Committee power to co-opt two or three wireless experts to take over the broadcast side of the work.

(To be continued.)

AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. E. S. Powell stated at the Central Council meeting that real originality in peals of ordinary length does not exist nowadays. Many of us have been aware of that fact for a good number of years. He further states how he 'composed' a peal of Grandsire Cinques and was 'called over the coals' because it was a composition by Mr. Hattersley. This is not correct. The peal 'put together' by the Rev. E. S. Powell is not original and contains no new features; in fact, it contains very old going off and homing courses, to say nothing of the interior, and when I pointed this out to him I certainly did not suggest it was a Hattersley composition. It has similar features, however, and I would suggest that all such 'put together' compositions should be recorded as a composition 'arranged and conducted by "so and so."'

The Rev. E. S. Powell said he had to put the peal down as being composed by himself. Why? Surely it should have been credited as a variation of the composer whose principal features were used, and not claimed as an original composition.

W. SHEPHERD.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On Wednesday, June 7th, for the fourth annual combined choirs festival, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Keeble (composer and conductor) 1, R. Grainger 2, C. W. Burton 3, F. Claydon 4, F. Ridgwell 5, W. Elliott 6, G. Hayward 7, W. Arnold 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HON. SECRETARY CRITICISES CENTRAL COUNCIL DECISION.

There was sufficient rain on June 24th to damp the ardour of the most enthusiastic of ringers; consequently it was pleasing to find some 36 or more braving the elements on an English summer afternoon to attend the meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at Stanmore on that date. Indeed, ringing started almost punctually at the advertised time, and continued until 5 o'clock, when the usual service was held. The Rector (the Rev. W. A. Hewett), in his address, gave the association a welcome to Stanmore, whilst Miss Atkinson added harmony to the proceedings with a well-rendered solo.

After a good tea had been 'cleared away,' the business meeting was held, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president). The hon. secretary drew members' attention to the loss they had sustained through the death of Mr. R. Kilby, of Willesden, which took place on May 4th. To show their sympathy with his relatives, which had already been conveyed by the hon. secretary, the members present stood in silence for a few moments.

After three new members had been elected, the hon. secretary gave a brief account of the recent meeting of the Central Council in London. He drew attention to the forthcoming publication of a pamphlet upon the proper way to handle a bell rope, which would be published at the popular price of 2d. per copy; and to the approaching completion of the new book on Triples methods. He also pointed out that the report of the Peals Analysis Committee was passed without comment being made on the fact that it contained certain five and six bell peals not conforming with the Council's definitions—later in the day the Council decided that these compositions were not fit to be classed as peals. This was the general attitude of the Council on this important question, always 'yes' before lunch, always 'no' afterwards.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS IN UNSATISFACTORY POSITION.

Referring to the resolutions before the Council, the speaker was somewhat critical of the president's ruling on the Minor controversy, the amendment, as the substantive motion, being declared lost because of the rule that it should be carried 'by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the meeting,' together with the entering of the names of the voters in the minute book. He had no recollection of that rule ever having been acted upon at a previous meeting, and he was not sure that the previous resolution would have been carried had that rule been put into operation. The speaker added that the question of the five and six bell peals was left in a most unsatisfactory position—the only satisfaction he could get out of the debate was that only one speaker had referred to these peals as being false, whereas four years ago they were so described by most of the speakers. Mr. Coles stated that the social arrangements were the best that London had yet produced, and that the association's invitation to the Council to tea had been accepted by some 90 members, who, with their friends and some of the society's officers, made up a party of 144.

A discussion took place on the suggestion to make an alteration in the name of the association, which produced some interesting observations by Messrs. E. M. Atkins and G. R. Goodship.

It was announced that the usual joint meeting between the Hertford and Middlesex Associations would be held at Hadley on July 15th, also that members had received a general invitation to attend the ringers' opening of Bow Bells on July 8th. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Willesden in August.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address at the service and for the use of the bells; to Mr. Springell, the organist; to Miss Atkinson, the soloist; to the ladies who had provided tea; and to Mr. G. Hughes. The vote was carried unanimously, and the latter gentleman replied.

Subsequently ringing took place until about 8.30. Most methods from 'rounds' to Bristol and Loudon Surprise were rung, including an excellent touch of Spliced Surprise in four methods, with some quite unexpected participants.

RINGER STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

COMPANION KILLED.

Mr. William Manning, who is a much respected member of the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society, had an unfortunate experience on Monday, June 19th, in the storm which broke over Epping Forest. Whilst sheltering under a tree, he was struck by lightning and sustained leg burns and general shock. Mr. Manning's companion, a young man of about 20 years of age, was killed outright, as also was a large Alsatian dog which Mr. Manning was holding.

Mr. Manning, who is 74 years of age, was taken to Whipps Cross Hospital, Leyton, where he is making good progress. His many friends in the Ancient Society of College Youths, Essex, Hertford and Middlesex Associations and ringers generally will sympathise with him in his unpleasant experience, and wish him a speedy recovery.

SHILDON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. John's Church on Monday, June 12th, by the local ringers, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Taylor 1, S. Bryant 2, J. West 3, G. W. Hutchinson 4, J. Pentland 5, R. B. Robinson (conductor) 6. The first 720 in any Surprise method by all and the first on the bells.

A YORKSHIRE SIX-BELL CONTEST.**MELTHAM WIN KEEN COMPETITION.**

Ten companies entered for the Hoylandswaine Society's annual open six-bell contest, which took place at St. John's Church, Hoylandswaine, on Saturday. Each set had to ring 504 changes in any method, and all of them got through their allotted task. The ringing commenced at 3 o'clock and concluded about 8.30 p.m. There was a large number of listeners, including many ladies, and they were treated to some excellent striking, particularly by four of the companies. The judges were Messrs. Walter Idle, of Dewsbury, and George Lewis, of Ecclesfield, with Mr. J. H. Sykes, of Penistone, as 'marker.' The order of ringing with the number of faults was as follows:—

1. Friesland, 114 faults.
2. Liversedge, 155 faults.
3. Sandal, 178 faults, including 25 penalties.
4. Kirkburton, 122 faults.
5. New Mills, 56 faults, including 5 penalties.
6. Shelley, 56 faults.
7. Meltham, 41 faults.
8. Stainland, 176 faults, including 10 penalties.
9. Holmfirth, 63 faults.
10. Wath, 235 faults.

The winners were Meltham, who received the silver cup, to be held for the year, and the special prizes provided by the local ringers. Shelley were second and also received prizes.

Before the prizes were distributed, the local company presented the Vicar (the Rev. J. Hewitson) with a group photo, framed in oak, of the local company and the Vicar and his two sisters to show their appreciation of the interest that he has taken both in the ringing and ringers. The Vicar, who was taken by surprise, heartily thanked the local company for their kindness and gift.

Mr. C. D. Potter, of Royston, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the hearty welcome he always extended to visiting ringers, and wished him many happy and peaceful years in retirement.—Mr. J. W. Moxon, of Sandall, seconded.

The local company wish to thank everybody who helped to make the contest a great success, especially the ladies who catered for the tea, to which 100 sat down.

THE LADIES' GUILD TITLE.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT DECIDE AGAINST CHANGE.**

The little village of Seale, Surrey, which boasts of an ancient church which lay in the track of the Canterbury Pilgrims on their way from Winchester, was the venue on Saturday of a joint meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Southern Branch of the Ladies' Guild. Nearly 50 ringers, including 15 members of the Ladies' Guild, attended, from Aldershot, Ash, Cranleigh, Farnham, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas), Pirbright, Seale, West Clandon and Worplesdon.

The Rector (the Rev. R. S. Arrowsmith) conducted the Ladies' Guild service, and the ringers were afterwards kindly entertained to tea with strawberries and cream by Mrs. Bruce (vice-president of the Ladies' Guild), who was cordially thanked for her hospitality, on the motion of Miss H. F. Mills, seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

The Farnham District meeting, over which Mrs. Bruce presided, fixed July 29th for a meeting at Crondall, and voted a further half-guinea to the Admiral Walker Memorial Fund. In addition, a collection for the same purpose amounted to 13s. 6d.

A vote of thanks to the Rector was accorded on the motion of Mr. C. W. Denyer (district secretary), and the nine-year-old son of Mr. W. Denyer, John, who can already ring a bell, was elected a member of the Guildford Guild.

The Ladies' Guild elected Miss M. P. Kingdon, of Woking, as a member, and the retiring officers were re-elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. Bruce; hon. secretary, Miss H. F. Mills; committee, Mrs. Whittington, Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Melville and Miss Fisher; representatives on the Central Committee, the vice-president and the hon. secretary.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at St. Nicolas, Guildford, in June, 1934.

The meeting considered the question of the revision of the service form, and recommended that there should be a greater choice of hymns, including the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God.'

With regard to the change of title to 'The Women's Guild,' suggested by the Northern Branch, the meeting voted in favour of leaving the name as it is.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Bruce for presiding concluded the meeting.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH CHAIRMAN RETIRES.**

The annual festival of North Bucks Branch was held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 17th, when a good number attended, representing the following towers: Bletchley, Beauchampton, Bradwell, Penny Stratford, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, Olney, Shenley, Simpson, Stoke Goldington, Stony Stratford, Whaddon and Newport Pagnell. The visitors included Miss V. Robinson, of Wokingham, Miss Davis, Bucklebury, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock, Abingdon, and the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert). Previous to the service the bells were kept going to various methods. In his address the Rev. H. Adeane Byard (Vicar of Newport Pagnell) gave a very hearty welcome to the branch, and paid tribute to the work that such organisations did. He hoped that their meeting would promote the highest interests which they had in their minds.

After service, owing to the unsettled state of the weather, tea was taken in the schools instead of on the Rectory lawn. Between 70 and 80 sat down as the guests of the retiring chairman (the Rev. L. Moxon). Before the meeting, feeling reference was made by the chairman to the loss of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and of Mr. H. Justice, one of the Whaddon ringers, who died after a short illness. The meeting stood in silence as a last tribute of respect.

Mr. W. Sear (hon. secretary) presented the balance sheet and a report on the work of the branch, which showed it to be in a sound financial position, with a membership of 197 and 26 towers in union with the Oxford Guild. It was very much regretted that the branch was losing its chairman (the Rev. L. Moxon) after ten years' good service owing to his having left Newport Pagnell, but it was fortunate also that the new-Vicar of Newport (the Rev. H. Adeane Byard) had consented to be elected chairman.

This appointment was approved with acclamation, and Mr. W. Sear was again re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert addressed the meeting, giving good advice to the members to support the secretary in maintaining such a good branch, and another very interesting event was a presentation to the retiring chairman (the Rev. L. Moxon). This was made by the newly-appointed chairman, who paid a great tribute to the work his predecessor had done for the good of the branch.

The gift took the form of a silver bell inkstand, suitably engraved, and a briar pipe in case, subscribed for by the members of the branch.

In accepting the gift, which was a great surprise, the Rev. L. Moxon thanked the members for their gift and kind action, which he valued very much.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Newport Pagnell and others responsible for making the arrangements.

The methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

CENTRAL BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Central Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Winslow on Saturday, June 10th, and was well attended. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and the Rev. G. Dixon dedicated a peal board hung in the ringing chamber to record the first peal rung by members of the Central Bucks Branch on Whit Monday, May 16th, 1932 (this branch is the baby branch of the Guild, having been formed only a few years ago), and the first peal on the bells. The ringers who took part were W. Bauner 1, H. France 2, P. Gibbard (conductor) 3, W. Jones 4, W. Hawkins 5, E. French 6.

The Guild service followed and was conducted by the Rev. G. Dixon. The Rev. S. H. C. Wynne, Rector of Grendon Underwood, gave the address, and made an impressive allusion to the sad loss the Guild had sustained by the death of the Master.

Tea was served in St. Laurence room, after which the Chairman (the Rev. G. Dixon) opened the business meeting by saying he was pleased to see such a good number present, and spoke of the sudden passing of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. The secretary produced a balance sheet which was considered satisfactory and reported that the branch was steadily growing.

It was agreed that £3 from the branch funds be subscribed to the Waddesdon Bell Fund when that fund had reached the £100 mark, and it was reported that this was not far off.

The chairman (the Rev. G. Dixon) and secretary (Mr. F. Gibbard) were again re-elected.

The Guild General Secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) complimented the branch on its steady growth and thought they were wise in re-electing their chairman and secretary again. He also urged all ringers present to look forward and continue to go ahead and further the art of ringing.—Mr. A. J. Wright, the Guild treasurer, made some comments upon the Guild finances. He urged all to pay their subscriptions in good time and referred to the branch being in a satisfactory financial position.

Night new ringing members were elected. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the welcome received, to the organist, Mr. Thompson, to the organ blower and to the ladies for preparing the tea.

The ringers numbered about 35 in all, and came from Waddesdon, Steeple Claydon, East Claydon, Nether Winchendon, Great Horwood, Maids Moreton, Aston Abbots, Bicester, High Wycombe and the local company.

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NOTICES.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Rawmarsh Church (8 bells) on Saturday, July 1st. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each. The Rectory grounds will be open to visitors.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Terrington St. Clement on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Branch Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Misson, near Bawtry, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells open 2 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. S. W. Law, Willow House, Misson, Doncaster. All welcome.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastrington on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (at 1s. 6d. each) at 5. All ringers welcome.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Grayshott on July 1st. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Lawrence on Saturday, July 1st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) at the Parish Hall at 4.30. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—First quarterly meeting at Creswell, Derbyshire, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) open 2.30 to 7 p.m., also Clowne (6) in evening. Committee meet 3.30. Tea, 1/3 per head, in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by general meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer festival will be held at Cardington on Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., Dunstable.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Castle Bromwich, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All intending to be present kindly notify T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcomed.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. 3d. per head). Half rail fare to members (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

WHAPLODE, Lincs.—The dedication will take place on Saturday, July 1st, at 7 p.m., of the peal of six bells restored and augmented by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting of the above will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 401, London Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cross Stones on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Norfolk Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dersingham on Saturday, July 1st.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Litlington on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea on Vicarage lawn.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemingford Abbots on July 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. G. Ransome, Hemingford Abbots, or H. Parker, Branch Sec., Great Staughton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 1st. Cathedral bells (12) available during the day; also St. Maurice's (6). General meeting in St. Maurice's Hall at 2.30. Tea at 4.15. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15. Hursley (8) and Twyford (8) will be available from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowden Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poynton on Saturday, July 1st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—The ring of 12, restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., will be dedicated by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury on Friday, July 7th, at 3.30 p.m., and the bells will be rung on that occasion by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—Ringers' Opening.—On Saturday, July 8th, there will be a general ringers' meeting, by kind permission of the Rector and churchwardens. Programme: 2.30 p.m., ringing; 4, short service; 5, tea at Messrs. Selfridge's, Oxford Street, by kind invitation of Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge; 6.30, ringing; 8.30, social at the Cannon Street Hotel. All ringers welcome. The

towers of St. Giles'-in-the-Field and St. James', Clerkenwell, will also be available for ringing at 2.30 and 6.30. Transport from Cheapside to Selfridge's by Underground from the Bank to Bond Street, or by bus. Will those requiring tea now send their names AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and not later than July 3rd to the Vestry Clerk, St. Mary-le-Bow, 61, Cheapside, London, E.C.2.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gillsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yelvertoft (5) on Saturday, July 8th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday previous?—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., Welford, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Streatley on Saturday, July 8th. Ringing at Streatley from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m.: Guild members 6d.; non-members 9d. Goring bells (8) are available after tea. All ringers are welcome. Please notify Mr. H. Perry, Thatched Cottage, Streatley, by July 4th number for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (9d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify the Rector, Halewood, Liverpool. Make an effort to attend and notify Claude I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Liverpool 16.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (1s. per head) 4 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock, followed by meeting. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, July 5th? Gentlemen heartily welcome.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, July 8th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 5th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kilmersdon on Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. All intending to be present kindly notify G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Fawley on Saturday, July 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Number for tea by July 6th, please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual shield contest will be held at Darfield on Saturday, July 8th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Entries close on July 1st. For tea please notify Mr. T. Hilton, Stoneleigh, Barnsley Road, Darfield, near Barnsley, by Tuesday, 4th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Davenham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify me before Thursday, July 6th, for tea arrangements?—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Northwich.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Tanfield, St. Margaret's (tenor 13½ cwt.) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available after 2.30. A good attendance is desired. Tea at 5 o'clock in the school, 1s. to those who inform me. Vicarage Garden open to ringers.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bromborough on Saturday, July 8th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea at the Angel Inn at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Please remember date, Sat. July 8th.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please send number requiring tea to me by Wednesday, July 5th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Lenham on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak on July 8th at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, July 10th, at 8.15 p.m., when rules for the handbell contest will be discussed. Practices will be held July 10th at 7 p.m. and July 24th at 7.30. Sunday service ringing at 10 a.m. All above at St. Clement Danes'.—C. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 67, Canonbie Road, S.E.23.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Wednesday, July 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., by kind invitation, followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Hooper Cottages, Old Shoreham.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Swansea, Saturday, July 15th. 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m., 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Tower of St. Mary's Church (8 bells) open for ringing. 3 p.m.: Service in St. Mary's Church, Swansea (Preacher: Canon W. T. Havard). 4 p.m.: Tea at Curran's Restaurant, Heathfield Street (by kind invitation of Canon W. T. Havard). 4.30 p.m.: Business meeting. Please let me know the number for tea by Saturday, July 8th, without fail. — L. T. Havard, Hon. Sec., 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival. — This will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 15th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. each to members; 3s. to non-members. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary by Wednesday, July 12th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Restoration Fund. The G.W.R. and the L.M. & S. Railway will issue cheap tickets to Oxford from any station in the diocese. Will members please note that vital business will come before the meeting on this date. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brasted on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of E. H. Lewis, Esq.) at Moorcocks after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 11th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 15th.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of these associations will be held at Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, 1s. each. Please advise Mr. C. T. Coles not later than July 12th. Barnet bells open for ringing from 3 to 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4; W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Flixton (8 bells) on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Special practice, Miles Platting, Tuesday, July 11th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION will hold the annual meeting, and a six-bell contest, at Meltham on Saturday, July 15th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, must send word not later than July 8th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Leatherhead and Ashted, Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing at both towers from 2.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at Leatherhead at 4.30 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 6d. per head) at the Institute, Leatherhead, at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must be sent to me not later than Tuesday, July 18th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Kirdford on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock till 9. Short service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Half Moon, 1s. each. All those intending being present kindly advise me by Tuesday prior to the meeting. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

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