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A CHANGE OF FRONT.

There were few members of the Central Council who anticipated the carrying, by such a large majority, of the motion making definitely permissible as a peal compositions on the Bankes James Cambridge Minor plan. Apparently 88 of the one hundred members who signed the attendance roll took part in the division, and, of these, no fewer than 62 voted for the resolution. It was seemingly a complete volte face compared with the attitude taken last year, when, under an old rule a two-thirds majority was required, and a resolution, although carried, failed to get sufficient votes to make it effective. But on that occasion the position was obscured by two motions and an amendment all being debated together, so that the issue was by no means a simple one. In the light of this year's voting, if the majority of the members of the Council have not entirely changed their view, it looks as if last year's result was a 'safety first' action, because many members had, at that time, no definite ideas on the subject.

Since the London meeting the position has been made clearer by articles and letters in our columns, and at the Warwick meeting the members had one plain issue before them, untrammelled by exceptions and qualifications. They were simply asked to say that peals of Minor containing compositions in the Bankes James Arrangement were permissible, and there was a convincing array of argument in favour of it. The theoretical truth of the peal was argued; the claims of the composition as a natural development of the science was advanced; the desire of practical ringers from many quarters to ring it was declared, and, coupled with this, the Council were reminded that if they refused to accept it they would be going back upon their own actions, and were warned that they might make themselves in the future appear to be very foolish. The main arguments against the motion were that the peal was false or that no one ought to want to ring seven 720's in one method. The latter objection carried little weight, and those who urged the falseness of the peal found the facts and the earlier considered opinions of the Council against them. The result of the debate was conclusive; it might almost be said to be overwhelming.

The discussion was carried on in a splendid spirit, and it was noticeable, despite all that has been heard from time to time that the Exercise is 'sick' of the Minor question, that not only was the debate followed with intense interest by everyone, but that during the week-end the subject formed the pivot of innumerable informal discussions and arguments. It is true that it is quite time

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the subject was settled. It has been occupying the attention of the Council almost regularly for five or six years. Well, the Bankes James Arrangement, at any rate, is now accepted as a peal and as a true peal, be it remembered. The main argument of the mover and seconder was that it complies with the requirements of truth, and those who now seek to prove it otherwise must show that the Council's considered definitions of a method and a lead—accepted by everyone for years without demur—are all wrong.

Other issues on the Minor and Doubles question, such as the truth of the Law James Arrangement of London, the Turner Treble Bob and the Morris and Pitman Arrangements of Doubles, are, however, still unsettled. They involve other principles and other considerations, and it still remains for the Council to express an opinion upon them. They are not, at any rate in the view of many people, on all fours with the Bankes James Arrangement, and for that reason were expressly omitted from the debate at the Council meeting. But these other issues will have to be dealt with, if not immediately, then in a few years' time. Meanwhile, those who ring these peals are faced with the same doubts as beset those who rang the Bankes James Cambridge. Are they ringing something which the future may say is false?

TEN BELL PEALS.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| EDWARD D. SMITH Treble | ERNEST W. FORBANKS ... 6 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2 | WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 7 |
| MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 3 | JAMES GEORGE 8 |
| ERNEST J. KING 4 | JAMES G. A. PRIOR 9 |
| WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 5 | JACK WAUGH... .. Tenor |

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALFRED HARRIS Treble | HENRY NEWMAN 6 |
| GEORGE ORCHARD 2 | TREVOR PRICHARD 7 |
| WILLIAM IRELAND 3 | LESLIE BARRY 8 |
| *MRS. LAURA EAST 4 | JOHN F. BALLINGER 9 |
| ALBERT WRIGHT 5 | ALBERT HANKS Treble |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOW, STRATFORD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT MOLTON Treble | ERNEST W. FORBANKS ... 5 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2 | JACK WAUGH... .. 6 |
| ERNEST J. KING 3 | JAMES G. A. PRIOR 7 |
| WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 4 | EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALBERT H. GALE... ..Treble | WILLIAM H. THOMAS 5 |
| FRED SARGENT 2 | HENRY PRING 6 |
| F. CECIL MOGFORD 3 | JOHN A. BURFORD 7 |
| RICHARD CLARK 4 | JOHN H. LAMBLE... ..Tenor |

Conducted by J. A. BURFORD.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday, also as a birthday compliment to A. H. Gale.

ORMESBY, MIDDLESBROUGH.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 8, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| G. KEMBALLTreble | *C. ROBINSON 5 |
| *MISS E. GARNER 2 | *W. R. JACKSON 6 |
| MRS. WARRIOR 3 | J. C. POLLARD 7 |
| THOMAS LANCASTER 4 | †GEORGE KIDSON... ..Tenor |

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the wedding on May 26th of Mr. Jack Reed, one of the local ringers, to Miss Lewis.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

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| *HARRY G. RIDGWAYTreble | †FREDERICK C. CASE 5 |
| *JOHN A. GREEN 2 | †THOMAS E. ROBERTS... .. 6 |
| A. NUNNELLY WOOD... .. 3 | *RALPH FODDY 7 |
| ERNEST C. LAMBERT... .. 4 | ALBERT J. GREENTenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal in a Surprise method. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *WILLIAM GREEN... ..Treble | SIDNEY BRIGGS 5 |
| †NORMAN CHADDOCK 2 | GEORGE LEE... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM BARTON 3 | ARTHUR GILL 7 |
| LIONEL PARRIN 4 | GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2nd and 5th.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, June 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| MARCELLUS J. DIGBY ...Treble | JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5 |
| *JAMES E. BAILY 2 | RONALD H. DOVE 6 |
| *FRANK E. WALKER 3 | HARRY HOVERD 7 |
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE JUN. 4 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ..Tenor |

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jean Thomson, of Swanscombe, who is a frequent ringing visitor to this tower.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE GREENTreble | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 5 |
| *MISS AMY E. WALDOCK 2 | *HORACE J. MANSFIELD 6 |
| WILLIAM LINCOLN 3 | DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 7 |
| *FRED CHALK 4 | PERCY GREENTenor |

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal of Stedman. Miss Waldo is believed to be the first resident lady member to take part in a peal of Stedman Triples for the association.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| J. L. WRIGHTTreble | ROBERT WALMSLEY 5 |
| *REG. V. HART 2 | JOHN HALSALL 6 |
| ALBERT GREENHALGH 3 | F. FRANKLAND RIGBY 7 |
| ARTHUR W. LEIGH 4 | *WILLIAM SMALLEYTenor |

Conducted by F. FRANKLAND RIGBY.

* First peal of Triples. All the band are service ringers at the above church. This is the first peal by the local band since the bells were recast in 1930. It is about 50 years since the last local peal of Triples was rung.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| ROBERT THOMASTreble | PERCY J. JOHNSON 5 |
| G. WILFRED SLACK 2 | GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 6 |
| JOSEPH BROADLEY 3 | JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 7 |
| WILLIAM BARTON... .. 4 | HAROLD WALKER... ..Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| SAM LONGBOTTOMTreble | HARRY WILDE 5 |
| JOSEPH BROADLEY 2 | GEORGE AMBLER... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM BARTON 3 | GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 7 |
| HAROLD PEARCE 4 | JOHN W. MOORHOUSETenor |

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

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| WILLIAM KEEBLETreble | CHARLES W. BURTON... .. 5 |
| *REGINALD GRAINGER 2 | WILLIAM LINCOLN 6 |
| PERCY GREEN 3 | GEORGE HAYWARD 7 |
| GEORGE GREEN 4 | ARTHUR HEADTenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to K. Grainger.

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On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

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| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... ..Treble | TOWER R. TAYLOR 5 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS 2 | C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM LINTER, JDN. ... 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7 |
| CHARLES E. BASSETT 4 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...Tenor |

Composed by JAMES PAGITT. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| *CECIL CORDERTreble | BERT COCK 5 |
| HAROLD TOWNSEND 2 | JOSEPH J. JENNING 6 |
| BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 3 | ERNEST TOWNSEND 7 |
| ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... 4 | ALBERT CATTERWELL ...Tenor |

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

* First peal.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

At the Church of St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

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| MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ...Treble | CLAUDE SNOWDEN 5 |
| FRANK CLAYDON... .. 2 | *ALBERT L. DIXEY 6 |
| FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3 | WALTER ARNOLD 7 |
| *ALEC M. GENEY 4 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ...Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MISS H. SNOWDEN

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Quickest peal of Major on these bells.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

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| *WILLIAM WOODHEAD ...Treble | HERBERT DAVENPORT... .. 5 |
| CHARLES E. LAWSON... .. 2 | GEORGE ROBINSON 6 |
| *THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 3 | EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7 |
| *WILLIAM H. SENIOR... .. 4 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Doris, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Davenport, to Mr. Wm. S. S. Lumb, of Todmorden; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Geo. Robinson.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| *JOHN H. BOTHAMTreble | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5 |
| *THOMAS J. LOCK 2 | ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY 3 | *HARRY KILBY 7 |
| *MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 4 | *FRANK CORKETenor |

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal in five Spliced Surprise Major methods. † 100th Surprise peal. First peal in five Spliced Surprise Major methods as conductor. First spliced peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen Bradford. This peal consists of 1,280 London, 1,280 Rutland, 1,248 Bristol, 640 Cambridge and 640 Superlative, and this is the first time a peal, consisting of these five methods, has been rung.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| MISS EVELYN STEEL... ..Treble | †REGINALD WEST 5 |
| CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 2 | †LEWIS H. BYWATERS... .. 6 |
| *WALLACE G. CHURCH ... 3 | WILLIAM STAPLETON... .. 7 |
| †HERBERT SHERMAN 4 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN...Tenor |

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on eight bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

[(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)]

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..Treble | ROLAND BIGGS 5 |
| DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 6 |
| KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3 | GEORGE MARTIN 7 |
| FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4 | HARRY WINGROVE ...Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal in this method rung in the diocese and by all the band at the first attempt.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRINGTreble | JAMES SWINDLEY 5 |
| GEORGE R. JONES 2 | JAMES MORGAN 6 |
| JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 3 | SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7 |
| SYDNEY D. EDWARDS 4 | PERCY SWINDLEY...Tenor |

Composed by J. MORGAN.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method by all except ringer of the 6th. First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung in ball bearings by John Taylor and Co.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| *FRANK ROWSELLTreble | HERBERT DAVIES 5 |
| *JOSEPH LOVETT 2 | GEORGE POPNELL 6 |
| *EDWARD T. BAILEY 3 | ERNEST STITCH 7 |
| CHARLES H. PERRY 4 | *ALFRED W. WRIGHT...Tenor |

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal for ringers of the 2nd and tenor, and for the granddaughter of the ringer of the 7th and his father, who was 77 years of age on that day.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Philip and James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

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| *GEORGE E. SPENCER... ..Treble | ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5 |
| †HORACE MOULT... .. 2 | JOSIAH MORRIS 6 |
| GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL ... 3 | ERNEST MORRIS 7 |
| WILLIAM BALL 4 | Geo. STEDMAN MORRIS...Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First of Major.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

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|----------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|
| ERNEST WHITING... .. | Treble | GEORGE GOWER | 5 |
| *ROBERT RICHES... .. | 2 | ROBERT BARBER | 6 |
| GEORGE HOWLETT... .. | 3 | RUSSELL RICHES... .. | 7 |
| *ROBERT RAYNOR... .. | 4 | CHARLES LOOME... .. | Tenor |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HUNTS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

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|-------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| MRS. C. IBBITT... .. | Treble | †HENRY J. PARKER... .. | 5 |
| *ELLIS CLARKE... .. | 2 | †FRANK W. LACK... .. | 6 |
| GEORGE D. COLEMAN... .. | 3 | †TOM BARTRAM... .. | 7 |
| FRANK WARRINGTON... .. | 4 | HERBERT FIELDS... .. | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal. † First of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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|------------------------|--------|------------------------------|-------|
| EDWARD C. GOBEY... .. | Treble | LAWRENCE CHADBURN... .. | 5 |
| WILLIAM THORNLEY... .. | 2 | WILLIAM P. STIRLAND... .. | 6 |
| SAMUEL PINDER... .. | 3 | *WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN... .. | 7 |
| FREDERICK BROWN... .. | 4 | HENRY HARRISON... .. | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung to commemorate the stone laying of the new church schools, endowed by John Scargill, 1682.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Court Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *ROBERT BROWN... .. | Treble | CYRIL E. BURRELL... .. | 4 |
| HARVEY E. BURRELL... .. | 2 | HAROLD BARSLEY... .. | 5 |
| FRANK P. HARWOOD... .. | 3 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Brown.

GEDNEY HILL, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.)

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| *JOHN DELAHAY... .. | Treble | MRS. G. R. G. BUTLER... .. | 3 |
| GEORGE L. HOLMES... .. | 2 | JOHN F. BALL... .. | 4 |
| GEORGE R. G. BUTLER... .. | Tenor | | |

Conducted by G. R. G. BUTLER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, with varied callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| ALBERT L. WARD... .. | Treble | *REGINALD A. ALEY... .. | 4 |
| JOHN H. BLUFF... .. | 2 | WILLIAM H. WALDRON... .. | 5 |
| *HERBERT GOAKES... .. | 3 | WILLIAM ROSE... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell.

ELKSTONE, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *FREDERICK BLOWER... .. | Treble | PERCY PONTING... .. | 3 |
| †MRS. LAURA EAST... .. | 2 | ARTHUR STOPFORD... .. | 4 |
| LESLIE BARRY... .. | Tenor | | |

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* Has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. † First peal of Doubles. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by Mrs. Blower.

RAYNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different compositions. Tenor 7 cwt.

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| *MISS EDITH REASON... .. | Treble | †HERBERT C. REASON... .. | 4 |
| *ARTHUR REDGWELL... .. | 2 | RONALD H. BULLEN... .. | 5 |
| *JOHN CLAYDON... .. | 3 | BASIL REDGWELL... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by BASIL REDGWELL.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal on bells since being augmented to six in 1913. The ringer of the treble is 14½ years.

UPWEY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Five callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

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| IVOR CHALKER... .. | Treble | CECIL H. SMART... .. | 4 |
| EDWARD G. CARPENTER... .. | 2 | FREDERICK VIRGIN... .. | 5 |
| DENNIS VIRGIN... .. | 3 | GEORGE OSMOND... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK VIRGIN.

First peal and first attempt by all except the ringer of the 4th. First peal by an entirely local band, who wish to thank Mr. W. C. Shute for instruction.

DEEPIING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in 22 methods: (1) Beverley, Durham, Hexham, York, Surfleet, Berwick, (2) Cambridge, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull, Ipswich, Bourne, (3) London, Wells, (4) Rossendale, Stamford, (5) Wearmouth, Lightfoot, (6) Northumberland, Carlisle, (7) Munden, Chester. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMSON... .. | Treble | THOMAS A. COOPER... .. | 4 |
| CHARLES W. WOODS... .. | 2 | HORACE M. DAY... .. | 5 |
| WILLIAM H. WALDRON... .. | 3 | THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

First Surprise peal in 22 methods by all the band, for the Guild, and in the county. This is believed to be the first peal rung, with two of the 720's containing six Surprise methods in each, true and complete.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIGBY, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 7, 1934, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. G. E. FEIRN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

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| FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK... .. | 1-2 | ELVIN HOWSAM... .. | 3-4 |
| GEORGE E. FEIRN... .. | | | 5-6 |

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

Witness—Ronald Bowness.

First seven method peal 'in hand' by all, and rung at first attempt.

LONDON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.)

On Wednesday, June 13, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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| EDWIN H. LEWIS | 1-2 | WALTER AYRE | 5-6 |
| MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... | 3-4 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... | 7-8 |

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.
Rung on the conductor's birthday.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

At 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6050 CHANGES;

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| L. KATHLEEN BOWLING ... | 1-2 | MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... | 5-6 |
| JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... | 3-4 | OLIVE RENTON ... | 7-8 |

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE
Witnesses—Messrs. J. Thackray and F. Rayment.

First 'double-handed' peal by the association in which two local ladies have taken part.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At 'TRENTWOOD,'

A PEAL OF GRANDISRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

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| MRS. J. BRAY | 1-2 | JACK BRAY | 5-6 |
| *GEORGE E. FEIRN | 3-4 | †GEORGE L. HALL | 7-8 |

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First of Triples 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

CORDIAL WELCOME AT WOMBOURNE.

A quarterly meeting was held at Wombourne on Saturday, June 2nd, in glorious summer weather. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members, and service was conducted by the esteemed Vicar of Wombourne (the Rev. H. L. Langly), who gave a very interesting and instructive address. He gave the members a very hearty welcome to Wombourne, and hoped they would all enjoy their visit.

After service an adjournment was made to the Church Institute, where an excellent tea was in readiness, to which upwards of fifty sat down. During tea a happy event took place. The Vicar took the opportunity of making a presentation, in the form of a wrist watch, from the Wombourne ringers, to Mr. H. Sadler, in appreciation of his services to the band as captain and leader during the past 19 years. The Vicar expressed his own regret and that of the ringers at Mr. Sadler having to give up ringing owing to his doctor's advice and for his health's sake.—Mr. Sadler thanked the Vicar for his kind remarks, and the ringers for their gift. He said that if at any time he could be of assistance to any one of them he would only be too glad.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, and again said he was pleased to meet the Guild members once more. He also invited them to visit his beautiful garden, an invitation which was greatly appreciated.

Several new members were added to the roll. The Vicar and his churchwarden, Mr. John Aspe, were elected honorary members.

It was arranged that the quarterly peal be attempted at Wombourne, the necessary arrangements being left with the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.). It was also proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at the Old Church, Smethwick, the date to be fixed by the secretary.

At the close of the meeting Mr. S. J. Hughes proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicar of Wombourne for his kindness and welcome, to the organist for the musical part of the service, the donors of the tea, and those ladies who so kindly prepared and served it, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy and successful one, especially Mr. P. Thorpe, the local secretary, for making the necessary arrangements.—The Vicar replied on behalf of himself and all those concerned, and closed the meeting with prayer.

Several members then adjourned to the belfry and indulged in further ringing, whilst others rambled round the Vicar's beautiful garden until the time came only too soon for all to take their several ways home.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ELEVEN TOWERS REPRESENTED AT VILLAGE MEETING.

A meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at the little village of Bentley, on Saturday, June 9th, and the event proved a successful one in every way. It was a gloriously sunny day, and the church, peacefully situated on the crest of a slope north of the village, commands a beautiful view of the surrounding country. The tower contains a musical peal of six bells (tenor 12½ cwt.), certain of these having been recast, and the whole peal rebung in an iron frame in 1912. In the churchyard there are some wonderful yew trees, believed to be a thousand years old.

Service was conducted by the Rector of Bentley (the Rt. Rev. Bishop Chandler), who had listened to the ringing for half an hour.

The Rector, in a short, but inspiring address, welcomed the ringers and their friends to Bentley once more, saying that both he and his ringers were always pleased to have the Guild meetings from time to time. The guilds connected with church work did a tremendous amount to help forward the work of Christ. In these difficult Christian times, with so much sneering and jeering at religion, and anti-God campaigns being started, the Church needed more guild and society work to fight in its cause. 'May God bless you in your efforts for His Church,' concluded Bishop Chandler, 'and whatsoever you do, do all to His glory.'

Following the service, tea was served on the lawn at Linden Cottage, and a company of 36 did justice to a splendid repast prepared for them. The Bishop, who was unable to stay for tea, hoped that all present were enjoying themselves and had found the bells and ringing at Bentley satisfactory. He said he had been asked to become a Guild honorary member, and nothing would please him more. He would do all he could to further the work of the Guild (applause).

Mr. P. L. Eldridge, on behalf of the gathering, thanked the Rector for allowing the use of the bells, for conducting the service and giving such an interesting address. He welcomed him as an honorary member, and spoke of the real welcome and friendly spirit always extended to the Guild by the Rector and his ringers. He also thanked the organist, the blower, the local ringers and the caterers for helping to make the event successful.

A short business meeting after tea was presided over by the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted). New members elected were: Honorary members, the Rector of Bentley and the Rev. G. A. Ford (Yorktown); ringing members, the Misses A. Cawk and H. Thompson (Seale), and Messrs. H. Noakes, A. Holden and J. E. Atkin (Yorktown).

It was announced by Mr. Hasted that the Guild Summer Festival would be held at Farnham on Saturday, July 14th. The Bishop of Guildford would be the preacher, and arrangements had been made for ringers and their friends to visit the Castle Grounds after 6 p.m. on that day. He hoped the Farnham District would support the festival in every possible way.

Ringing in a number of methods took place during the afternoon and evening. Eleven towers were represented at the meeting, viz., Aldershot, Alton, Ash, Basingstoke, Bentley, Farnham, Frensham, Pirbright, Seale, Worplesdon and Yorktown.

5,088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

| 23456 | M. | W. | H. | Methods. |
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| 43652 | — | 3 | | RCBBR |
| 35426 | 2 | 2 | | R*BCBL |
| 52364 | 2 | 2 | | RBCBR |
| 65324 | 3 | — | | RBBCR |
| 42356 | — | — | — | LCL |
| 53624 | — | — | | LCL |
| 63425 | — | 3 | | RCBBR |
| 25634 | 2 | — | | RBCR |
| 36452 | — | — | | LCR* |
| 54263 | — | — | | R*CL |
| 46325 | — | 2 | | R*CBL |
| 56423 | 2 | | | RBCR |
| 24365 | — | — | | RCR |
| 34562 | — | — | | RCL |
| 46253 | — | 2 | | LCBE |
| 65432 | 2 | 2 | | LBCBR* |
| 32654 | 2 | — | | LBCR* |
| 62453 | — | — | | LCL |
| 34256 | — | — | | RCR |
| 25346 | 3 | — | | RBBCR |
| 32548 | 3 | — | | RBBCR |

Repeat first 18 courses produces

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| 23456 | — | 2 | — |

RCBBR

B, Bristol; C, Cambridge or Superlative; L, London; R, Rutland. London may be rung instead of any lead of Rutland. This peal was first rung at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on June 16th, 1934, with London instead of the leads of Rutland marked *.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The fine weather was, no doubt, responsible for the influx of between 60 and 70 members to the ancient parish of High Ongar on Saturday, June 2nd, to enjoy a pull on the recently restored ring at the Parish Church, when a meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held. Some early arrivals had the bells going long before three o'clock, thus enabling those whose way led across the fields to enjoy the beauty of these bells, a fine-toned peal of six, originally five, with a new treble by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The bells were kept going to various methods till 4.30 p.m., when those present attended the association service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. R. Nesbitt), the address, a splendid one, being given by the Rev. F. J. Allen, Rector of Doddinghurst.

After service an invitation by the Rector and Mrs. Nesbitt to take tea in the Rectory was greatly appreciated and enjoyed. After tea the Rectory gardens were placed at the disposal of the members, who, taking advantage of this kind offer, arranged to hold the business meeting under the trees.

The chair was taken by the Rector, supported by the District Master (Mr. A. Prior) and Messrs. G. Dent and H. Kirton (District Masters of the North-Western and South-Eastern Divisions). One life non-resident and one new ringing member were elected, and Rayleigh was chosen as the place for the next meeting, to be held if possible on August 25th.

The District Secretary (Mr. E. J. Butler) extended a word of welcome to the High Ongar band on becoming members of the association, and gave them a few words of advice for their future guidance. He also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing the use of tower and bells and for conducting the service; to the Rev. F. J. Allen for his address; also to the Rector and Mrs. Nesbitt for their kind invitation to the members to take tea with them at the Rectory and for the use of their gardens afterwards; the organist for kindly giving up his time to accompany the hymns, etc., the choirboys, the organ blower, the Rectory maids for their help, Mr. Ordish and the members of the High Ongar band for having everything in readiness.

This was responded to by the Rector, who said it had been a great delight to all to have had the association meeting at High Ongar, and hoped they had all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and that they would pay another visit at some future time.

Tracks were again made for the tower, where the bells were kept going till 8.45 p.m. with rounds and Grandsire Doubles for the beginners to Surprise Minor methods for the more advanced, the Master making sure everyone had a pull.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the Bridgnorth District was held at St. Michael's Church, Madeley, on Saturday, May 26th, ringers from Bridgnorth, Highley, Chelmarsh, Hadley, Broseley, Coalbrookdale and Madeley being present. A service was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Sime (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. Charles Fletcher (curate), with Mr. W. F. G. Youden at the organ. The lesson was read by Mr. J. L. Stanier, local secretary, and a very appropriate address was delivered by the Vicar. After the service the ringers adjourned to the infants' school, where a splendid tea was provided by the Ladies' Sewing Guild and the local ringers' wives.

A business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair, supported by Rev. T. Eland, Vicar of Coalbrookdale, Rev. C. Fletcher, and Mr. Geo. Case (district secretary).

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Ladies' Sewing Guild, the Vicar and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

The bells were then kept going until 8.30 p.m., the methods rung including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

KING'S BIRTHDAY RINGING IN OXFORD.

On Sunday, June 3rd, in honour of the King's birthday, at St. Ebbe's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: R. Cattle 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, F. Taylor (conductor) 3, G. Denyer 4, W. Collett 5, C. W. Denyer 6, G. Horwood 7, F. May 8. Also for evening service a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, G. Horwood 2, H. Wooding 3, F. May 4, F. Taylor 5, W. Collett 6, J. Harris 7, A. P. Cannon (first in the method as conductor) 8. These quarter-peals were arranged for Messrs. Denyer, from Aldershot, A. P. Cannon, from Forest Hill, and H. Wooding, who were in Oxford for the royal birthday ringing at the various colleges, at the kind invitation of the Oxford Society.

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During the afternoon and evening members were present from Greenwich, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, South Weald, Romford, Gillingham (Kent), Hornchurch, Bentley, Leytonstone, Epping, Broomfield, All Saints', Maldon, Harlow Common, Chelmsford, North Weald, St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, Prittlewell, Sible Hedingham, Springfield, Barking, Fyfield, Fryerning, Woodford, High Ongar, and all agreed that the association's first visit to High Ongar had been one of absolute delight.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. A. R. Powys has been made a Companion of the Order of the British Empire, in recognition of his work in connection with the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, of which he has been secretary for many years. His name appeared in the King's Birthday Honours list.

Mr. John Hindle, who was formerly a ringer at St. James' Church, Accrington, Lancs, for fifty years, has recently passed away, and on Sunday evening, June 10th, the bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect.

It is twelve years ago on Sunday that the first peal on fourteen bells was rung—Stedman Sextuples at Birmingham. And no other peal on this number has been rung since.

Mr. Frank Banks, the steeplekeeper of St. Martin's, Birmingham, was knocked down by a motor lorry in Corporation Street, while on his way to the church on Sunday morning, June 10th. He is now in B.3 Ward of Dudley Road Hospital, suffering from injuries to his head and ankle and bruises about the body and arms. He is reported to be going on fairly well.

Frank Banks is well known to visitors to Birmingham, and especially to the Johnson dinner. Diminutive in stature and in his 87th year, Frank is a popular figure at St. Martin's, where he has held office for many years. Up to the present his only infirmity has been deafness.

Another Birmingham invalid is reported to be progressing, although only slowly. Mr. Morris J. Morris, who met with an accident at Plymouth, and was in hospital there for some weeks, is home again and able to walk with the aid of sticks. Mr. Morris, by the way, was one of the band who rang the peal of Stedman Sextuples.

The peals at Eastwood, Headingley and Queensbury, Yorks, were arranged for Mr. G. W. Debenham, of St. Albans. Two other attempts came to grief, a broken rope putting 'finis' to a peal of Treble Bob Royal at Bradford, after three hours' ringing, and a 'wanderer' making short work of a peal of Grandsire at Birstwith.

The peal of Doubles at Measham, Leicestershire, reported in last week's issue, should be credited to the Midland Counties Association. In the peals of London rung at Bocking on June 7th and Earls Colne on June 9th the name of the ringers of 3rd and 5th is Ridgwell, not Redgwell as printed. The tenor at Kelvedon, where a peal of Minor was rung on Whit Monday, is 21 cwt. in E, not 12 cwt. as published.

CLAPPER FLIGHTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of the statements which have been made on the length of clapper flights, may I point out that, in work of this type, it is a common practice for a smith to reduce the end of the work to a size which is suitable for his tongs, and then proceed to draw out the other end to form the shank. Hence in this way it is possible that the length of the flight of old clappers, before these days of steam hammers and stamps, depended upon the skill or otherwise of the smith, and had no intended relation whatever to the tone.

Mr. Lewis has suggested that the effect of increasing the flight at the expense of the ball of the clapper will tend to make the blow more definite, as it (the clapper) would acquire more energy at the beginning of the swing owing to its greater moment of inertia decreasing its natural period of oscillation.

It must, however, be pointed out that, as a consequence of this, the bell will be slightly further in its swing when the long-flighted clapper (L.F.C.) leaves the side of the bell at the beginning than a similar weighted short-flighted clapper (S.F.C.). That is, the angular velocity of the clapper is less with the L.F.C. than with the S.F.C. when the clapper is at an angle in both cases equal to that made by the L.F.C. at the moment it leaves the bell. But it has already been shown that the angular acceleration is less for the L.F.C. than the S.F.C. Therefore, the L.F.C. travels slower throughout its whole revolution than the S.F.C., and so the energy it acquires is diminished by its decreased velocity and increased by its greater moment of inertia. Without a complex calculation and individual data it would appear to be impossible to state which effect would be preponderant.

The only other factor which enters into the note produced by the bell (apart from the structure of the bell itself) is the coefficient of restitution of the material of the clapper and the bell. This factor is, of course, especially noticeable when the bell is muffled, but it would be interesting to know if any of your readers have noticed an increase in the higher harmonics produced when a mild steel clapper has replaced a wrought-iron one.

With regard to the differences of plain and ball bearings and work done in overcoming friction, Mr. Lewis appears to have based his calculation upon the same assumptions as he used in his calculation of the vertical stress upon a tower whilst a bell is swinging, and, as in this he has made simplifying assumptions, the results appear to be useless as there is a possible error of the order of 400 per cent. in the calculation; also he appears to assume that the coefficient of friction is a constant for all velocities, whilst it actually increases rapidly as the velocity becomes less.

G. WILFRED SLACK.

The University, Leeds.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT.

The next motion on the agenda was that relating to peals of Minor. It was as follows: 'That, notwithstanding any definition to the contrary, peals in any recognised Minor method or methods containing compositions in what is known as the "Bankes James Arrangement" are, in the opinion of this Council, permissible.'

The President said in order to avoid useless discussion he had better explain that the motion was put down in order that the Council might consider whether compositions known as the Bankes James Arrangement should be permitted in peals of Minor. He did not want the discussion to wander off into the question of the difference between rows and changes; nor did he want the discussion to wander off into whether these 720's were true or not. They were not 'true and complete,' but, according to what might be called the new standards, they were true without being complete. They were not individually complete, although they might possibly look upon the whole 2,160 as being complete.

The motion was first formally moved by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope in order that a rider, defining the Bankes James Arrangement, might be moved at the suggestion of the Standing Committee.

The rider was proposed by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake as follows: 'That the Bankes James Arrangement be as defined in the Central Council's publication, "The Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods," on pages 120 to 132, with the exception of the compositions on page 127, numbered 149, 150 and 151, which are known as the Law James Arrangement of London.'

Mr. J. Hunt said these compositions had never been passed by the Council, and he challenged the Council to say that they had ever been passed. He emphatically protested against the rider including all the compositions that had been referred to.

The President: They have been printed by authority of the Council.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake: I am not speaking of the truth or otherwise of these things. I am simply proposing this rider so that the Council may have a definition in front of them as to what is meant by the Bankes James Arrangement.

Mr. Hunt said they had this all over at Gbelsford, and when the book was published they found that the Methods Committee had considerably exceeded their instructions from the Council. He made his protest at Plymouth and he made it again that day.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake said what they were doing was purely to define what the Bankes James Arrangement was, and they defined it as certain figures published in that book. Whether they were rightly or wrongly published did not concern them at that moment.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded the rider, which was accepted by the proposer and seconder of the motion.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said in the motion it said 'notwithstanding any definition to the contrary,' and he asked what were the definitions to the contrary?

The President: Perhaps Mr. Goldsmith will deal with that in proposing the motion.

THE TRUTH OF THE PEAL.

Mr. Goldsmith said the suggestion of the president that they should not enter into a discussion as to whether the 720's in this form of composition were true or not rather cut the ground from under his feet, because he was going to submit to the Council that these 720's were individually true, although they were not in conventional form. He would not ask the Council to accept anything as a peal which he did not believe to be true. Therefore, while he would do his best, as far as he could, to keep outside the bar set up by the president, he must deal with the truth of the 720's, as it was the whole basis of his case. Turning to the question raised by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Goldsmith said of the 'definitions to the contrary' the first was to be found in the Council's handbook, that 'on all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds.' The other was to be found in the resolution passed at Hereford, in 1928, 'That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's rung without interval and without rounds or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720.' The manner in which the Bankes James Arrangement differed from these definitions was that it commenced not from but with rounds and, although individually true, the 720's were not complete. When the Hereford resolution was drawn up, he said, those who were responsible for it believed that it covered the Bankes James Arrangement, as it was purposely designed to do. It was accepted at that meeting practically without dissent, but since then there had been other developments, with the result that doubt had been cast upon the truth of the peal. It was true, continued Mr. Goldsmith, that the Bankes James Arrangement did not conform to the conventional standard of 720's. Its truth, however, did not depend upon convention but upon mathematical fact. In the construction of a Minor method with one hunt the first row of the method was rounds. That was a mathematical fact, and no amount of argument or convention could alter it. They could argue, if they liked, that the sun went round the earth, but it didn't, and no argument would alter it. In the same way the argument that the initial rounds had nothing to do with the method did not alter

the fact that it was an essential part of the first lead of the method, and that the end of the lead was the row at the handstroke lead of the treble. The Council itself had affirmed this fact, and laid it down in their definitions years ago. In 'Rules and Decisions' it was laid down that 'The division between the leads is, in methods with one hunt, between the first and second blows of the whole pull of the hunt,' therefore the initial rounds must be part of the first lead. Again, the Council, in defining a regular method, had stated, 'Each lead shall reverse true to itself and together with the hunting and place-making that connect it with the next lead, shall contain the whole working of the method,' proving that the place-making at the treble lead was a connecting link and not part of the lead itself. Moreover, without any equivocation, it put the backstroke lead of the treble into the next lead of the method. On six bells there were only 720 rows. In a six-bell method the first of those rows was rounds. In the Bankes James Arrangement, beginning with rounds, there were all the 720 possible rows, no more and no less, in the first 720, and in each and every succeeding 720 there were all the possible rows, although they did not all begin with rounds. Further, every 720 of Treble Bob was divided into 30 leads, the division between which was between the first and second rows of the whole pull of the hunt. Each 720 of the Bankes James peal contained every one of these 30 leads. No peal of Treble Bob Minor could contain more; this one contained nothing less. The other point of importance to justify the Bankes James Arrangement was whether each 720 must begin with rounds. He contended that it need not. A 720 could be just as true if it began with 142356 or 134256 as if it began with 123456. It did not affect the truth of the 720 or the ringing of the method which of these three rows they started with in the Bankes James Arrangement, but they did begin and end the peal with rounds, as they did every other peal, because it was the most natural and convenient starting and finishing point. In the body of the peal rounds had no special significance. In any peal of Minor it had to occur six times as well as at the beginning and end, and as long as it occurred only once in each 720 it was of no more value or importance than any other row. These were the grounds on which he asked the Council to accept the Bankes James Arrangement as a true peal.

THE LOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF REFUSAL.

If they refused to accept it, Mr. Goldsmith continued, they must face the logical consequences of their action. If they defeated the motion because the peal did not conform to long-established convention, they would tie ringers down to the limits of 20 years ago and say they refused to make allowance for expanding thought and practice, even within the limits of truth; they would be going back upon their own resolution passed at Hereford, which must be entirely scrapped; they would be going back upon their own considered pronouncements as to the construction of regular methods, and they would be saying that certain mathematical facts were wrong. Moreover, if they turned down this motion they must in future refuse to recognise any peals of this kind—anything which did not consist of seven 720's each beginning with rounds—and they must exclude them from the peals analysis. Whatever might be said to the contrary, these peals had, in the past, been tacitly recognised by the Council, and if they were now to say they were not to be permissible in the future, they must shoulder the responsibility and exclude them from the analysis. If they didn't, they would be the laughing stock of the Exercise. If, however, they passed the resolution, as he hoped they would, then they would acknowledge that the old conventions in Minor could no longer be retained as hard and fast rules, and, in doing that, it was better that the Council should apply safeguards and only admit as peals those performances which, after due consideration, they held to be both in accordance with progressive practice and the requirements of truth. They could not throw the responsibility upon the affiliated societies to decide for themselves. In that way they would have chaos. They could not put back the clock, but they could exert a restraining influence on those who would like to ride roughshod over everything and set their own standards. Mr. Goldsmith concluded by saying that in this matter he had no axe to grind. He had never rung Mr. Bankes James' peal, neither had the Guild of which he had the honour of being the hon. secretary. He asked the Council to accept the motion and to say that it was permissible to ring this arrangement on its merits (applause).

PRINCIPLES OF A PEAL.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, in seconding the motion, said no two people had been more in active and verbal opposition than Mr. Goldsmith and himself, so when they saw the lion and the lamb lying down together the Council might feel that they had before them the minimum to which they could be asked to agree. Mr. Goldsmith had given them his reasons for asking them to accept the Bankes James style of composition as peals. His own reasons were different, although they amounted to the same thing in the long run. He took his stand on the general principles of the art and science of change ringing and also the good of the Exercise. He uttered a warning to the Council at the last meeting in London about the extreme danger they ran if they took the attitude of rigidly expecting people to obey their rules and if they did anything which had a tendency to discourage experiments and improvements and the natural development of ringing which was solely for the health of the art. It was better that those with no experience of six-bell ringing should tolerate a

form of ringing of which they know very little rather than run the risk of doing something which would discourage the natural development of ringing which had been taking place since it started 300 years ago. That was one reason; the other had been touched upon by Mr. Goldsmith, but in a different way to what he would do it. He took his stand entirely on the ground of the truth of the peal. The science and art of change ringing were based on certain broad principles, which were so strong that they had controlled the whole thing and made it what it was. They must be loyal to those principles, and as far as peal ringing was concerned one main essential was that the peal should be true and that it should be complete. If it were not true and not complete then it ought to be condemned. That, he thought, they were all agreed upon. But here came the difficulty which most of them were in. What was true in actual peal ringing was a thing which they could recognise by instinct, but which was extraordinarily difficult to define accurately. They might give a ready answer, but when they put it into practice there would be serious discrepancies. Truth in peal ringing was not exactly the same thing as the non-repetition of rows. For instance, they would not recognise 5,000 changes which had any repetition as a true peal; on the other hand, they did almost every time they rang a peal recognise times when the bells actually struck in the same order twice. He wanted to impress on the Council that there was a general principle, which the instinct, rather than the reason, of the Exercise had recognised as a true peal. Did these compositions come within the scope of that; were they legitimate developments? Having considered other people's opinions and looked at it from a purely impartial point of view, he was convinced they were a legitimate development of the spirit and ideals which produced change ringing. They were, in fact, true and complete peals. They sometimes heard talk about the 'old standards.' The Exercise had never, as far as he knew, been very long in one mind as to what actually was a six-bell peal. The first record they had was a peal of fourteen 360's. What the methods were they did not know. It showed, however, that the idea that a six-bell peal must consist of seven extents was not one of the things that had come down to them through the ages. Only quite recently there had slipped into their definition of a six-bell peal an alteration that they might extend the length by a touch of less than 720. That would not have been tolerated at one time. There was a time when they were expected to ring seven methods and not all the peal in one method. There was another time when they could ring a peal in 360's, which not allowed now. His point was that if they admitted the Bankes James Arrangement they were not doing something that was entirely revolutionary; they were only carrying on one step that evolution in the idea of what a six-bell peal was. They had to face the fact that repetition of changes must occur in a peal of Minor. They had got an extent of 720 changes only to deal with, and if they wanted to ring a 5,040 they must repeat them. How they repeated them was a question which the Council could decide. It would be perfectly logical to say that each constituent extent must be true and complete, but there was no reason why they should adopt that rule more than any other. It was not a thing which had come down from heaven; there were other things which they could hold as being true peals, and he suggested, speaking from experience, that they could treat peals on the Bankes James Arrangement as being true and complete peals. On that ground, and that ground alone, he volunteered to second the motion (applause).

The President said he hoped members would make up their minds to give full weight to any remarks made by practical six-bell ringers, rather than depend too much on what was said by eight, ten and twelve bell ringers.

Mr. Walter Ayre, in supporting the motion, said if these peals were to be ruled out as false now, they must be ruled out as true peals in the past. They could not be true in the past and false now. If they were to be ruled out he would have to rule out the whole of his peals of Cambridge Minor, for if this composition were false he had not rung a peal of Cambridge Minor yet. But as long as the composition was held to be true he should continue to ring it. With regard to the president's request, he would point out that there were eight-bell men there who were also six-bell ringers. They could be both.

The President said he did not think that any decision arrived at that day would affect the peals that had already been rung. If they decided not to accept the Bankes James Arrangement as a true peal in future, anything that had been rung in the past would stand as a true peal.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said the fact that no one had any specific purpose behind this particular proposal was no reason why members of the Council should allow their reason to be swayed in favour of something they did not believe in. They were asked to define the basis on which they were going to arrange their peals of Minor in future. Those who did not remain last year to hear the discussion on this subject had something on their conscience (hear, hear). Then, they had arguments rained on them and reiterated again and again, and now they had the same arguments once more reiterated, and he hoped the Council would now make up their minds as to what it was they did want. The mover of the motion had touched upon what he (Mr. Johnson) thought was a very concrete and salient difficulty upon which the Council had to decide. He had told them that, in his view, and as mover of the resolution, they must attach some weight

to it, that they started with rounds and that therefore rounds was the initial change ('No.'). That was what Mr. Goldsmith said ('No.').

Mr. Goldsmith, interposing, said he had never stated that rounds was the first 'change.' What he had said was that rounds was the first 'row' of the method, which was a very different thing.

Mr. Johnson said at any rate it was indicated that the initial rounds was part of the first lead, and Mr. Goldsmith had also read to them what the Council's definition of a lead was. He had also pointed out that the first necessity and essential of any method was that they must have bells hunting. They did not begin that hunt, said Mr. Johnson, until they began to ring the method (hear, hear). No one could logically contradict that. They did not ring Cambridge until they went off into changes, and if the initial rounds was not Cambridge they were not ringing the method they set out to ring if they had to count it as part of the peal. If they were going to admit peals of this kind they were going to open the flood gates to all kinds of tinkering (hear, hear, and 'No, no.'), and they would have it going on in the name of 'progress.' This would not be the first thing they had seen and turned down. He knew for a fact that at a county association meeting a member of that Council was asked if they were going to include the consideration of Doubles with the Minor, and he replied, 'Let us get this through first and we will have the other after.' That, said Mr. Johnson, was the sort of thing they were going to get. He concluded by reasserting that they did not begin to ring Cambridge until they broke away from rounds, and rounds was no part of what they set out to ring as a method. They did not begin to ring the method until they set the bells hunting, and if they didn't start they rang no method. He hoped the Council would reject the motion.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said there was a risk that the Council might be persuaded into doing something to make it look, in the future, exceedingly foolish. They must all agree that a method or peal must be composed before it could be rung. That was very obvious, and every composer knew that he must start with his lead heads. Rounds was a lead head in a peal; every composer knew that perfectly well. The lead of a method for the purposes of composition began with rounds and, in Bob Major, went on to 13254768, the first blow of the treble's lead. That constituted the lead of a method, and the Council would be very unwise to be swayed by arguments of members who were not composers and did not know these things, without considering these fundamental matters. They might look very foolish in years to come. He cordially supported the motion.

Mr. G. R. Newton said the question was one which wanted disposing of that day, and they were in a position to dispose of it. It was a plain and simple matter they had to decide: Were they going to accept the Bankes James composition? He had no hesitation in asking the Council to accept it. He was not going into the merits or demerits of the composition. In his opinion it held a high place. He had called it several times and, provided the Council did not reject it that day, he hoped to call it again. He was a six-bell ringer, although he did a little on the higher numbers sometimes (laughter). He loved ringing Minor, and this composition was an excellent composition. It was voted an ingenious arrangement when it was first introduced in 1923. In his opinion it was a true composition, based on its particular plan, and, in saying that, he believed he stood in good company. He hoped they would accept the composition and let it stand as a peal, never mind whether anything else crept in or not. This one would not let them down.

Mr. J. Hunt, in opposing the resolution, said the mover of it told them one thing in 'The Ringing World' and came there that day and told them another story altogether ('Oh!'). Mr. Goldsmith published in 'The Ringing World' the figures of the Bankes James Minor, which consisted of six 720's so-called, beginning with rounds and finishing with rounds. Their peals usually started at handstroke and ended at backstroke, although he rang in a long handbell peal of Stedman Caters which started at backstroke ('Oh!'). It came home at handstroke and was composed by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. Mr. Goldsmith had told them that there was no repetition in the 720's. He did not know if members of the Council had pricked out the whole of them. The figures were printed very artfully (laughter) and were very deceiving. In the first block, from rounds to rounds, there were 1,321 rows, counting rounds at the start, in the next there were 336, in the next 504, in the next 1,320 and in the next 384. In the last 720 rounds came up twice. The Council would be wise to reject the peal altogether. The Council years ago, when some six-bell ringers were enterprising enough to ring fourteen 360's, barred that type of peal, yet in the Bankes James Arrangement they had rounds coming up with only 336 rows between. If they opened the door to this they would get some more of the same kind of stuff, 'and,' concluded Mr. Hunt, 'with these remarks I warn you.'

Mr. A. E. Sharman said they had heard a lot about progress, but he wondered if the mover of the resolution considered that this was progress? 'I don't,' said Mr. Sharman, 'and I don't know any six-bell ringer who does.' If a ringer had got to the stage where he could ring Surprise Minor he did not want to ring 5,000 of Cambridge. He came from a county where they had some of the leading Minor ringers of the country, and they would not ring it. They preferred to learn other Surprise methods. By accepting this they were opening the door to other things.

(To be continued.)

ANONYMITY IN RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whilst reading the discussions of the Central Council one is led to wonder what the average ringer thinks of it all. I mean the ringer who rings for service and what pleasure he can get out of that, and is occasionally gratified by seeing his name in print. Take, for instance, the Methods Committee's suggestion that compositions should appear anonymously, which suggestion was described by Mr. Trollope as a basis of discussion. Driven to its logical conclusion, the Methods Committee would have to change its title to Mechanisation Committee, as, of course, methods themselves would have to have numbers, and their quaint old names be discarded. Ringers, in their turn, could have numbers assigned to them in their association, and peals could be recorded as rung by Numbers 9, 12, 248, etc. Even the conductor, who possibly surpassed himself getting 'lame numbers' along, would have to be content with anonymity, and it would not be necessary to state who rang the treble or the tenor; it would savour too much of individuality for our 'mechanised' art.

No, Sir, it won't do. It will kill ringing quicker than anything, and here let me say that there is a great debt due to the Methods Committee for their painstaking labour in the 'Collection of Methods' during thirty years past. The time involved must have been enormous, but let the composers and authors' names see the light. Bell-ringing is about the only pastime left that the sporting public can make neither head nor tail of, and therefore leave it alone, but it would be a good thing if the general public appreciated it more. To rob it of individuality would be to shroud it more completely.

Speaking of methods, can anyone inform me of any method whose name commences with the letter T, excluding Treble Bob, which is a description? I ask because in entering up Truro Surprise Major in the late Rev. Beeston's card index system of peals in new methods I found the T section empty except for 'Tittum Bob Royal,' rung in 1780 at Coventry, and even that does not seem to be in its proper section. This card index system runs from Triples to Maximus, and does not include peals of Minor or Doubles. I would be glad to know if there has been any peal rung, name commencing with T, by chance not recorded.

P. LAFLIN.

Stockport.

THE LATE MR. W. B. MANNING.

LINK WITH A BYGONE GENERATION.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, Mr. William Butterfield Manning, a well-known Walthamstow ringer, died on Saturday week, on his 75th birthday.

Mr. Manning was one of three people who were struck by lightning while walking in Epping Forest in June of last year, and his health had been gradually failing since.

He was born in Wood Street, when that locality was merely a village end, and lived in and around Walthamstow all his life with the exception of a period of fourteen years or so when his business took him to Royston, Hertfordshire.

He was for over 50 years a ringer at Walthamstow, and before he went to Royston in 1911 he was for many years Master at St. Mary's. Year in and year out he had attended the belfry, and though in the last two or three years the disability of age had prevented some of his activity, yet all his enthusiasm had remained. In the earlier days he was with such locally famed ringers as the Maynards, the Wilkins, F. Rumens, T. Watson, H. Grimwade, Coakham, Crockford, Pinsent, Hopkins, Scarlett, Nunn, Harvey Reeves and many others, mostly College Youths, few of whom are now living.

He was known and respected as a ringer of wide knowledge, keen in the art and enthusiastic in coaching and encouraging the youngsters who came up for tuition. Indeed, it was in helping others in the art that he will be mostly remembered, although in many belfries, chiefly, of course, St. Mary's, numerous tablets record peals including his name as one of the band. Noteworthy among them was the 'William' peal rung at St. Mary's in 1898, wherein the conductor, composer, Vicar, churchwardens and all the ringers had the Christian name of William. This was a peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Wm. Pye.

Mr. Manning was married 54 years ago at St. Jude's, Bethnal Green, and his widow, a daughter and five sons survive him.

The funeral took place on Thursday, June 14th, at St. Mary's Church, Canon G. D. Oakley, M.A., R.D., officiating. The interment was in the churchyard.

The family mourners were Mrs. W. B. Manning (widow), Mr. and Mrs. W. Manning (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. E. Manning (son), Mr. and Mrs. S. Manning (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Manning (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Manning (son and daughter-in-law).

Among those present were Mr. Wm. Pye (Master), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), representing Middlesex Association, Mr. G. B. Lucas, Mr. A. Pye, Mr. R. Maynard, Mr. H. Rumens and other ringers. The bells were rung half-muffled the same evening by St. Mary's Society and Mr. A. A. Hughes to Stedman Caters.

St. Mary's Society of Change Ringers, Walthamstow, and St. Mary's company of change ringers, Woodford, were among those who sent wreaths.

JOINT MEETING OF YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES.

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the southern area of Yorkshire was held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, June 16th, and being favoured with a sunny day and there being a good peal of bells in the tower, a good meeting resulted, about 40 members and friends being present from Ranmoor, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, Ecclesfield, Darfield, Doncaster, Arksey, Wath, Eastwood, Handsworth, Bolsover and Nottingham, and the local company. The bells were kept very busy during the afternoon under the direction of the new Ringing Master, Mr. S. F. Palmer, the methods rung including Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

Tea was served on the Vicarage lawn under ideal conditions, and a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was very much appreciated. Although unable to join the members at tea, the Rector (Canon Scovell) presided at the meeting and extended his usual hearty welcome. The members were glad to see him out again after having been laid up three months with a broken leg caused by being run into by a motor-car whilst on parochial duties.

Apologising for not having the usual service, he remarked that during his enforced idleness he had been learning a lot about bells, and promised to tell them all about it the next time a meeting was held at Rawmarsh.

The next meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association is to be held at Handsworth on September 15th.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens, the ladies for services at tea, and the local company were heartily carried and concluded the meeting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

COMBINED MEETING WITH LADIES' GUILD.

A combined meeting of the Grimsby District and the Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bigby on Saturday, June 9th. It was a glorious day, and drew a large gathering to a delightful meeting place, where many a district meeting has been held, and enjoyed the hospitality of the district president, Archdeacon Parry, and Mrs. Parry. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The following towers were represented: Barton-on-Humber, Barrow-on-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby, Waltham, Elsham, and the local members. Dr. F. P. H. Birtwhistle, of Barton-on-Humber, the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. R. Richardson), Mrs. Richardson (secretary of the Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild, lady ringers from Pinchbeck, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness (Lincoln), Mr. and Mrs. Bramwell (Cleethorpes), Mrs. Rushby, the Rev. W. H. J. Allin (Elsham), and Mr. Baker, of Gainsborough, were also present. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, who gave a very instructive address. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ.

After the service a procession made the way to the schools, where a delightful tea was waiting. Nearly 50 sat down, at the kind invitation of Archdeacon and Mrs. Parry. The president afterwards presided over the district meeting, at which the Rev. W. H. J. Allin (Vicar of Elsham) was elected as an honorary member. The collection for the district bell fund amounted to £1 0s. 4d.

Mr. C. McGuinness proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Archdeacon Parry for conducting the service and for his excellent address, and for the use of the bells, and also to Archdeacon and Mrs. Parry for their kindness in entertaining the visitors to tea. —Mrs. Richardson seconded the motion on behalf of the Ladies' Guild. Mr. Rushby proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had made arrangements. —The President, in reply, said it was a great pleasure to Mrs. Parry and him to have them at Bigby. The ladies afterwards held their meeting; handbells and tower bells were rung, and the Rectory grounds visited.

A pleasing feature of the day's ringing was the handling of her bell by Miss Enid Richardson, of Surfleet. Standing on two hassocks, she mastered her bell in fine style in rounds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SWINDON BRANCH HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch took place at Bishopstone on June 16th with a fairly good attendance, members and visitors being present from Swindon, Rodbourne Cheney, Stratton St. Margaret, Blunsdon, Marlborough, Aldbourne, Faringdon, London, Burford and Wootton Bassett. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major. No meeting was fixed for July owing to the G.W.R. holidays. The venues for the August and September meetings are Lydiard Millicent and Stratton St. Margaret respectively.

FORESTERS' QUARTER-PEAL.

At Lavenham, Suffolk, on Sunday, June 3rd, at SS. Peter and Paul's, for the special service to celebrate the centenary of the Ancient Order of Foresters, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Bro. S. H. Symonds, P.C.R. (conductor) 1, Bro. A. F. Turner, P.D.C.R., 2, Bro. W. R. J. Poulson, P.C.R., 3, Bro. W. Faiers, P.C.R., 4, Bro. D. A. S. Symonds 5, Bro. F. A. Poulson, P.J.B., 6, Bro. L. Offord 7, Bro. F. Fryke, P.C.R., 8. All are members of the Lavenham Court, 'British Lion' No. 5848 A.O.F.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**NORTH FOREST BRANCH REOPENED.****Interesting Presentation to Association.**

On Saturday, June 9th, a meeting was held at Newent, Glos, to reopen the North Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

The General Secretary (Mr. E. Guise) asked Mr. Gould, the retiring Master, to hand his office to the Master elected for the ensuing year.

Mr. Gould then asked Mr. S. Romans to succeed him, and in doing so thanked the officers for the splendid support they had given him during his two years as Master. He wanted to mark the occasion and honour by presenting to the association a medallion bell, suspended on a black silk neckband. Mr. Gould handed this to the executive for their care, asking that in the event of the Gloucester and Bristol Association dividing into two associations that the medallion should be handed to the Bristol organisation.

Mr. Romans thereupon opened the meeting, calling on the branch to elect their officials. Rev. C. Burnell was elected as chairman, and immediately took the chair.

Mr. W. J. Roberts was elected branch secretary, and Mr. Chew was elected representative upon the management committee.

Many new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Dymock.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality was proposed by Mr. S. Romans and carried with acclamation.

Handbell ringing and further tower bellringing concluded a very happy meeting.

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MUFFLED BELLS.

On May 31st at St. Mary's Church, Redenhall, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): G. Howlett (conductor) 1, G. Curson 2, G. Walpole 3, S. Copling 4, G. Gower 5, C. Loom 6, E. Ritches 7, W. Barrett 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of the late Dr. Inskip, Rector of Redenhall, and former headmaster of Framlingham College, who was interred at Redenhall the same afternoon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**OXFORD BRANCH'S RECORD MEETING.**

The Oxford City and District Branch of the Oxford Guild were favoured with glorious weather for the half-yearly meeting, which took place at Crendon on Saturday, June 9th. Early in the afternoon the usually quiet country village was besieged by a large charabanc party of Oxford ringers, young and old, and they were augmented by visitors from Abingdon (Berks), Swindon (Wilts), Ellesborough (Bucks), Tring (Herts), and Henley (Oxford), and met by a strong muster of the local band.

The bells were then set going to satisfy everyone from beginners to 'brass hats.' A short service was held in the Parish Church by the Vicar (Rev. D. R. A. Williams), after which an excellent tea was served in the Parish Hall, at which 44 sat down. This was a record gathering for the branch.

During the interval some of the handbell ringers entertained the company with a course of Grandsire Triples, after which the business meeting was held. Mr. W. G. E. Collett, admirably carried out his duties as branch chairman, supported by the Vicar, Rev. D. R. A. Williams, and the hon. secretary (Mr. R. A. Post). The secretary raised the question of the Jenkyn Memorial Fund, to which the members voted the sum of two guineas.

Two new members were elected, and certificates presented to others already elected.

The secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the afternoon, and the Vicar replied, welcoming the branch to Crendon on behalf of himself and the local band.

The members afterwards dispersed, some to the tower for further ringing, others on a 'hiking tour' of the village. The bells were kept going until 8 p.m. in methods ranging from rounds to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, after which the whole party held another 'unofficial' meeting in the usual ringers' rendezvous, where the handbells were rung and singing participated in. The charabanc party left at 9 p.m., after the would-be darts champion had nearly 'missed the boat' (after paying his fare, too).

NEWBURY BRANCH AT BUCKLEBURY.

The summer meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Bucklebury on Saturday, when the following towers were represented: Beedon, Bucklebury, Compton, East Isley, Newbury, Peasemore, Thatcham and Wootton Hill. Visitors were present from Basingstoke, Bramley, Englefield, Henley-on-Thames, Overton and Oxford. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. M. Thorp), who gave a very helpful address. Tea was served in the Victory Hall by Mrs. N. J. Blunden, and 33 sat down to an excellent meal.

The chairman of the branch (Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford) presided over the business meeting.

The next meeting was fixed for Thatcham on Saturday, September 1st. Three guineas were voted to the late Master's memorial fund.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. E. M. Thorp for his address and welcome to the ringers, to Miss Mathews for playing the organ, and to Mrs. Blunden for providing the tea, was proposed by the chairman and carried with applause.

The tower was again visited, and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS.

A meeting was recently held at Clewer, whose local band joined the Guild earlier in the year, and ringers from numerous towers helped to make it a successful gathering. The man from—(where does he belong—Kent, Berks or Bucks?) was there with his bag of 'beech (k)nuts,' who all show great promise.

The curate and one of the churchwardens (Mr. C. Borlase) turned up to welcome the visitors and stayed to tea. Incidentally, the kindly helpers who laid the table would like another visit (so should we).

About 8 p.m. the Rector (the Rev. G. G. Payne-Cook, sometime of Northam, N. Devon) arrived, having that day returned from a holiday, and added his cheerful welcome to those the ringers had already received.

Ringings continued until a late hour, the visitors 'homeward plodding their weary way' to the sound of the bells of the curfew tower ringing for the royal occasion (and 'tolling the knell of parting day').

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MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on June 14th, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. Hicks 1, Miss E. M. Orlebar 2, A. R. Miles 3, A. Levery 4, C. Brasier 5, W. A. Kiteheuside (conductor) 6, G. Manser 7, C. Pennygar 8. Longest length by ringers of 2 and 7.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 10th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service: C. A. Kirn (first quarter-peal) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, K. J. Guyler 3, J. E. Rootes 4, T. Collings 5, E. P. Ashby (conductor) 6, J. Dolamore 7, T. Humphreys 8.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On May 30th, at the Parish Church for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Dent 1, *H. Bird 2, A. C. Levey 3, W. Morris (first as conductor) 4, *C. G. Traveller 5, S. White (first quarter-peal 'inside') 6, E. J. Rochester 7, W. Cross 8. *First quarter-peal.

KIRTON, Lincs.—On May 23rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): E. Sellars 1, Miss M. Jessop 2, D. Flatters 3, W. Lakin 4, T. Bishop 5, H. Barsley 6, A. E. Flatters 7, C. Burrell (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2, 3, 5 and 7, also first as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): *E. A. Palmer 1, *C. Poole 2, *Mrs. C. Pearce 3, *S. Quintin 4, *H. T. E. Curtis 5, W. H. Adkins 6, H. W. E. Curtis 7, E. W. Smith 8, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 9, *Tom Curtis 10. *First quarter-peal on 10 bells. With the exception of one peal of Caters, this is the first quarter-peal on the 10 bells. Kindly arranged for the conductor from Forest Hill, London.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Parish Church, on Whit Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,270 changes): Dennis Mann (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, C. Bolland 2, H. Jennings (Wyke Regis) 3, E. Cartwright 4, J. Grundy 5, J. Saddington 6, J. Towell 7, G. Stedman Morris 8, C. Harrison (conductor) 9, A. Hickman 10. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 3rd.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes): R. Brown 1, A. Appelby 2, S. Jessop 3, A. Stephenson 4, H. Burrell 5, F. Dewey 6, J. Sharpe 7, F. Leggott 8, W. E. Clarke 9, C. Burrell (first quarter-peal as conductor) 10. First quarter-peal by ringers of 4 and 7.

DONCASTER.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: F. Newsome (conductor) 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, E. Stacey 4, H. Wagstaff 5, W. E. Lloyd 6, R. Thompson 7, H. Baldwin 8. First quarter as conductor.

ASHTED, SURREY.—At the Parish Church of St. Giles, on Sunday, May 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: K. Waldron (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Cook 2, J. Hoyle 3, H. V. Young 4, G. Marriner 5, A. Harman 6, W. J. Whiting (conductor) 7, D. Anscombe 8. Specially arranged for the treble ringer, who is one of Ashted's new junior band.

GREAT OHISHELL, CAMBS.—At St. Swithin's Church on Sunday, April 29th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Reid 1, S. Mancer 2, C. Plumb, sen., 3, T. Smith 4, R. Howard (conductor) 5. Rung as a farewell touch to the Rev. W. H. Brett, O.B.E., of Forest Hill, who had carried on the ministry at this church during the past seven months.

WESTON, BATH.—At All Saints' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Cross, jun., 1, Mrs. S. Woodburn 2, Miss E. Cross 3, G. Cross, sen., 4, S. Woodburn 5, H. Ellis 6. Also rung as a compliment to Miss E. Cross on her 21st birthday.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Ayers' Hall, 5. Gentlemen invited.—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Terrington St. Clement (bells 8) on Saturday, June 23rd. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. — E. Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting is to be held at Claybrook on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Hoping for a bumper meeting?—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Aughton tower will be open from 6 p.m. The committee will meet for business meeting in the Church House.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, June 23rd, next. Tower open from 2.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Guest House. Kindly advise me early all those requiring tea.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch, and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, S. and W. District.—A joint meeting has been arranged at Denham on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE AND NORTHERN DIVISION YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint Meeting.—A meeting will be held at Skelton-in-Cleveland on Saturday afternoon, June 23rd. Bells (8, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringers during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at Ball's Café, High Street, at 5 p.m. Members 1s. 3d. per head.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at North Nibley on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fort Fields, Dursley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — The branch annual meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service (handbell accompaniment) 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Browning, Cold Higham, Towcester.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Blackhill on Saturday, June 23rd, when the bells of St. Aidan's and of the Roman Catholic Church, Blackhill, and St. Cuthbert, Benfieldside, will be available after 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Come and enjoy the beauties of the Derwent Valley.—H. Tyson, Sec., 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Anstey, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A good meeting is requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Gransden to-morrow (Saturday, June 23rd). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 311th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m. Service 12.30 p.m. Hot lunch (2s. 6d.) at 1.30 p.m. Will all those requiring lunch please notify me by June 26th.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road, Saffron Walden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HOYLANDSWAINE.—Annual ringing contest (6 bells) will take place on Saturday, June 30th. A copy of rules will be sent to any company of ringers on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Teas not guaranteed if not applied for. — E. Brookes, Hon. Sec., Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Sheffield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Matlock, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Committee meet 3.30. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. per head, 5 p.m., at the Duke William. General meeting follows tea. Darley Dale bells (8) available after meeting. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Colne Engaine on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Earls Colne bells (8) also available after 6 o'clock. Will those who intend being present please notify me by Wednesday, 27th inst.? — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, 26th, to G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Brockworth on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by the 25th inst.?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A by-meeting, by kind invitation of the Rector, will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Will those who intend coming please notify me as early as possible.—F. Conley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Dunsfold on Saturday, June 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. It is absolutely essential that numbers for tea should be sent to me by June 25th. Hascombe (five bells) will be available in the evening.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting (quarterly) will be held at Pucklechurch on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Fleur de Lys. Bus No. 19a leaves Staple Hill hourly at half-past the hour. Please let me know for tea not later than 27th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Burley on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Vicarage grounds, if fine, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. Please notify Mr. E. F. Godfrey, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by the Wednesday previous. A delightful half-day.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Husborne Crawley on Saturday, June 30th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Preacher, Bishop Lander. Tea at 5. Will those intending to be present kindly send a card to Rev. A. Rust a day or two previous? This will greatly help the tea arrangements.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Owing to limited catering, will belfry secretaries please notify me as to number for tea? All ringers welcome.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Privett on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 27th? —C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—The ring of eight bells restored by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated on Sunday, July 1st, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Bells available 4 to 4.30, 5.30 to 6.30, and 7.30 to 8.30. All ringers welcome. All requiring tea (6d. each) must let me know by Thursday, June 28th.—Wm. E. Cheater, Roxwell, Addison Square, Ringwood, Hants.

IPSWICH ROYAL SHOW.—For ringers visiting the above show ringing arrangements are as follows:—Tuesday, July 3rd, St. Mary-le-Tower (12 bells). Wednesday, July 4th, St. Clement's, Ipswich (6 bells). Thursday, July 5th, St. Margaret's, Ipswich (8 bells). Thursday, July 5th, St. Andrew's, Rushmere (6 bells). Friday, July 6th, St. Mary's, Hadleigh (8 bells).

For Sproughton, Bramford and Hintlesham (all 6 bells) apply to Mr. Charles Mee, Sproughton, Ipswich. All at 7.30 p.m. Any further particulars from the Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, or G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Gateshead on Wednesday, July 4th, commencing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The bells of St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, will be available at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. A good attendance of members is specially requested.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Erith on Saturday, July 7th. Towers open at 3 o'clock till 9 p.m. Service at St. John the Baptist's 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, July 3rd. A good muster is requested.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Kirkburton on July 7th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea provided, 1s. 6d. each, if applied for not later than June 30th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 7th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6), from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Room at 5. Fully paid-up members 9d., others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, July 3rd.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Adderbury (8) and Deddington (6) bells available during the evening. For tea, please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 3rd.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at the Parish Church. Clitheroe bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GREAT TORRINGTON, DEVON.—At evening service on Wednesday, July 11th, the Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co. Ringers' day, Saturday, July 14th.

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ham on July 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea (for those who notify me by July 11th) 6 p.m., 1s. each. Castle Grounds open to ringers and friends in the evening.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Surfleet, Lincs, on Saturday, July 14th. Further particulars later.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—The new peal of 12 bells, complete with new frame, etc., by Taylor's, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 p.m. Ringers' Day, August Bank Holiday. Ringing all day from 10.30 a.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise only. Further particulars later.—C. F. Andrews, 22, Drynham Road, Trowbridge.

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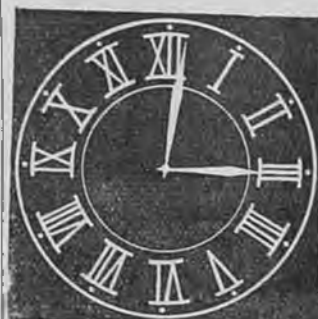
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