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BELLS IN NEW CHURCHES.

A well reasoned plea for making provision, in plans for new churches in new suburbs of large towns, for the eventual erection of towers and rings of bells in selected positions, was put before the Central Council by the Hon. Sec. of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The amazing growth of new populous areas in every part of the country has presented the Church with a huge problem. In some cases, particularly around London and the larger cities, not only is there the abnormal expansion created by private enterprise to be dealt with, but whole towns have sprung into being at the expense of the community. The secular requirements of the new populace are provided out of the public funds or, in those things from which a return can be expected for the investment, by private effort, but the duty has been cast upon the churches of all creeds to supply the spiritual needs of the people at a capital outlay which is taxing their resources to an unprecedented degree. For the present, therefore, nothing but bare necessities are within reach to meet the pressing demands which are laid upon the religious bodies.

That, however, does not preclude looking to the future. Bells are not only a traditional feature of English churches which we, as ringers, want to see preserved and the use of which we wish to retain as by established custom. Church bells have an important significance of their own which the Rev. F. LI. Edwards aptly emphasised when preaching on Saturday at the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. The question whether bells were necessary in these days of clocks he waived aside as beside the mark. Sunday, he pointed out, is the weekly commemoration of the Resurrection of the Saviour and the ringing of the bells is one of the immemorial ways by which the Church has celebrated this Festival. Therefore, it is the business of those who are responsible for the ringing of the bells to see that they continue to fill their part and to remind the public of the great significance of Sunday. For that reason any step which will help to secure provision for bells in areas where, otherwise, they would never be heard by the public is worth taking. Without a reminder of this desirability, designers of churches, whose chief immediate consideration is the keeping down of the cost of building and furnishing, are likely to give little attention to the future provision of bell towers, but it costs no more at the outset to adapt the design to include a tower at some later date than it does to produce plans which more or less irrevocably preclude the addition of a tower if and when opportunity offers.

As Mr. Edwards pointed out to the Council, it is not necessary that every new church should be provided with
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a tower, but, wherever it is desirable, it is essential that the tower shall be so constructed that it will be able to carry a ringing peal. No one imagines that, while the pressing need for new churches lasts, much consideration can be expected for the provision of bells, but, if the means suggested in the Council's resolution can do anything to keep open future possibilities, then a good purpose will have been served.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SHORT... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 7
*THOMAS HEMMING 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 9
JOHN BASS 4	†CHARLES H. WOODBERRY... 10
THOMAS W. LEWIS 5	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 11
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. SHORR.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells. First peal on the bells, increased to twelve by the addition of four bells to the old eight. The band represent eleven different towers.

TEN BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 7, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES... .. Treble	EDWARD R. COLES 6
P.S. CECIL A. SMITH 2	RALPH COLES 7
JAMES W. WILKINS 3	LEONARD STILLWELL 8
FRANK WEST 4	RICHARD A. POST... .. 9
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 5	EDWARD R. CROXFORD... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. Lewis W. Reynolds, who passed away suddenly on July 1st, aged 79 years. He was for 32 years a churchwarden of All Saints'.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HARLOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 4, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

BENJAMIN COPPIN Treble	ERNEST J. BOYLER 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ISAAC CAVILL 6
JAMES E. DAVIS 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
RICHARD D. DIVALL 2	*ARTHUR J. HART 6
ERNEST J. LADD 3	ALBERT RELFE 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, also for the birthday of the son of the ringer of the 5th. The ringer of the 3rd has completed the circle in this tower.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. GRACE Treble	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5
PERCY J. SPICE 2	GEORGE HUXLEY 6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD 3	EDMUND MOONTER 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	*EDWARD RYDER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal. A birthday peal for P. J. Spice and I. Emery, and I. Emery's 60th peal on the bells.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

*R. HUMPHREYS Treble	E. A. G. ALLEN 5
S. J. T. SHELLOCK 2	W. J. WALKER 6
W. SPICE 3	C. E. J. NORRIS 7
*G. NAVLOR 4	F. BELSEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by F. BELSEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the new Rector of Chatham, the Rev. C. A. H. Lowe, M.A.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MOLLIE REDPATH Treble	STELLA DAVIS 5
ELLEN E. HARDCASTLE 2	FRANCES HUMPHREY 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD 7
EVELYN STEEL 4	EDITH K. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the Guild.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
ROLAND BIGGS 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	ANTONY R. PRICE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSIOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD Treble	*HARRY ARGENT 5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 2	GEORGE MORRAD 6
ALFRED G. HILL 3	HERBERT AUDSLEY 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in the method. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower. This peal was especially arranged and rung on St. Peter's Day after the dedication of the memorial to the late Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A., 35 years Rector of this parish, by the Lord Bishop of Rochester.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 3, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CAVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF WASHBROOK'S (Brook's calling).

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

F. FRANKLAND RIGBY Treble	PERCY W. WITHAM 5
LOUIS J. LOCKYER 2	*ARTHUR V. DAVIS 6
A. F. MARTIN STEWART 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
CHARLES R. FORPITT 4	WILLIAM C. SHUTE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Victor Thornton, of Beckenham, to Miss Millicent Harrocks, of Bournemouth.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	CYRIL J. HIBBERT 6
*MISS PATRICIA HOLLOWAY 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT, SEN. 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 4	ERNEST J. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
COLIN HARRISON 2	*ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	*ALEX HUTCHISON 7
FREDERICK W. HILL 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

* First peal in the method.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. E. LEWIS COCKEY Treble	JOHN H. BOTHAM 5
CECIL C. MAYNE 2	HARRY KILBY 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 5
JAMES BETTS 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Betts, Poppy, Symonds and Rumsey. The date also coincided with the conductor's silver wedding. It was his 425th peal.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, July 4, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.
*JOHN J. REVELL... ..Treble HARRY HOPKINSON 5
†EDWIN HOPKINSON 2 THOMAS DENT 6
†ALFRED W. H. BOWLER 3 HERBERT E. TAYLOR... .. 7
VICTOR E. TAYLOR 4 †GEORGE H. PAULSON... ..Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ First peal on the tenor. On Sunday, June 30th, 1935, the present Rector of Ashover, the Rev. J. B. Nodder, and his father before him (the late Rev. Joseph Nodder) had between them held the living of Ashover for 100 years, and this peal was rung to commemorate the unique occasion and as a compliment to the Rector on attaining the age of 82 years.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERNEST TOWNSENDTreble FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
*HAROLD TOWNSEND 2 JOSEPH JENNINGS... .. 6
†CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3 LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4 ALBERT WIFFENTenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to A. Wiffen.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
CHARLES LOOMETreble NOLAN GOLDEN 5
ERNEST WHITING 2 GEORGE BAILEY 6
WILLIAM FLATT 3 RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES BAKER 4 FREDERICK SEAGERTenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The treble ringer has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

BENENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.
HARRY BAKERTreble CHARLES H. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2 WILLIAM GORRINGE 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 3 LUTHER J. HONESS 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4 THOMAS E. SONETenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
The composition, No. 407, is rung for the first time.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.
CHARLES LOWETreble WILLIAM FOSTER... .. 4
ALBERT L. WARD 2 REGINALD A. ALEY 5
ERNEST F. PAYNE 3 GEORGE T. H. WALKERTenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. H. WALKER.
First peal of Kent by all the band. First peal as conductor. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.
*ROBERT J. WISKERTreble *LESLIE V. PAGE... .. 4
CLAUDE G. W. SIMMS 2 *WILLIAM R. WEST 5
†CHARLES E. COPEMAN 3 NOLAN GOLDENTenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of College Single Reverse, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ERNEST G. SHORTING... ..Treble GEORGE BAILEY 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2 JOHN A. GODFREY 5
A. FREDERICK BOYCE 3 CECIL V. EBBERSONTenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS G. BURCHNALL... ..Treble MISS K. BURCHNALL 4
*ARTHUR MULVEY 2 HAROLD DENMAN 5
*C. RONALD SMITH 3 ROBERT W. STOCKDALETenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. STOCKDALE.

* First peal in five methods. Rung as part of the dedication festival celebrations of the church.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's differently called. Tenor 12 cwt.

*J. WILLIAM ATKINSTreble F. GEORGE BAILEY 4
R. S. WILLIAM SMITH 2 JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
LEONARD P. WARD 3 SIDNEY G. MUNTONTenor

Conducted by SIDNEY G. MUNTON.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to John W. Hopkins, churchwarden and ringer of the local band.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 each of Woodbine, Double Court and Plain Bob.

DOUGLAS JENNINGSTreble WALTER SMITH 4
GEORGE PIPER 2 ERNEST TOWNSEND 5
HAROLD TOWNSEND 3 JOSEPH JENNINGS... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. EDBURGH'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... ..Treble †GEORGE H. TAYLOR... .. 4
*JOHN N. LINDON 2 †WILLIAM MULCOCK 5
WILLIAM C. SCRIVENS 3 †THOMAS H. BULLOCK... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. T. SCRIVENS.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal and first attempt. This is the first peal of Doubles on the bells, five of which date back to 1653 and 1658.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(CENTRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with different callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JACK PARISH Treble	†LAURIE NORFOLK 4
WILLIAM SEEKINGS 2	STANLEY G. SHIPP 5
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal on a working bell.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ALBERT D. COLLINS Treble	†ERIC E. SPEAKE 4
*HOWARD HOWELL 2	*HARRY BOSWELL 5
†THOMAS G. MARTIN 3	HOWARD BUTLER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Stedman and first of Doubles. First peal of Stedman as conductor. The ringer of the 5th has now rung Grandsire and Stedman from Doubles to Cinques and Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Wells and London, and four 720's of Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID TARGETT Treble	DAVID MACKAY 4
E. JOHN TARGETT 2	FREDERICK A. TARGETT 5
LEONARD DANFORD 3	*RONALD G. BECK Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* 150th peal. First peal in four methods of Surprise Minor by all the band and on the bells.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WALTER STORY Treble	†ERIC SHINKINS 4
*HAROLD BURTON 2	†THOMAS BUSH 5
LEWIS BUSH 3	FRED WIGMORE Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 4
VICTOR M. ORMEROD 2	HERBERT C. READ 5
A FREDERICK BOYCE 3	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged for F. Seager, of Bradford.

EPPING UPLANDS, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*S. LAW Treble	*C. WILBY 4
H. KING 2	C. SAMMS 5
W. WEDLOCK 3	*H. CAMPS Tenor

Conducted by W. WEDLOCK.

* First peal and first attempt.

CAWTHORNE, NEAR BARNSELY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Neasden, Wragby, St. Albans, College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Kingston. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

WALTER IDLE Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	DANIEL SMITH 5
GEORGE LORD 3	ERNEST CUTT Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

A birthday peal for H. Crossland, who was ringer at this tower for over 60 years. He reached his 90th birthday on this date. First peal of Minor by the treble ringer for over 45 years. He is in his 71st year.

FRANT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, July 6, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD Treble	ARTHUR J. HART 4
ARTHUR F. LEWING 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 5
FRANK H. HICKS 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

First peal in the method by all except the treble and tenor ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to the father of the 5th ringer.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpire—Arnold Brunton.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	JACK BRAY 7-8
*ERNEST BRITAIN 9-10	

Arranged by J. BRAY.

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Royal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

RINGING IN CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was much interested in Mr. Dench's remarks on keeping a band together. May I give my own views, arising out of my own experience, for what it is worth?

It seems to me that the first essential is to have a keen leader or leaders who will come for service ringing on Sundays and for the weekly practice with unfailing regularity and punctuality. Secondly, it is necessary to be always looking for suitable recruits, and, having got them, to put a great deal of enthusiasm into teaching and encouraging them to become useful members of the Exercise. Without a steady flow of recruits every band must dwindle sooner or later. My own motto is, 'Teach and keep on teaching.'

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PLACE MAKING AND DODGING.

In an earlier issue we had a talk about hunting, which is one of the foundation stones of change ringing. By itself it will not carry a very big superstructure, and, if we may continue the architectural analogy further, you cannot build more than one storey upon a base consisting only of plain hunting. If you want to raise a building of any pretensions at all you must have at least two other structural essentials, place making and dodging.

We will not go into the argument of which came first, the place or the dodge; in other words, does the place cause the dodge, or does the dodge necessitate the place. To do so would be as profitable as discussing the old problem of the hen and the egg. Let it suffice that if you desire to ring the extent of the changes on any number of bells from four upwards, you can only do it by employing place making and dodging, and, at any rate, in all the simpler methods, one goes with the other. That is to say, if a place is made, other bells must dodge; or, when a dodge is made, one or more bells are compelled to make a place.

We shall see the reason why if we write out that simple plain hunting course. This course is made up by every bell moving one step onward at every half pull, except, of course, when it leads, or lies a whole pull behind. Immediately a bell stops in its onward course and remains a second blow in the same position (which is actually what 'place making' consists of), the rest of the bells, either in front or behind, are checked in their hunting, and unless they, like the place making bell, strike two blows in the same position, they are compelled to step back a place before going forward again. And this is called 'dodging.'

The simplest example is found in ringing the Plain Bob method. This is based on the plain hunting of all the bells in its simplest fashion. By the time the treble has hunted up and got back again to lead, however, the bells will come round, and in the case of Minor, for instance, only twelve of the possible 720 changes will have been rung.

In order to add further blocks of twelves, made up of plain hunting, a device, if you can call it device, is resorted to. When the treble leads for the first time, the third, which it has followed and which has just led in its turn, lies a whole pull over the treble and then leads again. In other words, it makes second's place and goes back the way it has come.

This act of making 2nd's place checks the hunting career of the other bells which had been coursing after the treble in the order 2, 4, 6, 5, and they are compelled to dodge, 2 with 5, and 4 with 6. In effect the 2 comes down from behind until it is stopped by the place making of the 3rd, and has to go one step back before the treble, coming up, passes by and lets it continue its interrupted hunt.

The checking of the second results, of course, in stopping the 4th, the 4th stops the 6th, and 6th in turn stops the onward march of the 5th, and each of the bells steps back a pace. In succeeding leads different bells make 2nds and the others dodge in different pairs.

Exactly where the dodging happens in any method depends upon where the place is made. In Plain Bob the place is 2nd's over the treble; consequently the dodging is in 3-4, 5-6, etc.

The beginner has to know in which place his dodge comes; he cannot expect at first, at any rate, to be able to see exactly when the 2nd's place is being made, but must commit it to memory, and the thing is so symmetrical that it should present no difficulty.

The dodges occur in perfect sequence:—

5-4 down (i.e., in 3-4 on the way to lead; or, put another way, having laid the whole pull behind, you pass two bells and then dodge with the next).

5-6 down (i.e., immediately after lying the whole pull behind, the dodge being with the first bell to come to you).

5-6 up (i.e., immediately before lying the whole pull behind, the dodge being with the last bell you meet in hunting up).

3-4 up (i.e., in 3-4 on the way from the lead; in other words, after having lead a whole pull, you pass two bells and dodge with the next).

The second's place which you make when treble takes you off lead comes next, and that completes the plain course.

In the Plain Bob method 4th's place instead of 2nd's is made when the treble leads if a bob is called. That cuts out the dodging in 3-4, but retains it in 5-6. When you have written out a plain course and examined it carefully to understand the place making and dodging, try it with 4th's place instead of 2nd's and observe the difference. You will find the bells will be round in three leads instead of five.

BELLS OF THE 'GARLAND OX'

The members of the Truro Cathedral company of ringers visited the towers of St. Philip and St. James, Ilfracombe; St. Peter, Barnstaple, and Great Torrington during their annual outing on Whit Monday. At each tower touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung. On the journey home a stop was made at the Garland Ox at Bodmin, where there is a set of eight handbells belonging to the inn. A touch of 168 Grandsire Triples and some tunes were rung on them. In spite of the weather, a very enjoyable day was spent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HEAT WAVE CAUSES A LOW 'RECORD.'

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, June 22nd, at North Wingfield, when the bells (8) of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon. Only a small number of members took advantage of them, however, doubtless owing to the very sudden heat wave!

It was singularly regrettable, too, that each of the general officers was unable to be present owing to other vital engagements. At the committee meeting, Mr. J. P. Tarlton took the chair, and Mr. E. C. Gobey carried out the duties of the general hon. secretary. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, which was appreciated by all present. After tea in the Schools, the Rector (the Rev. Dr. J. W. B. Worsley, D.C.L.) presided, and gave the members a hearty welcome, remarking that the sudden very hot weather doubtless kept many away who might have attended. Mr. J. H. Swinfield apologised for the absence of the hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris, explaining that owing to his new post as Clerk to the Governors of the Select Vestry in Leicester, his duties kept him in office till too late to catch a train in time for the meeting.

New members proposed, viz., 18 ringing, 2 rejoins, 1 life and 7 honorary, were duly elected.

Mr. E. C. Gobey and Mr. J. H. Swinfield gave the members their views on the Central Council meeting at Shrewsbury.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for presiding, also for the service in church, to the local company and the ladies, closed what was one of the smallest general meetings of the association on record.

RINGER OF 98 ATTENDS MEETING.

ANNUAL GATHERING AT BRABOURNE.

The meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association at Brabourne, which has now become an annual affair and one eagerly looked forward to, was held there on June 29th. As was explained last year, this meeting was inaugurated in June, 1919, and has been held almost every year since to commemorate the signing of the Peace Treaty. Glorious summer weather again favoured the gathering of about 40 members and their friends from the surrounding towers. The association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. L. McDowell), Miss Balcock presiding at the organ. The Vicar gave a very interesting address, dealing chiefly with St. Peter, whose day this happened to be.

After the service the company adjourned to the Vicarage lawn, where they were the guests at tea of the Rev. and Mrs. McDowell. Mr. Ruck, on behalf of the company, thanked the Vicar for inviting them to Brabourne, for the use of the bells, for the service, especially the address, and for providing such an excellent tea. He also thanked the lady helpers. The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the ringers to Brabourne. He was, he said, pleased to see such a long range of ages represented, the youngest being 12 years and the oldest 98. It was very gratifying to see so many young ringers, seven or eight of them being under 16 years.—Everyone was pleased to see Mr. C. Slingsby, the veteran ringer of Aldington, who celebrated his 98th birthday recently, and of whom the district is justly proud. Although unable to take an active part in ringing, he is still keenly interested.

During the evening some inspected the delightful grounds of the Vicarage and others returned to the tower to again make use of the bells.

SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May we point out that the method rung on April 6th at Anstey as Wicken had already been rung on January 10th at Helmingham as Huntingdon. It is rather a disappointment for the second band, but, after all, a method good enough to be rung once is good enough to be rung twice.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE

(J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner, S. H. Wood).

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

On Sunday, June 2nd, at St. Mary's, Little Chart, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. A. Curtis 1, W. J. Henniker 2, W. A. Oldfield 3, J. R. Wood 4, G. C. Hill (conductor) 5, J. J. Batchelor 6. First quarter for ringers of treble and tenor.

At Lyme Regis, Dorset, on Trinity Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Hiscock (first quarter of Stedman) 1, C. W. H. Powell (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 2, Mrs. P. Mayne 3, H. G. Keeley 4, the Rev. E. C. Cox 5, C. C. Mayne 6, F. Price 7, W. G. Sartin 8.

At Burnham, Bucks, on June 29th (St. Peter's Day), at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: B. O'Neill 1, W. E. Taylor 2, E. T. Barrett 3, E. C. Fowler 4, J. J. R. Taylor 5, G. W. Limmer 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, E. Tuck 8. * First quarter-peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire 'inside.'

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, May 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes): F. V. Sinkins 1, Mrs. P. Humphrey 2, W. E. Judd 3, E. R. Mackrill 4, E. C. R. Turner 5, Miss F. Humphrey 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8, H. G. Miles 9, C. Warner 10. Arranged for Mr. F. V. Sinkins, an old member, on a visit from Southsea.

LADIES MEET AT MANCHESTER.**CHANGES AMONG NORTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.**

The tercentenary of Sacred Trinity Church, Manchester, was celebrated by ringers of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild when they held their annual meeting, with the Lancashire Association in support. Manchester, bathed in sunshine, proved a great attraction, and drew ringers from Nottingham, Leeds, Sheffield, Cirencester, Bolton, Reddish, Ashton-under-Lyne, Todmorden, Weasley, Worsley, Croston, Rochdale, Middleton, Brookfield, etc., including the local company.

A service, with hearty unaccompanied singing, was conducted by the Rev. Hussy, who, in his address, gave a welcome to the ringers and a short history of the church.

Tea was partaken of in the 'Guild of Youth' Hall (at least it said, 'Girls and Infants' above the entrance door).

Miss Thompson proposed a vote of thanks to all who helped to make the meeting a success, and was responded to by Mr. Brown, who remarked that the Lancashire Association were only too pleased to ring in the sociable presence of the ladies.

At the meeting which followed, the following officers were elected: Miss Bowling, vice-president (Miss Turner retired); Miss E. Dorice Turner, 188, Richmond Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, and Miss I. Thompson, joint secretaries (Miss Cawthorne retired). The other officers were re-elected.

Osset, Leeds, was chosen for the February (1936) meeting, and Handsworth, Sheffield, for the annual meeting. Other meetings will be arranged as convenient.

It was a coincidence with the tercentenary of this church that a band of ladies rang these bells for the first time to a course of Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1, Mrs. East 2, Miss Thompson 3, Miss Renton 4, Miss Collier 5, Mrs. Crabtree 6, Miss R. Bell 7, Miss D. Turner 8.

DEATH OF AN OLD RUISLIP RINGER.

Mr. James Ewer, a lifelong resident and one of the old ringers of bygone days at Ruislip, Middlesex, has passed away at the age of 76 years, and was laid to rest in Ruislip Churchyard on June 27th. He could tell innumerable stories of the days when Mr. James George was a ringer at Pinner and would walk over to Ruislip with some of his friends on a practice night. In memory of the deceased a quarter-neal of Grand-sire Triples was rung after the funeral at Ruislip with the bells half-muffled: S. Ewer 1, G. M. Kilby 2, G. Lovegrove 3, P. Thrift 4, W. Bunce, sen. 5, W. S. Beaumont 6, T. Collins (conductor) 7, F. W. Collins 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**COMMENTS ON CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.**

A meeting of the North and East District was held at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on Saturday, June 29th. This famous church, with its equally famous bells, was recently moved from Wells Street in the heart of London to the new residential district of Kingsbury, and the beauty of the bells can now be much more appreciated. Ringing, however, had to be limited out of consideration for the occupants of the nearby houses; consequently only those members who came early were able to have a pull. Amongst the visitors were Messrs. O. Gardiner and W. Kynaston, of Swindon, whilst Mr. W. Pickworth, late vice-president of the district, put in a welcome appearance.

Service was conducted by the Rev. E. H. Hellicar, who gave an interesting and 'up-to-date' address. Tea, a much needed meal on such a hot day, was enjoyed by all, and the usual business meeting was then held.

Five new members were elected and Hadley chosen for the next meeting on July 20th.

The hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) gave an interesting report on the recent meeting of the Central Council, and made some pungent remarks on the 'impossible' amendment put up against the resolutions on Spliced peals. He described it as an amendment written out on the spur of the moment, without any thought as to whether it was workable or within the limits of commonsense. All the best composers had found it impossible to include full courses in Spliced peals in Surprise methods, and to insist that such peals should contain full courses was nonsense.

Mr. Coles concluded his report by stating that the Council meeting was most enjoyable and successful, and most of its success was due to the work put in by the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher), one of their own representatives, who had supplied each member with a copy of all the committees' reports, without which their work could hardly have been completed.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Simmonds) for the use of the bells, to the Rev. E. H. Hellicar for his address at the service, and to the several ladies who had prepared an excellent tea, as well as to Mr. W. F. A. Barrett for making arrangements for the meeting.—The Rev. E. H. Hellicar, on behalf of the Vicar, who was away on holiday, in reply, welcomed the association to Kingsbury.

Later in the evening Willesden was visited. Here the light peal of eight, which *know* Spliced Surprise so well, were rung for the first time to some real Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, besides many other methods. Thus ended an enjoyable meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A correspondent, forwarding the report of a peal rung at Wiveton, says that great credit is due to Mr. W. R. West, captain of the local band, who has fostered change ringing at this tower, and who rang what would normally be considered an unringable bell to this peal.

While giving every credit to Mr. West for his performance, we would ask, is it in the best interests of ringing and ringers to ring a 'normally unringable bell' to a peal? Surely it is far better to tell the authorities that the bell is unringable and so induce them to have it attended to? What logical argument can be put forward for the rehangings of a bell, obviously badly in need of it, when someone, even if by herculean effort, rings it to a peal! To ring it merely for the sake of a peal is, in our view, frankly a mistake.

Mr. West may have earned all the glory imaginable and probably stuck to the job for the sake of others, but these things are best left undone.

After ringing for years from cards placed on the floor, the band at Yardley, near Birmingham, have rung a peal of Grandsire Doubles. The change over to method ringing was no easy matter, and the ringers are to be congratulated upon their achievement. Five of Yardley's six bells date back to 1653 and 1658, and this peal, as far as is known, is only the second rung on them.

With reference to the footnote to the peal at Hanslope rung on June 15th, stating that it was the first on the bells in more than one method, Mr. L. Turner, of Kempston, Beds, and Mr. A. P. Cannon, of Deal, both write to point out that on November 21st, 1931, Mr. Pearl Inskip called a peal there in seven methods.

The conductor of the peal of Minor in three methods rung at Colne Engaine, Essex, on Sunday, June 9th, 1935, was Alec M. Genery and not G. R. Towne as in 'The Ringing World' report on June 28th.

Members of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association are requested to note that the quarterly meeting on July 27th is to be held at Farningham, which is not the place originally selected.

We learn that in the peal at East Ilsley last week the little bells were rung magnificently, and the way in which the three men tackled the 'big 'uns' (the tenor is 8½ cwt.) was remarkable. The 4th and 5th men, we are told, did their best and the result was a good peal.

Mr. F. Wilford, who has been Master since the formation of the Guild in 1924, resigned the office at the annual meeting of the Peterborough Guild, and the Rev. E. S. Powell was elected to succeed him. The other officers were re-elected. The Central Council representatives elected for the next session were the Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs. R. G. Black, H. Baxter and F. Wilford.

Mr. F. Jones, one of the oldest and most respected members of the Peterborough Guild, was the victim of an unfortunate accident while ringing the tenor (a 25 cwt. bell) at St. Giles' Church, Northampton, on the occasion of the annual meeting. The rope caught in a noose round his thumb. This threw him off the box and also pulled off the end of his thumb. He was taken to Northampton Hospital, where an operation was performed. He is now at home again and has the best wishes of all for a speedy recovery.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are recasting the ring of six bells of the beautiful Norman church at Blyth, North Notts. The tower has recently undergone complete restoration, the upper part having been taken down and rebuilt. The peal will be hung with new fittings in new framework, and the dedication of the recast peal will probably take place on September 24th, the date upon which the bells were first dedicated nearly 100 years ago.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow, Rector of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, and one of the Midland Counties Association's representatives on the Central Council, has been preferred to the living of East Lulworth with Coombe Keynes, Dorset.

The bells of Rippingale, Lincs, retuned and augmented to six by the addition of a treble by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Lincoln on June 29th, the congregation including about 70 ringers.

A QUARTER-PEAL AT MELBOURNE

AUSTRALIANS' FIRST FOR SIXTEEN YEARS.

For the first time for 16 years an Australian band has rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. This was accomplished, with excellent ringing throughout, on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, for service on Sunday evening, May 19th, the 1,277 changes occupying 52 minutes. It was conducted by Mr. Arthur Savage and rung by *W. G. Waghorn 1, *Miss Frey Shimmis 2, J. W. Spencer 3, F. Boughton 4, J. L. Murray 5, *J. J. Roper 6, *H. G. Ross 7, *A. A. Savage 8, J. T. Trotter 9, *J. Bradley 10. *First quarter-peal of Caters.

The following paragraph from the Melbourne 'Argus' indicates that progress is being made at Ballarat Town Hall, and the interest in change ringing stirred up in that city by the English ringers has not abated: 'Their interest stimulated by the recent visit of English bellringers to Ballarat, members of the Ballarat City Band have taken up bellringing on the Alfred Bells at the City Hall, under the tuition of the Bellringers' Club. After several weeks of coaching they were able this week to produce a pleasing effect in Grandsire Doubles.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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AUSTRALIAN PRESS AND RINGING.

In a lengthy report, the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee said: Publications of various sorts have included several noteworthy references to bells and bellringing. Pride of place is claimed by the visit of English ringers to Australia to take their part in the centenary celebrations. Numerous statements on this subject appearing in the 'Times' and other English newspapers were well written and gave full and accurate information.

The tour aroused an unprecedented interest in bellringing in the Commonwealth Press, and from the moment of their first landing the visiting ringers were the subject of frequent interviews and newspaper photographs, while their activities received considerable prominence and there were articles in the newspapers on the subject of bells and bellringing. In addition, broadcasts of ringing at Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart and Sydney gave great pleasure to thousands of Australians and special delight to English people who have settled there.

The report gave several extracts from Australian newspapers, and went on to say that, inspired by the visit of the English ringers, one particularly well-informed article on the bells of Sydney, written by Theodosia Wallace, appeared in the 'Sydney Morning Herald,' Sydney's most influential newspaper. It was entitled 'Bells of Sydney, their music and memories,' and reviewed in some detail the origin and history of the ringing peals in the city. Speaking of the art of ringing, the article said: 'A good ear-filling sound from one large instrument is dear to man. There seems to be something satisfying to the soul in it, apart from its utility. No instrument can vie with a cast bell for a sound signal. And there is something soul-stirring in the sight of six, eight, ten or twelve men standing in a circle ringing the changes—all bellringing is voluntary—for pure love of it, more soul-stirring than the robots who now ring the bells of St. Peter's, in Rome, can possibly be.'

'Most people are intrigued, if not fascinated, by bells, regarding them, and rightly so, as musical instruments. When a petition was got up by some of the people at Darling Point about 20 years ago to have the bellringing on Thursday evenings stopped, it met with such a hostile reception that it was not carried beyond the first three houses.'

The following little bit of history, retailed in the same article, will probably interest members of the Council:—

'Some of our bells are of remarkable antiquity. Governor Hunter was a great lover of bells, and he imported the first, made by Mears, in 1794. But there was nowhere to put them and they were not rung until ten years later, when he built a brick tower on Church Hill. Two years later the tower fell down, and the bells, fortunately unhurt, were placed in the tower of St. Philip's. Afterwards King George IV. gave some bells to St. Philip's, but they mysteriously disappeared. Three have been found, one in the gaol at Bourke, one at the lightship at South Head and one at Randwick School. They are now in the possession of the Australian Historical Society.'

And one bit more: 'There was a time when St. Mark's, Darling Point, had a team of ringers as good as any in the old world or anywhere else. Among the pleasant social customs was the supper held at St. Mark's Rectory on New Year's Eve for the bellringers and an annual cricket match between the bellringers of St. Mary's and All Saints, Parramatta. The losers paid for the dinner.'

BROADCASTING.

Continuing, the report said the great gathering of some 600 ringers and friends last June for a service of praise and thanksgiving at Milton Abbey, Dorset, was very fully reported in the Press of the south-western shires. The Diocese of Salisbury came again into prominence with the installation of a ring of twelve bells at Trowbridge on St. James' Day, followed by a broadcast from the tower on August Bank Holiday. The fact that the local branch of the Salvation Army provided one of the bells led to a notice in the 'War Cry' as well as in the local Press. It is gratifying to observe that the editor of the 'Wiltshire Times' invited contributions towards the cost of the bells.

After referring to other Press notices in connection with bells, the report went on to say that an outstanding literary event was the appearance of two delightful articles in the 'Daily Herald' by that prince of journalists, Mr. H. V. Morton, who included in his series 'Ghosts of London' an account of a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral belfry on a practice night and of the subsequent proceedings at the Coffee Pot. The technical information gathered by the writer on this occasion was reproduced with conspicuous accuracy and lucidity, and the description of all that he saw and heard, given in his inimitable manner, could not fail to appeal to the imagination of his wide circle of readers. His impressions of change ringing were summed up in the statement that 'a bellringer requires the mind of a senior wrangler, the eye of a hawk, the ear of a musician and the biceps of a healthy human being.' Observing that the books of the Ancient Society contained the names of 'men of every type, age, trade and profession,' he designated it 'a democracy of tintinnabulation,' and ended his narrative of the meeting at the Coffee Pot with the words, 'It is in such simple happy gatherings that London turns her back on vulgarity and keeps faith with her past.'

Concluding with a brief statement on the subject of broadcasting, the report went on to say that the use of a record of Bow Bells as

the interval signal is naturally gratifying to ringers and appears to find favour with the vast majority of listeners. A most interesting article in an official publication of the B.B.C. told the story of the adoption of that signal, and the broadcast given in person by the present Master of the College Youths and other well-known ringers associated with him in making that record constituted a notable feature of the series 'In Town To-night.' A splendid broadcast of the new ring of twelve bells at Trowbridge, with the distinguished author and lecturer, Mr. A. G. Street, taking a prominent part in the explanatory dialogue, occupied a place of honour in the Western Regional programme last August Bank Holiday. The magnificent Empire broadcast arranged for Christmas Day transmitted the seasonable music of bells from various parts of the King's Dominions, beginning with the Bells of Bethlehem and ending by a most happy inspiration with those of a Gloucestershire village. The New Year was also greeted with quite a boisterous clamour of bells, and as for the announcer's assertion that the bells heard included those of St. Paul's Cathedral—a little allowance must be made for imaginative flights of fancy at that midnight hour of romance! The Royal Wedding last November and His Majesty's Silver Jubilee this year were the occasion of most effective broadcasts from the towers of Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral, while the bells of St. Clement Danes during the Jubilee procession came floating over the ether in one of the most perfect transmissions ever heard. There have been broadcasts of bells from various churches in connection with religious services, some of them with conspicuously good effect, but it is to be regretted that the bells of Birmingham seem to have been banished from the Midland Regional, while the absence of joy bells from the Easter programmes was a serious omission.

The committee recommended that a letter be written to the B.B.C. congratulating them on the broadcasts given at Christmas and at the royal functions and on the interval signal, but expressing regret at the omission of bells at Easter and at the discontinuance of the transmissions from the Midlands, and chiefly from Birmingham.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who moved the adoption of the report, said it was this year one of exceptional length, but he did not think there was any need to apologise for it, because the circumstances were of special interest. He thought the Council would agree that the quotations from the Australian Press on the subject of the visit of the English ringers were well worth while including. The provincial Press had quoted at considerable length advice given by Archdeacons at their visitations on the care and use of bells, and one referred particularly to the belfry as sometimes a neglected part of the church. He thought that most of the reports that had appeared in the Press had been written by writers who had taken pains to make them accurate. Mr. Edwards added that during the year at least two members of the committee had given lectures on bells and ringing which had aroused considerable interest.

LLANSTEPHEN AND ITS BELLS.

With reference to the bells at Llanstephen, a subject which had been before the Council once or twice, Mr. Edwards recalled that it had been stated that the fine ring of eight bells had not been rung because there was an incumbent who objected to their being rung, in spite of the fact that a lady formerly living in the parish established a legacy for the express purpose of having them rung, and made it clear that they were to be rung and not chimed, and that eight men should be engaged. The bells, it had been stated, had simply been chimed and the money divided up amongst the few people who chimed the bells by an apparatus. He (Mr. Edwards) had entered into this matter a good deal, and last August he had an opportunity of paying a visit to Llanstephen and saw Mr. Morris, who was captain of the ringers when the bells were rung. After a long consultation they drafted a letter to the Bishop of the diocese calling attention to the state of affairs. The Bishop acknowledged the letter and said he would go into the matter, but just the same thing happened that had happened previously. The Bishop wrote to the Rector and told him of the complaint, and the Rector had replied that 'the bells are rung for all the Sunday services.' The Bishop, therefore, added in his reply that the terms of the will were thus complied with. Mr. Morris wrote again and pointed out that the bells were chimed and not rung, and gave quotations from the will, but all he got from the Bishop was an acknowledgment of the receipt of the letter. He (Mr. Edwards) was afraid, therefore, they must give up this case as a bad job, but it was the kind of thing in which the Council should use its influence if ever it could.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in seconding, quoted the report in the morning papers of that day with regard to Mr. Justice Hawke's action in permitting the bells at Chelmsford Cathedral to be rung despite the holding of the Assizes in the adjoining Shire Hall. He said he thought this was more interesting and far more valuable to the Council than the 38 minutes' speech they had had the displeasure of listening to from the Rev. E. S. Powell. He thought it was a shocking thing that the Council's time should have been wasted to such an extent. He hoped for the sake of his congregation that he did not preach for 38 minutes in such a style. If he did he would have no sympathy with him if his congregation dwindled to nil.

Mr. J. W. Jones said they must not blame the Vicar of Llanstephen altogether. The Vicar who was at Llanstephen when the trouble arose was not now there, but he was a most kindly man. The real trouble was that the ringers there had wanted to 'boss' the whole parish, and, he was told, would not turn up to ring for service until

five or ten minutes to eleven, and then expected to ring until ten minutes or a quarter past eleven. The Vicar told him he put up with it as long as he could and then felt it was time to put his foot down.

The report was adopted, and, in moving the recommendation, Mr. Edwards said he gathered it was a mistake to criticise the B.B.C. on points of detail, and, although there had been some criticism that the interval signal consisted of call changes, it would, he thought, be of no use to press that point. The main thing was they had got Bow bells on the wireless as the thing considered by the B.B.C. as the sound most typical of London and, through London, of England.

The recommendation was approved.

This concluded the consideration of the reports of the committees, which were thanked for the work which they had done during the year. This part of the business had occupied the Council until 4.15.

INCREASE OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President moved, in accordance with notice, an alteration to rules affecting the constitution of the Council. It was in the following terms: 'To amend Section 2 of Rule 2 by deleting the word "fifteen" and substituting the word "twenty"; the rule to read, "Of honorary members, not exceeding twenty in number, elected by the Council."'

The President, in explaining the object of the motion, said the number of members used at one time to be 12, and then it was increased to 15, but the number of elected members of the Council had increased in much greater proportion than the number of honorary members. All the honorary members' places were filled and practically every one of them was doing a great deal of work for the Council. There were one or two people that the Standing Committee had in mind who might be exceedingly useful to the Council as honorary members, even though they did not attend many meetings. At present, however, they had no room to put them on. They thought, therefore, it was advisable to add to the possible number, although it did not mean that they would want to elect all five at once. From time to time there was somebody who would be very useful to the Council, and they wanted to be able to elect them as honorary members.

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) seconded the motion, which was supported by Mr. E. A. Young (a former secretary), and carried nem. con.

PROVISION FOR BELLS IN NEW CHURCHES.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed the following motion: 'That an address be presented by the Council to the diocesan Bishops requesting them to take measures to ensure that the designs prepared for churches to serve new centres of population shall include due provision for the ultimate erection of substantial towers to accommodate peals of bells properly hung for ringing, at such points as to place every group of houses within hearing of a peal of bells; at the same time directing their lordships' attention to the fact that all cause of annoyance from the sound of bells can be effectually eliminated if architects' designs conform to the recommendations of the Towers and Belfries Committee.' Mr. Edwards said it was not intended for a moment that the address to the Bishops should be expressed in the form of the motion, but that the points brought before them should be on the lines indicated. Large new districts were springing up in all parts of the country, and the spiritual needs of the inhabitants of these districts were left to the church authorities to make provision for. Many of the dioceses in the country were actively raising funds to carry out schemes for the erection of churches to serve the new centres of population. When these churches are designed, one of the chief things that had to be aimed at was low cost of building, and furnishing these churches with towers and peals of bells was not a thing that, in most cases, could be contemplated when the churches were being erected. That, however, was no reason why arrangements should not be made for the architects' designs to provide for the ultimate erection of towers suitable for hanging peals of bells to be properly rung, when funds were forthcoming and circumstances permitted. He believed it was Liverpool that used to be rather unkindly called the 'black spot on the Mersey.' But he could mention a 'black spot' on the South Coast of England, and that black spot was none other than the county borough of Bournemouth and its adjacent territory. For the whole of the four miles from Bournemouth to Poole, on one side, there was only one church with a peal of bells; for the whole of the five miles from Bournemouth to Christchurch on the other side there was not a single church with a peal of bells; and the same thing applied to the whole tract of country running inland, where extensive building had taken place and was still taking place. The result was they had a vast area covered with houses where the great majority of the inhabitants lived entirely out of the reach of the sound of a peal of bells. There were abundant churches over a large part of this territory, and he believed most of them were well filled with worshippers, but nearly all of them had only one bell. It would not be desirable or necessary that all these churches should have a peal of bells, whose sound would conflict and clash with one another if they were rung at the same time, but what was wanted in such cases was one church here and another there, in the most suitable positions, in possession of a peal of bells. If the Bishops, or even some of them, could be induced to take that view and ensure that a reasonable number of the new churches thus built in well-chosen positions should be so designed that when funds were forthcoming or some rich benefactor offered, a peal of bells could be installed, it would be an effort well worth while on the part of the Council. There was one essential point, and that

was that the architects' designs should be of a practical character. It was no use spending hundreds of pounds in building a tower if it would not hold the bells after all. It would be worth while, therefore, if the Council addressed a memorial of this kind to the diocesan Bishops, expressed in diplomatic and respectful language, calling attention to the fact that it would be a great loss to our English traditions if tens of thousands of people in many parts of the country were permanently to settle right out of the hearing of a peal of bells. They were often told when bells were dedicated that the bells had a wider audience than any clergyman could reach with his voice, that the bells sent out a call to worship to the public, whether they would hear or whether they would forbear; that they were the voice of the Church proclaiming the truth for all to hear. Yet they had growing up these vast districts where there were no bells and ringers had no chance of sending out their message, and children would not know what a peal of bells sounded like except by hearing them broadcast or by going to some other place, where they might hear bells rung as a curiosity. He suggested they might well address a carefully worded memorial to the Bishops on the subject.

Mr. C. H. Jennings seconded and endorsed all Mr. Edwards had said with regard to Bournemouth and parts of Dorset. Thousands of the rising generation were growing up out of the reach of the sound of the bells, and that was just the thing to create an objection to the sound of bells in the future.

Mr. W. A. Cave asked why Mr. Edwards picked on Bournemouth?

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: Because I know it.

Mr. Cave said Weymouth had not a peal of bells at all, whereas Bournemouth had got two peals of bells.

Mr. Jennings said one of the reasons Weymouth had no bells was that the town stood on sand, and it would be impossible to build a tower which would withstand the ringing of bells.

The President said that was not sufficient answer. If they went to St. Nicholas, Liverpool, they would see a church built on a hill of loam sand, and the building was as sound now as on the day it was dedicated.

Mr. R. Richardson said if they came to Surfleet they would wonder why the church stood at all. The spire was 6ft. out of plumb, and when they got down 4ft. they came to quicksilt.

The Rev. Canon Elsee said while they would all sympathise with the object of the motion, and might feel that bells were such a very vital and integral part of English life that it was a pity that great new suburbs and new populous districts should spring up in which the people had no chance of hearing a peal of bells, he doubted the wisdom of couching their address to the Bishops in such terms as those of the motion. Every one of the parishes with which he was familiar were at their wits' end to know how to provide places of worship and schools for the people in the new districts, and he was afraid that such a resolution as was here proposed, if sent in anything like those terms, would be certain to be thrown aside. It was no use talking of building towers for bells when they had got enough to do to try and put up elementary buildings at the present time. At the same time, he did sympathise with a good deal that Mr. Edwards had said. He thought it might be worth while addressing a letter suitably worded to the Bishops. It might be passed on by them to the advisory committees, pointing out that bells had had a very long connection with life in England, and that it was a pity that in great new districts there should be no provision made for the sound of church bells to be heard in the future, and suggesting that, where provision is made for a tower to be attached to a church, care should be taken that it should be of sufficient size and strength to hold a peal of bells. Something like that, he thought, might be of value, but he hoped it would not be put in such peremptory terms as the motion.

The Rev. Ll. Edwards said he entirely accepted Canon Elsee's suggestion as to the lines on which the letter should be drawn up.

On this understanding, the motion was put and carried.

(To be continued.)

WHAT DOES HAPPEN?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Many years ago my old and greatly valued friend, Mr. Alfred Pulling, made a joke. You may not think it of him, but he did. He told the Central Council that 'we all know what happens when we give Mr. Trollope any authority.' It was not, perhaps, a great joke, judged by the highest standards, but it was his very own, and it earned for him the proper amount of '(laughter).' So, ever since then, as the years roll by and the seasons come and go, he regularly produces it, sometimes varied by allusions to a Dictator or to Hitler and so forth, but always the same old thing.

Now, I am writing in no capacious spirit, nor would I do ought to diminish the sum of human happiness, but I should like to know what *does* happen when we give Mr. Trollope any authority. Something pretty bad, I'll be bound! I can imagine the man grasping at power, and trying to get control of the Exercise, and to reduce ringers body and soul to a state of slavery. But that is only imagination, a quality in which, as the Council was told, I am singularly deficient. And I can imagine how very abhorrent to Mr. Pulling must be the idea of ordering ringers about. It is the very last thing he would do himself. And the first.

But that is neither here nor there. What I want to know is what *does* happen when we give Mr. Trollope any authority?

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

The village of Wrington, with its famous tower and bells, was the venue of the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and shortly after 2.30 p.m. the tower began to fill with members from Bath, Bristol, St. Albans, Haslemere, Newport (Monmouthshire), Weston-super-Mare, Ilminster, Chewton Mendip, Chilcompton, Nailsea, Kingston Seymour, Long Ashton, Wraxall, Newbury, Yeovil, Doultong, Priston, Taunton, North Cadbury, Kingdon Magna, etc. The service touch was well-struck Stedman Caters.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Holland, and the members then adjourned to the Golden Lion, where a party of 70 sat down to a bountiful tea, provided by the generosity of the local ringers and their friends. The oldest member in this company was Major J. H. B. Hesse, who was elected a member in Wrington tower some 43 years previously.

At the subsequent business meeting Mr. D. G. Taylor took the chair. Routine business followed, a number of members from the Taunton district being elected.

The Master (the Rev. E. S. C. Lock) was re-elected, and the meeting sent its very kindest wishes and hopes for his recovery after his recent operation.

The hon. secretary and the hon. auditor were also re-elected, as were the four Central Council representatives.

Places for quarterly meetings were chosen, viz., Martock, Bishop's Lydeard and Milborne Port.

An omnibus vote of thanks to Canon Holland and the people who had made the meeting a success was proposed by Mr. D. G. Taylor and carried with acclamation.

Further ringing at Wrington and Blagdon, including a course of Bristol, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**CENTRAL DISTRICT TO INCREASE ITS MEETINGS.**

The annual meeting of the above was held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, when about 50 members and friends attended. As the meeting coincided with Pepys' anniversary, the Rector (the Rev. T. Wellard) invited the Guild to a lecture on Samuel Pepys and the history of the church, before the ringing commenced at 3.45 p.m.

Various methods were rung from Grandsire to London Surprise, and, after service and tea, the members returned to the church for their business meeting.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mrs. Fletcher took the chair. Three new members were elected, viz.: Mrs. Masscy, of Claygate, Surrey, Miss Sargent, of South Woodford, and Miss M. Liddbetter, of Brentford, Middlesex.

The officers were all re-elected.

As the meetings have to be held sometimes in districts where it is difficult for members to attend, it was proposed that the number of meetings held during the year should be extended from four to eight, namely, four north of the Thames and four south of the river. In view of this, Miss K. M. Bradford was elected assistant secretary to take charge should the secretary (Mrs. Cross) be unable to be present.

It was proposed to hold the first meeting north of the river at Harrow Weald, or, failing this, at Isleworth or Heston in August. The southern meeting, at the invitation of Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, will be held at Milton, Gravesend, on September 28th.

It was suggested at the meeting that a letter of good wishes for a speedy recovery be sent to the vice-president, Mrs. Deal.

Mrs. Barker proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes for the work the district secretary has done during the past year.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and to Mr. H. Willson for making all arrangements, were accorded.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held on June 29th at Purlough, where a new treble, given by the Rector as a thankoffering for 50 years' ministry, has recently been added to make a ring of six. Although there was not a large muster, those who did attend had a very enjoyable time.

The Rector (the Rev. Canon Macdonald) conducted the Guild service and gave an address. He told the visitors some interesting facts about the church.

The ringers were entertained to tea in the Rectory grounds by the Rector, who presided, and a collection towards the cost of the 2nd bell, which has been ringing, amounted to 16s.

The District Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, presided at the business meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Burnham-on-Crouch on September 7th if it could be arranged. A coach will run from Chelmsford for this meeting.

The District Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his hospitality.

Before returning to the tower the visitors took the opportunity of walking round the beautiful garden.

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EARLY MORNING RINGING.**WHY SHOULD THE DEVIL HAVE ALL THE LOUDEST NOISES?**

Commenting upon complaints of ringing for 6.30 a.m. choral Eucharist on Ascension Day at St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, a writer in the July Parish Magazine says:—

"The merry peal of bells on the morning of Ascension Day caused some acid comment among certain of our neighbours. They were the more enraged because they could not discover any adequate reason for such early and unwonted activity in the belfry. It wasn't a bank holiday, nor even a flag day; therefore, what could it all be about? At last one, better informed than the rest, said, 'They call it Century Day,' and this weird explanation satisfied all but the most rabid. These last could approve of the peal on Jubilee Day, but could not grasp the fact that St. Augustine's people knew of Someone more important than King George, and were celebrating the anniversary of His Coronation. We have had occasion before to remark that belligerence is the one loud noise made in the world for the glory of God, and we fail to see why the Devil should have all the loudest noises any more than he should have all the best times.'

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

At the annual meeting held at Basingstoke on Saturday, all the officers and Central Council representatives were re-elected, and Southampton selected for the next annual meeting.

The preacher at the festival service was the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild).

A fuller report will appear in our next issue.

PRESENTATION TO REV. R. HOWES.

In the lovely grounds of the president of the Towcester Branch, Capt. Grant-Ives, a presentation of a dinner bell and cheque was made to the hon. secretary (the Rev. R. Howes), who is leaving for Beenhams, Berks.

The Rev. R. Howes generously gave the cheque to the Paulerspury and Alderton Bell Funds.

Capt. Grant-Ives kindly provided tea, for which thanks were accorded.

AN IDEAL 'RINGERS' PARSON.'

As a prelude to the special memorial service to the late Rector of Woodford, Essex (the Rev. F. J. Albery, M.A.), who died after a protracted illness on May 30th, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by members of the local band: B. W. Brightly 1, H. Corney 2, F. Corney 3, J. H. Crampion 4, R. G. Cousins 5, A. G. Bass 6, J. A. Waugh (conductor) 7, W. Morley 8. The Rev. Albery had spent many years of his life in Australia, but had been Rector of Woodford since 1920, during which time he had always taken a quiet interest in the progress of his ringers. He was well known to neighbouring campanologists as a popular figure at the numerous ringing meetings held at this church. Permission for anything of this nature was always most willingly granted, and he was an ideal 'ringers' parson' in one respect at least, for he never suffered interference with ringing times or practices. The Woodford ringers count themselves the losers of a staunch and respected friend.

NORTHANTS RINGERS VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE TOWERS.

Once more the Irthlingborough ringers and friends are indebted to their fellow-ringers for yet another happy half-day's outing. This year Lincolnshire was visited, Boston, Surfleet and Pinchbeck being chosen for ringing, and, thanks to the clergy responsible, touches in various methods were enjoyed at these towers. Some of the ringers and friends were fortunate to go out on to the balcony of Boston 'Stump' and enjoyed the glorious view of the fens and distant Wash, and no doubt stiff thighs reminded them of their climb for a day or two. Among the wonderful churches of our land, surely Boston people have a church and tower to be proud of. The great disappointment at Surfleet was in the absence of Mr. Rupert Richardson, who was away upon other ringing activities. One would never think of so small a church possessing twelve bells, and much less being ringable in the leaning tower. At Pinchbeck there is a lovely peal of eight, and a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major was much enjoyed by listeners and those taking part. Stamford was reached at about 9.30 p.m., and here there was a 'go-as-you-please,' with handbells, etc. Irthlingborough was reached soon after midnight. Thanks are given to all who kindly helped in any way, and to the three Kettering friends who made up the party.

A. B.

BRAINTREE RINGER'S DEATH.

On June 27th the death occurred at the age of 67 years of Mr. W. G. Melbourne, a member of the Essex Association and St. Michael's Guild, Braintree.

Mr. Melbourne started his career as a ringer at Bocking, eventually moving to Stowmarket, where he rang nine peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association. In 1913 he went to Braintree, where he took over an old-established newsagent's business and was noted for his courteous and obliging manner.

Business and indifferent health prevented him from taking part in many peals for the Essex Association, but he was very attentive to service ringing at St. Michael's, so much so, in fact, that he made a 'highest possible' for the year 1933. He never missed service ringing during the year and was always punctual.

The funeral took place at Braintree Cemetery on July 2nd, amid signs of great respect shown by fellow-tradesmen. The St. Michael's Guild of Ringers was represented by four members.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major was rung half-muffled as a passing mark of respect.

AN EIGHTEEN HOUR DAY.**HOW IPSWICH MEN SPENT THEIR ANNUAL OUTING.**

For their annual outing, the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, really made a 'day' of it. Starting at 6 a.m., they reached home at midnight. They breakfasted at Littleport, Cambs, went on to Wisbech (ten bells) and Long Sutton (eight bells), over Forsdyke Bridge, near the Wash, to Boston Stump (ten bells). Here there are 185 steps up to the ringing chamber, and the veteran, Mr. R. H. Brundle, in his 84th year, climbed these without turning a hair. Not content, he went still higher to look at the bells. The return journey was made by way of the leaning tower of Surfleet (twelve bells), where a course of Cambridge Maximus and a touch of Stedman Cinques were rung. Luncheon with Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson (not forgetting Enid) was followed by an exhibition of Mr. Richardson's cinema pictures, which proved highly interesting, especially as a number of well-known ringers appeared on the screen. Mr. Sedgley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson for their hospitality and picture entertainment, and asked for a show of hands that they both be elected honorary members of St. Mary-le-Tower Society.—This was carried unanimously.—Mr. Richardson, replying on behalf of his wife, said they would be pleased to accept the invitation.

The methods rung during the day were: Cambridge, on 8, 10 and 12 bells; Stedman, on 7, 9 and 11; Double Norwich, on 8 and 10; Grand-sire, on 7 and 9.

HUNTS IN THE HUNT.**DOUBLE TWINS RING DOUBLES.**

There must be something like a record in a performance by Mr. H. J. Hunt, of Camberley, Surrey. In commemoration of his 70th birthday (which was on April 11th), he rang his first quarter-peal on the treble, the band including his two sets of twins, Alfred and Edwin, Eric and Hector, and his son-in-law (Mr. F. J. Ewens). It was rung at St. Michael's, Yorktown, for evening service on Sunday, June 30th, and consisted of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4.6.8 covering: H. J. Hunt 1, F. J. Ewens 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, Eric Hunt 4, H. Noakes 5, Edwin Hunt 6, Hector Hunt 7, Alfred Hunt 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th, St. Andrew's on the 18th. *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer Festival will be held at Shere on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse Hotel, 1s. 3d. each.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Jewry, London, E.C. (next Guildhall) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by meeting in the Vestry. Tea at 5.30 at the 'Quiver,' Bow Lane.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Slaugham (recently augmented to 8) on Saturday, July 13th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service. Tea and meeting. Half rail fares.—O. Sippetts, Hon. Div. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will all members desirous of contributing to the Testimonial Fund please do so at once, as the closing date for same is July 13th? Contributions to be sent to A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The committee meeting will be held at Adlington, near Chorley, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Ringers not on the committee are invited.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester 11.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Eling on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Dibden bells after tea. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m. Good bus service from Retford. Good attendance requested, as we hope to encourage change ringing in this district.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. —A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 13th, at Hatfield Broad Oak at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—At the special request of the Rector, the Rev. E. M. Bickersteth, the date of the summer meeting to be held at Chiddingstone will be Saturday, July 13th, instead of July 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District and the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild will hold a meeting for combined practice at Milford-on-Sea on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, Hants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weldon (6), on Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ightham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, by special invitation, at the Rectory, which is about ten minutes' walk from the church. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting. Make it a success.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Eger-ton, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and try this fine ring. Tea can be arranged.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Buxted on Saturday, July 13th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, in Parish Hall, 5.30 p.m. Special business meeting to follow. A good attendance, please, for the president.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 13th, from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Members, please note, that a tour of towers not usually visited is to be made on Saturday, July 27th. Ringing as follows: Market Bosworth (5 bells), 3 to 3.30; Congerstone (5), 3.45 to 4.45; Sheepy Magna (6), 4.30 to 5. Tea at Witherley (1s.) at 5.15. Ringing (5 bells) till 7 p.m., Mancetter (5), 7 to 7.30; Fenny Drayton (5), 7.45 to 8.15. Arrangements being made for bus to pick up in the district. Fare (approximately) 2s. to 2s. 6d. All wishing to go must notify me not later than the Peckleton meeting. — A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, July 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m.—G.M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1935, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. Howes, Vicar of Beenham, Berks. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets, 2s. each to members, 3s. non-members. All applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, should reach general secretary not later than Wednesday morning, July 17th, after which date the business will be in the hands of caterers. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund. Ringing as usual. The G.W.R., L.M. and S. and L. and N.E. will issue cheap tickets to Oxford for that day from any station not more than 60 miles rail journey.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District. — The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Netherseal, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the New Village Hall for those who notify me by Wednesday, July 17th. A hearty welcome will be given to ringers from other districts. Let us have a good meeting in this beautiful village.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hadley on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed. Please advise me for tea by July 17th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The midsummer quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8, tenor 24½ cwt.) available 3. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting, in the Denbigh Arms, at 5.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, at a charge of 1s. per head. Will those intending to be present kindly inform me by Tuesday, July 16th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Abbots Leigh on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Kindly notify by 17th for tea. Bristol Rural Branch members cordially invited. — C. Batt, Hon. Branch Sec., 200, Avon Vale Road, Barton Hill, Bristol 5.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pitminster on Saturday, July 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after. Those requiring tea please let me know by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurmaston (6) on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., for which advise me by Wednesday previous. Buses every few minutes from Jubilee Road (Belgrave Road), Leicester.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Machen on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by July 16th to Mr. A. Taylor, Church Road, Overton.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. I should be glad if all who can make it convenient will attend.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Earlsheaton on Saturday, July 20th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those who require tea, 1s. each, send to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax, by July 13th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at Great Doddington, near Wellingborough. Bells (5). Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—A. Bigley, Hon. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—By invitation of the Vicar and ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, an unofficial meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at Withernsea. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., price 1s. 6d. All are welcome, and a good attendance is hoped for. Will those intending to be present, and requiring tea, kindly notify E. E. Taylor, 4, Cheverton Avenue, Withernsea, not later than Thursday, July 18th.—H. S. Morely, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hodnet July 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me not later than Tuesday, July 16th. — R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Uphill on Saturday, July 20th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—L. G. Tanner, Local Sec., 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual festival at Stratton, N.E. Cornwall, on Saturday, July 20th. Those notifying me of intention to be present will receive programme of towers and time available. Service, Stratton, 4 p.m. Tea 4.45.—C. F. Jerram, Helford, Helston, Cornwall.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Jubilee Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

RICKMANSWORTH (bells 8).—Saturday, July 20th. Ringing from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea 5.30, Spider Tea Rooms. Business meeting after.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Nayland on Saturday, July 20th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Taylor's, Mill Street, at 5.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch. — Summer meeting at Handbridge on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Service 4.30. Those requiring tea are requested to notify me not later than Thursday, July 18th.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Rochdale and Manchester branches is being held at Moorside on Saturday, July 20th. These bells are in perfect order and have a grand tone. Roll up and make the meeting a success. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.—H. Hamer and D. Brown, Hon. Branch Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Pavenham on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Ideal spot for a summer meeting. You will be very welcome. — Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at a moderate charge, to those who send in their names by July 17th to the Rev. J. H. Park, The Vicarage, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby S.O. Make it a record attendance.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—The quarterly meeting to have been held at Newton Valence on July 20th will now be held at Steep on that day. Bells (5) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, in Village Hall. Business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 17th?—C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Barnes, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (sweet 8) 3.30. Service 5. Tea, followed by meeting, 5.30. Further ringing till 8.30. A welcome for all, but please advise me re tea. Buses 37, 33, 73, 9. S.R. half a mile.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at Rippingale. Bells (6), lately restored by J. Taylor and Co., will be available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. It is earnestly requested that those who require tea will please notify Mr. S. Laxton, Post Office, Rippingale, Bourne, by Wednesday previous.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, July 20th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea (9d. per head) notify me not later than Tuesday, July 23rd? Important business to be discussed at this meeting. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District).—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Rannmoor, near Dorking. Full particulars next week.—A. H. Smith and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Woodford on Wednesday, July 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Pebmarsh on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday morning, 24th? This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. If fine, tea will be held, by kind permission, in the grounds of Cecil House, if wet in the Schoolroom. It is most essential that all those intending to be present advise me not later than Wednesday, July 24th. There is a frequent bus service to and from Brentwood.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival and meeting will be held at Norbury Church (Hazel Grove), near Stockport, on Saturday, July 27th. Service, with dedication of the Memorial Tablet to the Rev. A. T. Beeston, at 3 p.m. Meeting 4 (in the schools). Tea (also in the schools) at 5, price 2s. Members 1s. 6d. Tickets may be obtained from the general secretary, the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich Vicarage, Cheshire, or from the branch secretaries.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer meeting at Whitley Bay on Saturday, July 27th. Bells of St. Paul's available at 3 o'clock. Evensong in church at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5. Members intending to be present please advise me before the 24th.—G. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

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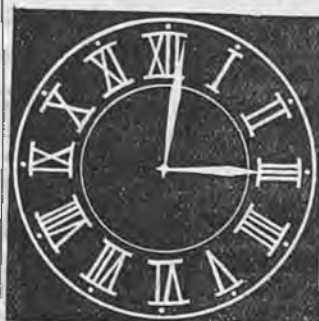
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