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ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

The absence of any member on many Diocesan Advisory Committees capable of giving practical advice on questions relating to bells and bell hanging from the bellringers' angle has long been a sore point, and the Central Council has once more determined to investigate the question. Some years ago the matter was discussed and an effort made through the various affiliated societies, to remedy what is felt to be an omission in the constitution of Diocesan Committees. No substantial progress was, however, made on that occasion, partly, we think, because the Bishops concerned failed to realise the importance of the subject from the ringers' standpoint, and partly because of indifference, and, perhaps, obstinacy. Let it be at once admitted that bells and bell restoration schemes form only a small part of the cases that come before the committee, but that, in our opinion, is no reason for the exclusion of the advice which a competent person could offer in these matters. Other members of the committee hold their position because of their special knowledge of particular subjects—artistic, antiquarian, ecclesiastical among them. In those cases where Diocesan Committees include a member with sound knowledge of bells and the requirements of ringing, the advice at their disposal has been of really great value, and equally useful results would follow similar appointments to other committees.

What ringing associations feel is that where the practical ringer's views are not available, either through a member of the committee or a consultant, to whom bell cases are submitted as a matter of routine, the dice are loaded in favour of the antiquarians, whose opinions are accepted without question. The prejudices of some ecclesiastical architects also weights the scales against common sense restoration in frequent instances, and one of the things which seems to us most important is that Advisory Committees should be 'educated' in regard to bell matters. They are amply circularised and 'spoon fed' on the antiquarian diet and, never hearing the other side of the case, naturally conclude that there is only one view worth consideration. At the moment all the Central Council proposes to do is to collect information as to the position in each diocese, and it will be at least another year before any further step can be taken. In the meantime, however, we suggest that the Towers and Belfries Committee should prepare a propaganda programme on the practical side of bell restoration, so that, when the information as to the constitution of Advisory Committees is available, a further year will not elapse before anything can be done. We think, too, that they

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should give serious consideration to the suggestion of approaching the Central Council for the Care of Churches. All the Advisory Committees are represented on this body, and their views have, naturally, great influence in the dioceses. We fear that the stumbling block at present is that Advisory Committees, or, perhaps, the Bishops who have the appointment of them, think of ringers as of little importance in matters of this kind, and think of them, also, as having 'an axe to grind.' This is an entirely mistaken view. Even where there are no principles to be argued, the advice of a practical ringer could often avert mistakes or omissions, which, though small, may prove a constant source of irritation and annoyance to those who are responsible for ringing the bells and who have to use the tower week by week.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
ALFRED W. DURHAM 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
WALTER H. DOBBIE 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 5
ALFRED W. DURHAM 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALLEN J. HOPPER Treble	HERBERT E. AODSLEY 5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3	*CYRIL E. LANXON 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Surprise. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Groombridge, jun.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN W. KNIGHTS 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 6
WILLIAM J. THYNG 3	G. GORDON GRAHAM 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 4	THOMAS E. LEE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

The composition, 7,456 reduced to 5,088, was rung for the first time.

WHITBOURNE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes) in three different methods: C. Davis (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Davis 2, E. Jones 3, G. Soley (conductor) 4, R. J. Caswell 5, W. Morris 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
THOMAS E. DENYER 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung for the service of induction and installation of Canon Eric Southam as Rector of Guildford and Provost of the Cathedral.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH FORREST BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

JOHN HARPER Treble	J. W. DAVIS 5
OLIVER THOMAS 2	A. H. CARTER 6
W. H. HARRIS 3	W. BISHOP 7
GEORGE WILKS 4	H. MEEK Tenor

Conducted by A. H. CARTER.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	EDWARD J. BEER 5
*JOHN CRAMPION 2	GEORGE BUTCHER 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
HARRY HOVERD 4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by HERBERT E. ADDSLEY

* 50th Surprise peal.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble	*MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE ... 5
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	JOSEPH A. FENTON 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	RICHARD F. ROE 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS

* First peal of Bristol.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIE GREEN Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
TOM BROTHWELL 2	HAROLD CHANT 6
ARTHUR FIRTH 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
REGINALD PAYNE 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*GEOFFREY HARRISON Treble	AUBREY L. BENNETT 5
JOHN GRUNDY 2	LESLIE STEVENS 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS 7
CHARLES ALLSOP 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS WINIFRED DITCHAM Treble	CEDRIC CURSON 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
MISS GWENDOLINE TUNNADINE ... 3	HARRY TOOKE 7
MISS DOROTHY DITCHAM 4	CLIFFORD BIRD Tenor

Composed by H. HOSBARD.

Conducted by CLIFFORD BIRD.

First attempt as conductor. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Mary's 70th birthday. It was also as a birthday compliment to Miss Ditcham.

ENDERBY, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN E. CLARKE Treble	FRANK K. MEASURES 5
CHARLES MARSHALL 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 4	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF REVERSE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HARRY HOSKINS Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	*DEREK M. SHARP 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	*EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
*HARRY HOVERD 4	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Reverse Bob. H. Hoverd's 300th peal. H. Hoskins and A. S. Richards have now 'circled the tower.' It was the latter's 50th peal. He has rung 12 peals in 12 attempts at this tower.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Containing 2,944 London, 736 each Superlative and Cambridge, and, 608 Bristol, with 111 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. BIGGS Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

Superlative and Cambridge were rung in alternate courses. First peal of 'Spliced' Surprise Major by all the band except the conductor. First 'spliced' peal as conductor.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LORENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*NORMAN J. GOODMAN Treble	†H. JAMES TURNER 5
HENRY H. FEARN 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN.—For evening service at St. Michael's Church on April 11th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Bugg (age 13) 1, J. Durant 2, F. G. Thorogood 3, L. Sharpe (first 720) 4, W. Downe 5, E. Davey (Little Clacton) (conductor) 6. The first five members are all local Sunday service ringers at the above church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

F. G. BAILEY Treble	J. W. ATKINS 4
G. VERREY 2	W. GOADBY 5
A. R. TONKS 3	A. OVERTON Tenor

Conducted by A. R. TONKS.

First peal as conductor.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN MORRIS Treble	J. READER 4
WILLIAM DICKINSON 2	GEORGE FLINT 5
FRED FLINT 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

First peal by all except the conductor and first peal as conductor.

LITTLE STAUGHTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*ALBERT MARSHALL Treble	J. HAROLD SWEPSTON ... 3
ERNEST ASQUE 2	GEORGE SEIT 4

DONALD L. COCKINGS Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Mears and Stainbank in 1935, the last peal having been rung in 1906.

WIVETON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT J. WISKER Treble	LESLIE V. PAGE 4
WILLIAM COPEMAN 2	WILLIAM R. WEST 5
CHARLES E. COPEMAN 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE Tenor

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter and All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb.

DONALD COCKINGS Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	HENRY W. GAYTON 5
ERNEST WHITMORE 3	REGINALD WEST Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WEST.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: Two 720's of Double Court, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE F. TUSTAIN Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 4
JOHN HIGGINS 2	ADREY R. ATKINS 5
ARTHUR G. MAY 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. First peal of Minor in three methods by ringers of 2, 3 and 5. First peal on the bells since the treble was added.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

F. FRINDER Treble	H. FARMER 4
V. CLIFTON 2	N. SPINDLOW 5
T. W. BOND 3	C. BOWSER Tenor

Conducted by N. SPINDLOW.

HAMPSTEAD NORRIS, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Thelwall Bob; (2) Double Oxford; (3) Double Court; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.).

EDWARD W. RICHARDSON ... Treble	REGINALD W. REX 4
HENRY LAWRENSON 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 5
CHARLES J. GARDINER 3	GEOFFREY E. FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.

First peal in eight methods by all and on the bells.

WROXETER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	G. LEONARD HEWITT 4
JOSEPH L. STAINER 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
WALTER LAGO 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

Rung at the request of Mr. E. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, U.S.A., to commemorate the 150th anniversary of a 720 of Bob Minor rung at Atoham on May 23rd, 1787, in which three of his ancestors took part. First peal of Minor on the bells.

CORSLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

*A. THOMAS Treble	W. GRAY 4
*B. HAMS 2	E. F. MARLOW 5
*T. RENVARD 3	H. MOODY Tenor

Conducted by E. F. MARLOW.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. F. R. Edmonds) and Miss Edmonds. All are Sunday service ringers.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three different 720's of Plain Bob and two of Oxford Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK TURRELL ... Treble	*RALPH SHORT 4
*EDDIE RAPLEY 2	*CECIL LONGHURST 5
VICTOR GOACHER 3	WILLIAM DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by W. DENMAN.

* First peal.

CORONATION PEALS

In honour of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth in Westminster Abbey the following peals were rung:

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 62 cwt.

ERNEST G. FENN Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 8
WILLIAM HIBBERT 3	JACK A. WAUGH 9
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 4	JAMES H. RIDING 10
HENRY G. MILES 5	RICHARD F. DEAL 11
EDWIN H. LEWIS 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and conducted by H. G. MILES.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	RAYMOND G. COUSINS 7
HERBERT LANGDON 2	ERNEST BRETT 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	HAROLD V. FROST 9
HARRY HOSKINS 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 10
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5	ALFRED B. PECK 11
JACK M. CRIPPS 6	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBT. LANGDON.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 17 cwt, 1 qr. 20 lb.

*HERBERT MARKWELL ... Treble	*EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 6
*MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN ... 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
*FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 3	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 8
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 4	*ADAM DEAS 9
*STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal. First peal of Double Norwich Royal on the bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES BUTCHER Treble	CHARLES RAISON 6
WILLIAM LOUD 2	ERNEST PARKER 7
REGINALD AMON 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 8
JESSE FRANCIS 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 9
CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 5	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

Also rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent to Trowbridge for the Bath and West Show. First peal of Caters as conductor.

BELL ROPES

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SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRED PAYNE Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR 5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON ... 6
GEORGE LADD 3	GEORGE W. MILLS 7
NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH ... 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by W. AYRE.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal of Major.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS Treble	*EDWARD TIMPSON 5
*MRS. R. BLABY 2	REGINALD BLABY 6
ARTHUR G. JAMES 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	ROLAND BIGGS Tenor

Composed by H. T. TUCKER.

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First attempt for a peal of Major.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PEAL NO. 115 C.C.C.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MISS DORIS DOBBIE Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE 5
ARTHUR S. BOAR 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 6
WILLIAM J. WOOD 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM A. WOOD 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CAMPANILE TOWER OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

MISS KATHLEEN M. LEWIS Treble	*DONALD A. LONG 5
R. WILLIAM BARBER 2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 6
MISS D. R. CONSTANCE ... 3	JAMES SPALDING 7
*STANLEY FENN 4	CHARLES F. SAYER Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by CHAS. F. SAYER.

* First peal of Kent Major. First peal as conductor.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

AND THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*HARRY CHEESMAN Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 2	THOMAS NORMAN 6
†ALBERT J. ADAMS 3	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 7
JOHN HOBDEN 4	EDWARD F. WOOLOFF ... Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

* First peal, aged 14. † First peal in the method.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday May, 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5054 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

REG. C. H. CONNOLLY ... Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... 5
WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 2	HORACE L. WAITE ... 6
JACK BRAY ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... 7
ARTHUR DAY ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*ARTHUR G. THOMAS ... Treble	ARTHUR R. MOSELEY ... 5
†CHARLES R. SMITH ... 2	JOHN MARSHALL ... 6
JOHN H. COLLEY ... 3	WALTER H. RAXTER ... 7
THOMAS H. YOUNG ... 4	†GEORGE EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. RAXTER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Seven of the above are members of local Sunday service ringers' band.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE (R.C.).

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 5
JESSE J. MOSS ... 2	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 6
*SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 46). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Superlative on the bells.
First peal on the bells since rehanging by Meares and Stainbank.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

GEO. H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	†WILFRED S. CHILDS ... 5
*REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 2	EDGAR HANCOX ... 6
FREDR. W. GOODFELLOW ... 3	†PERCY E. JONES ... 7
JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 4	FRANK CORKE ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FRANK CORKE.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Major. ‡ 100th peal.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS ... Treble	JAMES MORGAN ... 5
J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... 2	ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... 6
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 3	JOHN GRIFFITHS ... 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
Mr. J. Swindley's 200th peal.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 2	ADAM DEAS ... 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3	CECIL NICE ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by O. SIPPETS.
A. Deas is from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 20, 1937, in Two Hours Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY HARRISON ... Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 5
COLIN HARRISON ... 2	CHARLES ALLSOP ... 6
JOHN SADDINGTON ... 3	JOHN P. FIDLER ... 7
LESLIE W. STEVENS ... 4	WILLIAM HICKMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES ALLSOP.

TICKHILL, YORKS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

ARNOLD HILL ... Treble	*ARTHUR MULVEY ... 5
*OSWY STREET ... 2	*FRANK W. VERNON ... 6
MISS KATH BURCHNALL ... 3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4	*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.
* First peal in the method. The treble ringer has now 'circled' the tower.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW (HEXHAM ABBEY),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 2	HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt

WALTER J. BOWDEN ... Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
JOHN G. NASH ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted CHAS. T. COLES.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' TEN-PART, No. 10.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROLAND PARK ... Treble	*ROBERT B. ROBINSON ... 5
JAMES T. TITT ... 2	*JOHN F. PENTLAND ... 6
GEORGE W. PEVERELL ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... 7
*JOSEPH WEST ... 4	*G. W. HUTCHINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in the method.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 5
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
WILLIAM BARTON ... 3	FREDERICK SEAGER ... 7
*HARRY DAVISON ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Major rung in this tower, and first peal of Major on the recast bells.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL Treble	*ARTHUR G. WILLET ... 5
*RONALD A. TUFFIN ... 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... 6
WALTER CLAYDON ... 3	*RICHARD V. FULLER ... 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S No. 15. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*FRANCIS W. JOHNSON ... Treble	†ARTHUR A. HADLEY ... 5
†HARRY E. GOOD ... 2	CHARLES E. READ ... 6
JOHN BEAMS ... 3	GEORGE F. MARRINER ... 7
†JOHN E. BEAMS ... 4	†WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BEAMS.

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

ST. STEPHEN-IN-BRANNEL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.

*VIVIAN WILLIAMS ... Treble	HENRY WILLIAMS ... 5
FREDERICK HARRIS ... 2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 6
CYRIL E. LANKON ... 3	†STANLEY SEYMOUR ... 7
PHILIP J. HITCHINS ... 4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANKON.

* First peal on eight. † First peal on eight away from the tenor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. WILLIAM HEATH ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	*FREDERICK KINCHIN ... 6
*FRANK TUFFLEY ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 4	RALPH HARRIS ... Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Major.

LINGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BLOOR ... Treble	ALAN D. STEEL ... 5
HARRY HALL ... 2	EDWARD STEELE ... 6
*NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
HAROLD ROSE ... 4	FREDERICK SHELLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal inside.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN E. FULLER ... Treble	DAVID ARKLESS ... 5
PERCY E. JOHNSON ... 2	†ROBERT F. TELFORD ... 6
RICHARD PATTINSON ... 3	REGINALD H. HEWITT ... 7
*EDWARD WILSON ... 4	JOHN M. T. MCROBIE ... Tenor

Composed by E. TAYLOR. Conducted by R. H. HEWITT.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church.

ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	ROWLAND BARROW ... 5
R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ... 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 3	*SIDNEY HARRISON ... 7
ALBAN DISNEY ... 4	†MISS EILEEN CUFFLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells since recasting of 6th, 7th and tenor. The ringer of the 3rd rang in the first peal on these bells; his 100th peal was also rung here.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL GUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MARTIN A. BLAMEY ... Treble	JOHN E. TAYLOR ... 5
*PETER A. BLAMEY ... 2	GORDON W. LIMMER ... 6
*BRYAN O'NEILL ... 3	GEORGE H. LIMMER ... 7
THOMAS BEVAN ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Major. All are members of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, except ringer of the 4th.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Empire Day, Monday, May 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	ERNEST BRETT ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... 7
JOHN W. EUSTON ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. T. COLES.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY YOUNG ... Treble	THOMAS F. KING ... 5
GEORGE TEMPLE ... 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 6
*MRS. A. EVANS ... 3	*WILLIAM G. BROWN ... 7
†SEALY WOODBURN ... 4	A. E. BAVERSTOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. BROWN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor on eight bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... Treble	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 2	*PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 6
KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
WILLIAM PYE ... 4	JAMES TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

* 50th peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, May 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 5
JOHN H. ARBON ... 2	ALBERT E. WHITING ... 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. WHITING.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday May 11th, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

*GEORGE BATE Treble	†WILLIAM LEACH 4
HARRY GRUNDY 2	CHARLES BLACKBURN 5
WILLIAM JOHNSON 3	†PETER CASE 6

*SAMUEL BORROWS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

* First peal in any method. † First peal 'inside' on any method.
Rung after being short for Grandsire Triples.

MULLION, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in eight callings.

VIVIAN WILLIAMS Treble	EDWARD SANDERS 4
WILLIAM J. SANDERS 2	FREDERIC H. HARRIS 5
WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 3	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERIC H. HARRIS.

The first peal on the bells.

HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

STANLEY W. GALL Treble	THOMAS W. DEVILLE 4
*STANLEY FENN 2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE 5
R. WILLIAM BARBER 3	†DONALD A. LONG Tenor

Conducted by GODFREY G. WALPOLE.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

VICTOR MORLEY Treble	REGINALD SIMMONDS 4
ALBEM, GERNERY 2	RALPH BIRD 5
BERNARD W. PETTIT 3	RONALD SICKLING Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*NOEL THURLEY Treble	†CHARLES H. BAKER 4
†JOSEPH A. LUNN 2	LESLIE LUNN 5
FRANK VERNON 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, with varied callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ERNEST WARNER Treble	*ARCHIE LEAHY 4
JOHN J. JUTSON 2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON 5
HERBERT GOAKES 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with three callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

BERT W. MAY Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL 4
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
EDWARD W. TUMBER 3	CHARLES TUMBER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TUMBER.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. EDBURGH'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*CONRAD PHILLIPS Treble	JOHN LINDON 4
GEORGE H. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM MUIRHEAD 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	WILLIAM SCRIVENS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. TAYLOR.

* First peal.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*TOM J. MARRIOTT Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER 4
JOHN HOUGH 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
†WILLIAM H. CORSON 3	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Marriott for their kind hospitality after the peal.

BRADFORD ABBAS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*HENRY J. GILLHAM Treble	*CECIL C. SMITH 4
*FRANK H. SMITH 2	E. T. PAUL FIELD 5
HUBERT SMITH 3	*ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal at first attempt and a member of the local band.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

AUSTIN WINGATE Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS 4
STANLEY T. YAPP 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN 5
*ARTHUR J. GOUGH 3	CHARLES H. TOMKINS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal 'inside.'

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On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

PTE. R. W. RANDALL ... Treble	WALTER WILSON ... 4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
JAMES H. MUSSON ... 3	CHARLES WILKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*GEORGE CLOUGH ... Treble	WILLIAM WILCOX ... 4
†DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. 2	SMITH WOOD ... 5
DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 3	JAS. F. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by JAS. F. SMITH.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.'

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(RUTLAND BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and 1,440 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. H. SMITH ... Treble	R. RUSSELL ... 4
A. L. WARD ... 2	F. HUBBARD ... 5
G. GRAY ... 3	J. H. BLUFF ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BARNESLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Munden, Canterbury, Newcastle, Carlisle, Sandiaco and London. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... Treble	ERNEST BROOKES ... 4
*ARTHUR PANTHER ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... 5
*HAROLD CHANT ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* 50th peal together. First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells since rehanging.

LINCOLN, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 18, 1937, in Two Hours Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RAYMOND N. SMITH ... Treble	PERCY HOLMES ... 4
GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 2	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal in seven methods. † Fiftieth peal, rung in 33 towers and with 57 ringers.

HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST WILLIAMS ... Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 4
GEORGE GRIFFITHS ... 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN ... 5
AUSTIN WINGATE ... 3	GEORGE T. COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal and first attempt.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is to be a rally of the British Legion in Hyde Park, London, on Sunday, June 27th. There are likely to be several provincial ringers visiting the Metropolis for the occasion, and we have already had an inquiry as to evening service ringing in London. If secretaries of London towers will send us the information we shall be pleased to publish the places and times of ringing for the benefit of visitors.

The bells of Welling, Kent, are apparently not good enough for ringing for weddings, and the parish cannot afford to pay for a better peal. Accordingly a gramophone, with amplifier in the tower, has been installed and a record of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, is to be played.

To what depths is the Church descending! It is not that we object to 'tinned' bells in their proper place, but we do think this kind of make-believe, in connection with the solemn services of the Church, is lowering to its dignity and prestige.

Will Mr. H. Parkes please send his present address to the hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend?

Mr. Cyril E. Lanxon is not the first native of Cornwall to ring a Surprise peal. That distinction, writes Mr. W. G. Hiscott, probably belongs to the late Mr. William J. Rundle, a native of Fowey, Cornwall, who rang the 4th to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Holbeton, Devon, on Saturday, March 3rd, 1928.

The peal at Brierley Hill on May 13th was rung for the Worcester-shire Association.

DEATH OF MR. F. W. THORNTON.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frederick William Thornton, of Greenwich, who passed away on Monday last after only a week's illness.

The first part of the funeral service will be at St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, on Friday, at 12.30. Mr. Thornton was long associated with this church as ringer and chorister, and was also a member of the Parochial Church Council. He sang in the choir up to the Sunday before his last illness.

THE GLOSSARY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the recommendation of the Central Council, I am prepared to supply to officials of associations copies of 'A Glossary of the Technical Terms, etc.,' at the following rates for postage:—

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WELL-KNOWN RINGERS WEDDED.

MR. J. THOMAS AND MISS AMY R. JOHNSON.

A wedding ceremony, at which the bride, bridegroom, bridesmaids and best man, to say nothing of a large part of the congregation, were all ringers, was solemnised at the Parish Church, Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire, on Wednesday, June 2nd, when Miss Amy R. Johnson, of Hinton, was married to Mr. John Thomas, of Edmonton, Middlesex.

Both bride and bridegroom are well known and have a large circle of ringing friends, the bride being well known in Worcestershire ringing circles. Mr. Thomas, of course, is well known throughout the country by virtue of his work as a bellhanger. He is a member of many ringing associations.

The bride was given away by her mother, Mrs. F. J. Johnson, an honorary member of the Worcestershire Association, and attended by her sisters, the Misses Ruth, Florence and Kathleen Johnson. Mr. W. Thomas, of Bristol, was best man. The Rev. V. C. Blyth, Rector of Hinton, a vice-president of the Worcestershire Association, officiated.

A reception was held at the bride's home, after which Mr. and Mrs. Thomas left for their honeymoon, which is being spent touring in Cornwall.

After the ceremony the bells were rung and 'fired,' and during the evening a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by a mixed band.

LADIES' PEAL ATTEMPT.

The Ladies' Guild made an attempt for a peal at Edenbridge on Saturday, May 29th, to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Frances Humphrey. Unfortunately, it failed, but afterwards a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung: Mrs. P. Humphrey 1, Miss D. Colgate 2, Mrs. F. W. Housden 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, Mrs. J. E. Davis 5, Mrs. G. H. Cross 6, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (conductor) 7, Miss F. Humphrey 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

Speaking on the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee with regard to Diocesan Advisory Committees, Mr. George Pullinger said that about seven or eight years ago the Winchester Diocesan Guild approached the Bishop in an indirect way—if approach were made in a direct way they often got refused—through a member of the committee. The result was that in matters relating to bells Mr. Wilfred Andrews or Mr. George Williams was asked to give advice.

Mr. Walter Ayre said in Hertfordshire they had great difficulty in getting any voice in bell matters when they came before the Advisory Committee. He approached the chairman, who told him they had enough to do with the bellfounders. They had an axe to grind and did not seem to know anything about the other part of the job at all. Later in regard to another matter two representatives of the Bedfordshire Association and Hertfordshire Association, which made up the diocese of St. Albans, met the Bishop, and he seemed greatly in favour of having someone who knew about bells and bellhanging on the committee. So they lived in hopes.

Mr. J. Hunt pointed out that Advisory Committees met on church matters a dozen times a year, but might only have to deal with a question relating to bells once in a year. It was unnecessary to have to attend a committee twelve times to discuss bell matters only once.

Mr. C. F. Johnston said Thetford had been referred to. Unfortunately, he knew a little about Thetford. If anybody could be found who could get the Advisory Committee to give instructions how to rehanging the bells on the old headstocks, four of which are entirely derelict, the bellfounders would be very grateful.

The Rev. H. Drake said there were two difficulties about having a representative on the Diocesan Committee. One had been referred to. If they had a member of an association on the Diocesan Committee, he had got a great deal of work to do that had nothing to do with bells. Bells did not come up very often, perhaps only two or three times a year. In Suffolk they had had the same trouble that most of them had. They had approached the committee and had had a nice answer, but nothing seemed to have been done. What they really wanted was not to have a member on the Advisory Committee as a ringer, but someone who should be elected ad hoc, or as an assessor for bells, and that the Advisory Committee should not pass any work on bells until the assessor had been consulted and probably called to advise the committee at a particular meeting. The other difficulty was one of their own. All associations were not coterminous with dioceses. Those which were diocesan associations could readily get into touch with the Diocesan Advisory Committee or the diocesan authorities, but all associations could not do that, because some were county associations and in some cases two associations covered one diocese, or two dioceses were covered by one association. Could they not do something through the Central Council for the Care of Churches instead of through the separate Diocesan Committees? If they could get the Central Council for the Care of Churches to agree that every Diocesan Committee should have an assessor to deal with questions relating to bells, he thought it would be better step than each association approaching its own Diocesan Committee. If necessary he would move a resolution to that effect.

The President said the resolution before the Council was that in the first place they should get information as to what was happening in the dioceses. After that they could take further action.

The motion was carried.

INSURANCE AGAINST ACCIDENTS.

The Rev. H. Drake referred to a recent letter in 'The Ringing World' and asked the committee to consider the question of the legal liability of church authorities in the case of accident to a member of the public after a tower had been declared to be unsafe for ringing. He thought when a tower had been declared unsafe, authorities 'gave themselves away' if an accident happened or a malingeringer pretended to have sustained some injury from the tower. He thought the Towers and Belfries Committee should consider, as soon as they could, the question of insurance in such circumstances, and, if possible, get something printed about it which could be published in the 'Law of Church Bells.' It was important it should be done, because even where church authorities had insured their church generally about accidents of this kind, it was quite certain if they were to forbid ringing because of the condition of the tower and were not to inform their insurance company, the company would refuse to pay. It was most important that church authorities should know that, and that, if they were going to forbid ringing, it might involve them in the event of an accident.

The Hon. Secretary said the proofs of the revised booklet on 'Laws' was in his hands and would shortly be printed. There was a paragraph with regard to the insurance of ringers. The view was expressed that there was no obligation to insure voluntary ringers or other voluntary churchworkers against accident. The Ecclesiastical Insurance Company, however, had a special scheme of insurance based upon a premium of 1s. per ringer, with a minimum premium of 10s. That provided, he thought, for £250 in the event of a fatal accident, £125 for partial disability or disablement and 30s. a week during temporary disability for any ringer injured in any tower where he had gone for practice, or while travelling to or from his own or other tower.

The Rev. H. Drake said that did not cover his point. Suppose a member of the public was going past a tower where change ringing had been forbidden and pretended that he had been injured by something falling from the tower, the church authorities would have considerable difficulty in proving they were not liable.

Mr. L. J. Williams said that was a matter for the church authorities and not for the Council.

The President said Mr. Drake had raised the question of a tower said to be unsafe for ringing. He had never yet found a tower unsafe because of ringing; it might be unsafe for other reasons.

Mr. J. W. Jones said his Vicar had told him that since the case in which damages were awarded for an injury in church, through a defect in bell fittings, he had paid for insurance of the bellringers, the choir and even the congregation against any accident happening in church.

Mr. F. W. Rogers asked what the Council recognised as the definition of a paid ringer and a voluntary ringer. This was rather important when they talked about insurance claims, because in some churches, although they might not pay their ringers, they made them a gratuity which was shown in the church accounts as 'payment to ringers.' Were the ringers bound to sign some form to say they were paid ringers?

The Hon. Secretary said it had never been decided what was a 'paid' ringer, and the Insurance Company would not decide it. Their scheme was devised to get over the difficulty, so that in the event of a claim arising, which might be a Workmen's Compensation Act claim, no question would arise.

Mr. Trollope said he thought the company took the position that they insured the ringers and did not bother whether they were paid or not.

The President said the only condition was that the church authorities paid ten shillings a year to insure them.

NOISY TOWERS.

The Rev. H. Drake said with regard to the question of noise outside a tower, he had advised several towers to have their windows bricked up. Now it had come to a question of his own tower, what he had had done had not been successful. He would like to ask the committee to go further into the question of lessening the sound outside towers.

The President said if Mr. Drake would send him the particulars of the tower, with full dimensions and details of what he had done and what substance he had used, he would go into the matter.

The committee's report was adopted.

THE PRESS AND BELLS.

The Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee presented the following report:—

Numerous references to bells and ringing in the London and provincial Press have manifested a sympathetic and friendly attitude, with increasing appreciation of change ringing as a national art and of the part played by bells in our national life. The tercentenary of the Collegio Youths has attracted attention. In the Midlands the bells of Birmingham Cathedral have been very much in evidence. Several articles on the subject, with pictorial illustrations, have been published in the local Press, while Sir Charles Hyde, owner of the 'Birmingham Daily Post,' himself guaranteed the cost of the new peal. The record set up in Dorset by the band of ringers at Marshull in completing 40 years of continuous service figured prominently in the 'Daily Express.' The 'Morning Post' published an article 'In Praise of Campanology' over the signature Sentinel, which elicited from an appreciative correspondent a somewhat unusual comment: 'It is a happy thought,' he wrote, 'that bell music is the only medium of expression that has never come to base uses. . . . The organ is too often degraded. . . . The pianoforte has lost its character. But the bells are still left to send out their uplifting message free from jazz.' (This last sentence suggests an apt moral; never to let change ringing 'lose its character' by the admission of any jazz rhythm!) Agents of the district Press were diligent in their attention to the party of clerical ringers recently visiting Evesham, and Press photographers awaited them at Stratford-on-Avon.

The official organ of Imperial Steel Works, Ltd., would seem one of the most unlikely of publications to invite the attention of its readers to the history and traditions of church bells. That journal, however, which has for its title 'The Edgar Allen News,' published a few years ago, 'in fear and trepidation,' as the editors tell us, an article on bells. 'The result was surprising. From all quarters of the world letters and comments came in, showing how greatly the subject of bells interested readers.' Further articles on bells have accordingly appeared from time to time, and last June three pages were devoted to a review of Mr. E. Morris' recently published work, 'Legends of the Bells,' reproducing a number of the illustrations and recommending 'all interested in bells to make a point of buying it.'

The 'Church Assembly News' in two successive numbers contained admirable articles, with good illustrations, on 'Bells, their care and their use,' by a ringer. An article on the Guild of Ringers appeared in the current issue of the 'Salisbury Diocesan Gazette.' The 'Radio Times' of last December contained an interesting paragraph on bells, with reference to a talk on that subject arranged in the Northern Ireland programme. 'The Bells of England,' by Hugh M. Blendel, appearing in 'The Sign' for March, was written in the right spirit and well illustrated, but contained not a few inaccuracies. One sentence, which follows up a reference to bells installed in celebration of

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BELLS 'ON THE AIR.'

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Queen Victoria's Jubilee with the strange statement that 'the decline of the art will find few such additions to mark the Coronation this year,' is conspicuously wide of the mark in view of the fact that the bell foundries have all been working at high pressure and that just lately a whole column in 'The Ringing World' was taken up with notices of opening of bells.

The committee are glad to be able to issue an exceptionally satisfactory report on broadcasting. Many of the services transmitted have been introduced by the church bells, and, with one or two unfortunate exceptions, the ringing has been worthy of its purpose, while the voice of the announcer no longer interrupts for an undue length of time. Well-struck touches of Caters on the fine peal of bells lately installed at Croydon have been a great feature of the Sunday morning programmes. Amongst the evening broadcasts the bells of St. Mary's, Nottingham, and those of Stepney have been heard with especially beautiful effect.

On New Year's Eve and in other Christmas programmes the bells of St. Mary's, Redcliffe, and of village churches were a delightful feature. On one notable occasion especially the English art of ringing came into its own. New Year's greetings were broadcast from the various countries of Europe, with music or song in the characteristic idiom of each nation. The contribution of England took the form of records of the bells of Westminster Abbey and of a country church.

The series 'Churches and Chimes' was well conceived, but the time allotted to the bells in each case was disproportionately short. Talks on clock chimes have been interesting, and handbells have been introduced with good effect. Our ancient art was put to its most modern use on Christmas Day, when four College Youths featured with handbells in a television programme at the Alexandra Palace, and proved one of the most successful 'turns.'

With the greatest satisfaction of all we record the fact that the parody of bell music produced by the chiming apparatus, which for the last ten years has been employed as a prelude to the monthly service broadcast from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, has given way to genuine ringing on this well-known peal of bells, well and worthily carried out by the Royal Cumberland Youths.

On May 1st the B.B.C. devoted a quarter of an hour of their Saturday evening programme on the Midland Regional to the new bells of Birmingham Cathedral. The bells had been dedicated at a service about an hour before, and they were 'on the air' in some excellently rung Stedman Caters. Councillor A. Paddon Smith, a member of this committee, broadcast a description of the rejuvenated peal and something of their history. It was a very successful and interesting broadcast and another evidence of the increasing publicity which is being given to bells.

In moving the adoption of the report, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards apologised for one omission. There should have been included, he said, a notice of an interesting work recently published by Canon Perkins on the bells of Westminster Abbey. In the report was a reference to a team of ringers at Marnhull, Dorset, who had completed 40 years' service together as ringers. Since that appeared, the Press had referred to some other old ringers in Wiltshire who had rung together for 48 years.

The report was seconded by Mr. A. Walker and adopted.

OLD PEAL RECORDS.

In the afternoon the reception of committee's reports was continued. Mr. W. H. Hollier submitted the following report of the Peal Boards Committee: We are pleased to be able to report considerable progress since the last meeting of the Council. We have received details of many interesting records of peals rung before 1826, as well as many of a later date.

Many details sent to us do not contain the names of the performers—only the date, place and name of method rung being given, and others do not give the name of the conductor. The committee desire the Council's opinion whether the names of the performers should be obtained and recorded.

We have received a complete list of 48 peals rung by the Society of Sherwood Youths (established 1672); a record peal of Minor, 15,120 changes, rung at All Saints', Wath-on-Dearne, on Shrove Tuesday, 1816, in 8 hours and 27 minutes, in 21 methods; a peal of Double Norwich Royal rung at St. Peter Mancroft, 5,040 changes, on Monday, April 17th, 1769, this being 'the first complete 5,040 that ever was rung in the known World'; a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 6,200 changes, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by the London Youths on Monday, January 19th, 1767, in the Year of Bells 3257.

Other notable peal records of which details have been received include: St. Paul's, now the Parish Church of St. Mary, Oldham, three peals of Bob Major—10,080 changes (1793), 14,480 changes (1794) and 15,120 changes (1821). Also a peal of Treble Bob Major, 14,016 changes (1821).

Many of the old peal boards record the first peal rung on the bells or the first in a new method, i.e., 5,040 Treble Bob Triples at St. Peter's, Huddersfield (1821), and 5,040 Oxford Treble Bob Caters at St. Martin's, Birmingham (1817).

The committee tender their sincere thanks to all who have assisted them in this interesting historical work and to those who have promised to do so. They will be pleased to receive assistance from any interested ringer during the coming year.

In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Hollier called attention to the committee's wish for instructions as to obtaining further details of the records, where the names of the ringers had not been supplied. There were many cases in which they could not obtain the names of the conductors as they were not recorded on the boards. Mr. Hollier specially directed attention to the peal at Wath-on-Dearne referred to in the report as one of special interest. This record was as follows: All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne. On Shrove Tuesday, February 27th, 1816, the following 21 methods were rung, being 720 each of Evening Delight, Cambridge, Morning Exercise, Primrose, College Pleasure, Saint Anne's Delight, Duke of York, Evening Star, Symphony, Morning Star, Tulip, London Scholars', Navigation Bob, City Delight, Cheapside, Bob Royal, Morning Pleasure, College Treble, Oxford Treble, Violet, Rodney's Victory, making 15,120 changes, which were brought round in a grand and masterly style in eight hours and twenty-seven minutes without a man quitting his rope, while the whole was performed by the following persons: Treble, Christopher Taylor; second, Joseph Blackburn; third, Joseph Myers; fourth, Edward Myers; fifth, Matthew Blackburn; sixth, William Blackburn. The whole was conducted by William Blackburn.

Mr. Hollier said they had only received two records of peals of Minor rung up to the year 1826. The committee thought there must have been more rung than that, and he appealed to members to assist the committee in tracing the records.

Mr. W. Ayre seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

Mr. A. D. Barker moved that the committee be instructed to get as many details as possible from the old records.—Mr. R. Richardson seconded.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said on some of the old peal boards the calling of the peal was given. Such an instance was at Wakefield, where there was the record of a peal of Cambridge Royal rung nearly a hundred years before the cue at Cheltenham.

The President said all possible details ought to be recorded.—The motion was adopted, and Mr. Wilfred Wilson's name was added to the committee, the President remarking that he would be of great assistance in preparing the records in a suitable form for retention in a book.

BIOGRAPHIES OF PAST MEMBERS.

The Biographies Committee submitted the following report: Since the last report of the committee, 54 further forms, giving biographical details of past members of the Council, have been received, bringing the total up to 163. This, however, is only slightly over half the number of forms sent out, and the committee hope that the remainder may be received at an early date from the secretaries of associations or others in whose hands the forms now are.

It is proposed to collate the biographies in a loose-leaf book, so that it may be conveniently added to from time to time, but owing to the great variety in the style and size of such photographs as have been received, the committee consider it will be necessary to have a separate photographic album, with cross-references to the subjects in the biographical volume. The committee ask the permission of the Council to incur an initial expense, up to three guineas, for the purchase of these books.

In a few cases the photographs which have been sent in are only on loan. The committee recommend that the Council should give them permission to have these pictures suitably copied, at a cost not exceeding 1s 6d. each.

In view of the difficulty that has been experienced in obtaining details of many past members, with whom contact has been lost or who are largely unknown to the present generation, the committee think it would be a good plan if, during the coming year, they are allowed to collect biographical details of the members of the present Council. Particulars of future members can be obtained as they come to the Council. These details could be kept for future reference and added to the albums when the subjects cease to be members of the Council. This plan, the committee feel, would have the advantage of securing the necessary information from the members themselves, which afterwards need only be brought up to date, and would also enable photographs to be obtained of the members during their term of office.

The adoption of the report having been formally moved by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and seconded by Mrs. Fletcher, the hon. secretary said the Standing Committee had considered the recommendations contained in the report and wanted to amend them. They thought it would be best if the photographs could be kept with the biographies, and in order that a satisfactory job might be made of it the Standing Committee recommended that all the photographs should be reproduced in one uniform size. The committee had suggested that biographical details of present members should be collected, and the Standing Committee recommended this should be done.

Mr. Goldsmith said the Biographies Committee were glad to accept the recommendations of the Standing Committee. Their original recommendation was made as being the cheaper method. He appealed to those who had in hand forms which had already been sent out to return them as soon as possible to facilitate the committee's work. The committee's object in suggesting the collecting of biographies of present members was to make it easier to collect the information. Particulars of some past members were unknown to

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CORONATION BELLS.

HIS MAJESTY'S INTEREST IN MASONS' PEAL.

Oldest and Youngest Coronation Peal Ringers.

A report of the Masonic peal of Bob Maximus, rung at Shoreditch, was sent with expressions of loyalty to their Majesties and graciously acknowledged by them in the following letter from Buckingham Palace, dated May 25th: "Sir,—I have laid before the King and the Queen your letter of May 24th. Their Majesties were much interested to hear of the fine performance given by the twelve Master Masons at the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, and greatly appreciated the loyal assurances contained in your letter.—Yours truly, (Signed) A. Lascelles."

The reports of peals rung on Coronation Day reveal that the oldest ringer was Mr. James George, who rang the 7th at Thurcaston, Leicestershire, to a peal of Stedman Triples at the age of 83 years, and the youngest Peggy Marsh, who, only eleven years of age, rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.



PEGGY MARSH,

Youngest Coronation Peal Ringer.

It is interesting to recall that Mr. George rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham for the death of Queen Victoria in February, 1901. He also took part in peals at Cripplegate (Stedman Cinques) and Ashton-under-Lyne (Kent Treble Bob Maximus) for the death of King Edward VII. in May, 1910.

In June, 1911, he finished a peal of Stedman Triples at North Stoneham, Hants, at half-past seven in the morning for the Coronation of King George V. and Queen Mary, and later in the day scored a peal of Stedman Caters at Wimborne Minster.

At the age of 72 he rang the 53 cwt. tenor at Bow, Cheapside, to a half-muffled peal of Treble Twelve for the late Queen Alexandra, and since then he has taken part in peals for the Silver Jubilee, in May, 1935, and for the death of King George V., in February, 1936. He was the oldest person to ring a peal for the Silver Jubilee as well as for the Coronation.

Of all the young ringers who will have reason to remember the Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth, by the part they took in ringing for this auspicious event, none is likely to have a happier recollection of it than Peggy Marsh, of Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.

She rang her first peal on Coronation Day, having rung her first quarter-peal two days earlier. We are told she rang the treble admirably for one of her years. We hope she will live long to ring peals on many future royal occasions. She has been ringing for just over a year and also sings in the choir.

At St. Mary's, Prestwich, before evensong on Sunday, May 9th, in honour of the forthcoming Coronation, 720 Bob Minor: G. A. Bell 1, R. H. Bert 2, F. Reynolds 3, W. Bullough 4, A. Turner 5, W. Foster 6, F. J. Maude (conductor) 7, S. Reynolds 8. Rung with 6-8 covering.

The bells at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth, were fired in a royal salute of 21 'shots' at 12 noon, and straightway they went off into a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Peter Newstead 1, Alfred Moy 2, John Kenyon 3, John G. W. Harwood 4, Reg. J. Davey 5, Clayton Parnell 6, William J. Lee 7, Robert Tooley 8, Edwin G. Kett (conductor) 9, Herbert Jermy 10. In the afternoon after the Abbey service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Newstead 1, J. G. W. Harwood 2, R. J. Davey (conductor) 3, C. Parnell 4, W. J. Lee 5, R. Tooley 6, E. G. Kett 7, H. Jermy 8.

Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle, who took part in the peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, as well as in the abortive attempt, travelled over a thousand miles for the purpose.

The Coronation peal at Brading, Isle of Wight, rung on May 29th, recalls the fact that the first peal on the then newly-restored bells was rung almost 50 years ago—on June 18th, 1887—in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Mr. George Williams, now Master of

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the ringers of to-day, while others were completely lost sight of. If information were collected from the members themselves, although it would not go into the biographies until they ceased to be members of the Council, the committee would have authentic information to work on.

Mr. C. T. Coles said the difficulties of association secretaries in getting some of the forms completed was that they got into the hands of friends who had no interest in the matter, or of past members themselves whose interest had entirely evaporated. In some cases, in spite of several appeals, the papers had not been returned.

The report, amended by the recommendations of the Standing Committee, was adopted.

the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, conducted both these peals and is the only survivor of the 1887 peal. The last peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. B. J. Snow, who rang the 6th and who has done valuable work for the Guild on the Island.

Among the peal attempts in celebration of the Coronation was one at Tichmarsh, Northants, on May 15th, when a 'George' peal of Bob Major was lost after 2 hours 40 minutes.



MR. JAMES GEORGE.

The Oldest Coronation Peal Ringer.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in celebration of the Coronation was attempted at Manchester Cathedral on May 12th, but came to grief when only two leads from the end, owing to the second rope breaking. The quarter-peal was, however, rung on Sunday, May 30th, by H. Longden 1, H. Hollingworth 2, J. Simpkins 3, H. B. Wickon 4, W. Owens 5, A. Ridyard 6, B. Walehaw 7, F. Reynolds 8, R. Langden (conductor) 9, J. W. Wright 10.

The first peal of Major on the recast bells of Leeds Parish Church was rung in celebration of the Coronation on May 22nd. It was rung on the light eight. It is approximately 40 years since a peal of Major was rung at this church, which, as is well known, possesses a ring of twelve. This early peal of Major was the first rung in the city of Leeds.

The Coronation peal at Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, rung on Saturday, May 29th, was also a birthday compliment to Miss J. Naylor, Mr. W. J. Wood and Kent's centenarian, Mr. C. Slingsby. At Frant, Sussex, the Coronation peal was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. L. W. Jarvis, wife of the ringer of the treble.

Kenneth Shelley, of Draycott, Staffs, has to be added to the young folk who have scored their first peal in celebration of the Coronation. He is only 13 years of age, and on May 27th rang the treble at his home tower to a peal of Grandsire Doubles. Two other Draycott ringers took part, and it was the first peal in which three members of this tower have rung together.

Members of the local company at Thornford, Dorset, took part for the first time in a peal on the bells on May 22nd. One rang the treble and the other the tenor to 5,040 of Doubles in three methods. After the peal the band were hospitably entertained at Bombury House by Mrs. and Miss Davidson.

Coronation and Empire Day were jointly celebrated by the peals rung at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London; Twerton-on-Avon, Bath; and Holy Trinity, Bolton.

After losing their peal in Coronation week, through the treble rope slipping wheel, after eleven six-scores had been rung, a band at Publow, Somerset, were successful on May 23rd.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL RINGERS' CELEBRATION.

LEADERSHIP AND LOYALTY.

Meeting at 10 a.m. on Coronation Day, the Cathedral ringers at Manchester were unable to commence ringing before 1 p.m., owing to the delay of the Abbey service. This gave the ringers an opportunity to listen to the proceedings until 12 noon. At the invitation of their leader, Mr. W. C. Bridgeford, they then celebrated the occasion with a luncheon at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, at which past and present members of the band were present.

Luncheon over, Mr. R. Longden proposed a vote of thanks to the host and spoke of the long service Mr. Bridgeford, Mr. Morris and Mr. Fairley, who had rung the Cathedral bells on royal occasions for the past 50 years, and of other members who could show a good record, especially in their attendance for service ringing. He hoped they would be spared to receive the reward of their labours for many years to come.

Mr. Bridgeford, replying, spoke of leadership and loyalty. It was essential in all companies that hoped for progress and fame to have a leader with tact and personality to make the team work of enthusiasm and success. It was not necessary that the leader be an expert, but the greater the knowledge the easier the ideal. The leader's views, which he used for the general benefit, must be consistently followed. As soon as conflicting arguments or undercurrents were introduced, it meant disaster. Much had been written of how to form a company, but very little of how to keep one together. The gathering, he added, gave him the greatest pleasure, and he felt rewarded for any effort he had made to create fellowship and goodwill.

Mr. Charles McLaughlin then proposed the toast to the King, who had just been crowned. The ceremony had been heard over the wireless in the adjoining room, the whole company rising for the occasion.

Returning to the tower, a general 'salute' was accorded to the newly-crowned King and Queen. After evensong the band attempted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, but, unfortunately, with only two leads to go the rope of the second bell broke, robbing the band of what they would have been proud to record, an excellent quarter-peal, well struck, with a right royal spirit.

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Among the disappointments on Coronation Day was a lost peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Margate. After nearly three hours' ringing, 'Stand' was called owing to a shift course. If successful it would have been the first peal in the method for seven out of the eight ringers, who were: R. Dadds 1, F. Gadsden (conductor) 2, J. Waghorn 3, A. Dadds 4, E. Speckett 5, J. Fifield 6, A. Saxby 7, R. Whybrow 8.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Ouseley Parish Church on Coronation Day: W. Jeavons 1, A. Baker 2, F. Holden 3, A. Cope 4, W. Grimsell 5, S. Baker 6, W. Fisher (conductor) 7, D. Holden 8. Other ringing was done during the day.

A peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods was lost at Shenfield, Essex, on May 15th, in the fifth 720, but the band made amends on May 31st, when another attempt was successful.

At Sedburgh, Yorks, in honour of the Coronation, 576 Yorkshire Surprise and a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise (1,280 changes) were rung on May 18th: H. Dawson 1, Miss N. Harrison 2, E. Pennington 3, J. Smith 4, T. Sisson 5, J. W. Pennington 6, H. Haresnape 7, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor) 8. The band are the regular service ringers at Sedburgh.

An attempt for a peal of Minor at St. Martin's Church, Brasted, Kent, was lost after ringing 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob and Double Oxford Bob: G. W. Davey 1, J. O. Weller 2, F. W. Budgen 3, C. E. Townner 4, Stafford H. Green 5, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 6.

Ring on Coronation Day at Bishop's Stortford, Herts, commenced at 7 a.m., and during the afternoon three 504's and two 336's of Grandsire Triples were rung as well as touches of Stedman Triples. The ringers taking part were Miss D. Wacey, H. Wacey, H. M. White, F. Bird (conductor), W. T. Prior, P. Springham, W. Wilkinson, T. Ward, H. Bull, H. Bird, E. Ansell. At Thorley, near Bishop's Stortford, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung by H. Bull, H. M. White, W. T. Prior, H. Bird, F. Bird, E. Ansell.

CHURCHWARDEN'S FIRST PEAL.

At Wareham, Dorset, Dr. Alan M. Cunningham, one of the churchwardens, rang his first peal in connection with the Coronation celebrations.

A peal rung on Whit Sunday at Bradford Abbas, Dorset, commemorated both the Coronation and the Whitsun festival. Four local ringers rang their first peal and it was the first on the bells in which members of the local band had taken part.

On Coronation Day at Newport, Isle of Wight, 350, 1,260 and 742 Grandsire Triples were rung at different hours during the day. Those taking part were W. Scott, sen., W. Scott, jun., S. Moody, F. Taylor, A. Callaway, W. Chambers, W. Upton, J. Leal and W. G. H. Scott. All are Sunday service ringers at this tower.

In honour of the Coronation at Thorverton, Devon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on May 25th: J. Ridler 1, R. B. Ford, jun. 2, B. F. Milford 3, T. H. Pook 4, H. J. Corry (conductor) 5, A. G. Selley 6, P. J. Milford 7, R. B. Ford, sen. 8.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CROMER.

Album Presented to Mr. A. L. Coleman.

The North Norfolk Branch held its second meeting of the year at Cromer on Saturday, May 29th, when all four branches were represented to pay further tribute to Mr. A. L. Coleman, who recently retired from the office of hon. secretary and treasurer. He was presented with an album containing the names of the subscribers to the testimonial presented to him at the annual meeting.

The six bells were available from 3 o'clock, and the recently restored peal of five at Northrepps were visited in the evening.

The Rev. H. Stonely, curate, conducted a service, with Mr. E. E. Chasteney at the organ.

Forty-three members and friends sat down to tea at The Rendezvous Tea Rooms on The Parade. At the business meeting which followed the chair was taken by the Rev. H. W. Benson, supported by Mr. A. L. Coleman (vice-president), Mr. N. Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Messrs. W. C. Duffield and G. Mayers (members of the committee) and ringers from Buxton, Glandford, Hethersett, Norwich, Northrepps, Wiveton and Wymondham, and a strong muster of the local band, while the other branches were represented by members from Dersingham, Fakenham, Gressenhall, Halvergate, Happisburgh, Reedham and Saxlingham. The Rev. H. Stonely, the Rev. C. H. Winter (Rector of Northrepps) and Messrs. E. E. Chasteney and A. Woollard were also present as guests of the association.

Mr. Henry Tooke, of Wymondham, was elected branch secretary in place of Mr. N. Golden, the latter being thanked for his services to the branch.

The re-election of Mr. D. Grimble, the ratification of the belfry election of Mr. A. R. Dawes, of Watford, and the election of Mr. George E. Catchpole, formerly of Buxton, as a life member, were carried unanimously.

It was decided to visit Marsham on September 18th.

On behalf of the association the chairman presented Mr. Coleman with an album, bound in black leather, containing an illuminated frontispiece and a list of the 251 subscribers to the gold watch recently presented to him as a token of the members' esteem and appreciation for almost 20 years' devoted service as general secretary and treasurer.

In reply, Mr. Coleman expressed his thanks for the kind recognition of his work. He hoped the support and assistance he had always received would be transferred to his successor, Mr. Golden. Mr. Coleman spoke with pride of the way in which the association had, since its formation, kept its records complete, especially the register of compositions rung.

The Rev. Charles H. Winter expressed his debt to the association for its help, and thanked Mr. Golden for drawing his attention to the deplorable state of his bells. Now that the Northrepps bells had been rehung he hoped that the members would pay the village a visit.

Mr. Golden thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the meeting—the Rev. H. Stonely, Mr. E. E. Chasteney and Mr. E. C. Wilson, captain of the Cromer band of ringers.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MEETING AT QUEENBOROUGH.

On Saturday, May 1st, in spite of the attractions of a broadcast of the cup final, in addition to the difficulties of local travel now prevailing through the busmen's strike in Kent, a good meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent Association was held at Queenborough. This was probably due largely to very happy memories of a former meeting held there five years previously.

Touches in Doubles and Minor were arranged to suit the tastes and capabilities of members, and the association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Clay). The organist very kindly attended to lead the singing, and a collection, in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the association, was taken during the closing hymn.

After the service the ringers with their wives and friends, numbering about fifty, were very generously entertained to tea by the local ringers and friends, and, in addition to the Vicar, the district officers were supported by Mr. Weekes, an honorary member of the association, and also Mr. Mason. A very gallant attempt was made to clear the tables, but the Queenborough folk had evidently been determined that nobody should leave feeling 'just comfortable.' A course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells was rung after tea.

The business meeting was conducted under the able chairmanship of Mr. Mason, and it was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Tunstall, about mid-July.

The district secretary pointed out that the next issue of the report would contain the new rules of the association, and asked that every member should make himself acquainted with them.

Very hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting, to the organist for his practical help, and also to all who had been associated with providing such a sumptuous meal, not forgetting the ladies who waited upon the party with such grace. —Mr. W. J. Wood replied on behalf of the local ringers and said his only regret was that the company was not much larger.

The district secretary would like to take this opportunity of apologising to the Exercise for the omission of not completing the notice of meeting in 'The Ringing World.'

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

Divisional Committees to be Reduced in Size.

Favoured with one of the most brilliant days of the year, the annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association took place at Chichester on Saturday, May 29th.

Although the numbers were not up to the usual standard, as Chichester is situated at the very end of the county, the encouraging number of 55 members and visitors were present. The eight bells of the Cathedral, hung in a campanile separate from the main building, were kept going from 3 p.m. in methods ranging from Grandire to Spliced Surprise, with rounds for those not so far advanced. Although some found that the size of the tower and the long draught proved somewhat of a handicap, a fair amount of good ringing was heard.

The service took place in the sub-deanery church, adjoining the Cathedral, and the new form of association service was tried out in its final form for the first time. Canon Mortlock, Precentor of Chichester, preached from the text, 'Their voice is gone out to all people,' drawing a simile between the voices of the bells in spreading the Gospel and those of the missionaries in distant lands. A particularly interesting association was called up by the preacher when speaking of the voices of the bells and their tuning, when he recalled his friendship with the late Canon Simpson during the time the latter was experimenting with his new system of tuning, which has so exercised the minds of ringers since that time. After speaking of the beauty of sound produced by bells, the preacher referred in an audible aside to the one which was even then calling him to his next duties in the Cathedral as 'that wretched bell'!

At the business meeting the Master, Mr. H. R. Butcher, took the chair, supported by Mr. F. B. Tompkins (some time secretary of the association), Mr. S. E. Armstrong (hon. general secretary) and the divisional secretaries. Three new members were elected, Messrs. F. Ottaway, J. Butcher and S. Russell.

STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION.

The balance sheet was accepted, as was the report of the Master and hon. secretary and peal secretary's report.

The general account showed receipts of £65 3s. from affiliated towers, £1 5s. from non-resident members, £2 10s. from hon. members, £1 from unaffiliated members, 6s. 3d. from sale of reports, £1 15s. from interest on Conversion Loan and £1 16s. 10d. interest on reserve fund. Divisional expenses had been £27 6s., £1 10s. had been spent on instruction, £3 on a presentation to Mr. A. W. Groves, £9 18s. 3d. on rail fares and part cost of teas, and £36 6s. 1d. on printing and other expenses. The balance, which stood at £133 16s. 9d. at the beginning of the year, was £129 12s. 6d. at the end. The reserve fund stands at £50, the Benevolent Fund at £77 19s., and the Certificate Fund at £3 13s. 9d. The total balances amount to £261 5s. 3d.

The Benevolent Fund received £1 16s. 10d. from interest and £3 17s. 3d. from collections. The grants totalled £8 8s.

The report presented by the Master and hon. secretary said the past year might well be considered as the first of a new period in the history of the association, which celebrated its jubilee in 1935.

Although no outstanding feature has marked the year in our own organisation, we are sure that all members will have watched with sympathy the great national events which have made 1936 notable. The death of His Majesty King George V., following so soon after his Jubilee, cast a shadow over the whole nation, and the bells of the Sussex churches played their part in the country's mourning. The accession of King Edward VIII., his abdication and the accession of King George VI. are events which will make the year long remembered in history. God save the King!

We are glad to report a steady progress in the attendance at meetings, and that the affiliated towers have continued their valued support and encouragement. To those towers, and to the honorary members, we should like to express our thanks, as also to the clergy, to whom we are indebted for the use of the bells and their work at our meetings. Yet we must remind ringers that if the benefits given to members at the meetings are to be continued, a prompt payment of the affiliation fees is an essential, for it is from them that practically the whole of our income is derived.

Grants from the Benevolent Fund have this year exceeded the income, and, although this is a good indication of the usefulness of the fund, a falling balance in any branch is to be deplored, and we appeal to the members to give generously to the benevolent collections.

As the years pass, death takes its toll of our companions, and we should like to mention in particular six members who have rendered splendid service for many years: Mr. F. Arthur, of Chichester; Mr. R. J. Dawe, of Lewes; Mr. H. Rann, St. Nicholas', Brighton; Mr. L. Payne and Mr. J. Welch, of Henfield, and Mr. G. W. Stokes, who passed away while holding the office of hon. treasurer and trustee. Their deaths will leave gaps which it will be difficult to fill, and we earnestly appeal to those remaining to give every assistance to those younger ringers who, in the future, will have to step into the positions of tower leaders and association officers. It should be remembered that the divisional meetings are the training grounds for the inexperienced, and we wish to see more becoming regular attenders.

In conclusion, we must record our expression of thanks to Mr. A. D. Stone, for many years secretary of the Central Division, who retired from the general secretaryship at the annual meeting in 1936.

The Master, as delegate to the Central Council, gave a brief summary of the business that was transacted at Canterbury.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PLEASANT MEETING AT HARROW WEALD.

The meeting of the North and East District, held at Harrow Weald on May 29th, was not too well attended, but was much enjoyed by the 30 or so members who paid a visit to that delightful spot. As usual, the beautiful garden of Mr. Hart, father of one of the ringers, was open for the use of members, who were able to rest between their ringing exertions, or display their prowess (?) on the bowling green. To say the least of this matter, there were no ringers present named after Francis Drake!

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. Durham), who gave an address on the reasons for, and lessons of, the Coronation ceremony.

An excellent tea was followed by the business meeting. The Vicar had to leave early, so Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president) asked him to accept the sincere thanks of the members for a pleasant afternoon's ringing.—This was duly acknowledged.

The death of Mr. F. Edwards, of Bushey, who died on May 11th, was referred to. He had been a member of the association from 1897 to 1912, and from 1918 onwards, and had been of great assistance to the Stanmore ringers. As a mark of respect, all present stood in silence for a few moments.

The hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) reported on Coronation ringing, which had been quite satisfactory. Most of their bells had been rung at some time or other on the great day, and during the days following some seven peals were rung.

A brief account of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting was also given by the secretary, and Mr. Fletcher followed this up by congratulating Mr. W. G. Wilson on the success of his maiden effort at a Council meeting.

Arising out of the report, it was decided to ask for a supply of Council publications, on sale or return.

Hendon was chosen for the next meeting on July 10th, with Double Stedman Slow Course as the special method.

The recipients of votes of thanks included Miss Fletcher, Mr. Holmes and friends, for tea, flowers, etc., and Mr. Goodship and the local ringers for a cordial welcome, not forgetting Mr. and Mrs. Hart for the use of their garden and for refreshments.

The District Master, Mr. T. J. Lock, looked after the ringing, and it was noticed that whilst the special method for the day, St. Lawrence Little Bob Major, was in great demand, it was not allowed to interfere with the wants of those members who had not come prepared to ring it.

FILLING VACANT PLACES.

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At the election of officers, the president, the Bishop of Chichester, and all the vice-presidents were re-elected, and Mr. H. R. Butcher was re-elected to the post of Master for a further year. The office of hon. treasurer, vacant through the death of Mr. G. W. Stokes, was filled by Mr. A. D. Stone, who had retired from the general secretaryship in 1936. The hon. general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, accepted election for a further year, and Mr. F. I. Hairs undertook the office of peal secretary once more. A vacancy in the auditors, caused by the resignation of Mr. N. Elliott, was filled by Mr. J. T. Toms, who thus occupies the office jointly with Mr. W. C. Hart. Messrs. F. B. Tompkins and H. R. Butcher continued as hon. trustees of the funds, together with Mr. F. Dallaway in the place of Mr. Stokes. Mr. Dallaway also filled the vacant place as representative on the Central Council.

Two places were voted on for the next annual general meeting, and Horsham was carried by a majority.

Mr. A. C. Pankhurst proposed that the divisional committees be reduced in order to save expense to a maximum of two members each instead of the previous three as opportunity permitted. The Executive Committee, stated Mr. Pankhurst, numbered about 20 and was unnecessarily large. A reduction would reduce the cost of rail fares to the meetings and would render the committee more workable. On the other hand, old members might feel that compulsory reduction was a poor reward for services rendered, so the phrase 'as opportunity permits' was inserted.—The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Elphick's proposal, that in the opinion of the meeting the association should be represented on the Diocesan Advisory Committee on Faculties, received strong support, and Mr. Tompkins spoke of it as an excellent suggestion. The exact procedure as to its membership, however, was not known, and Mr. Tompkins offered to make inquiries and put the suggestion before the proper authorities.

The meeting closed with a very pleasant piece of business in the form of a presentation of a gold watch to Mr. A. D. Stone, as a memento of the many years' service he had rendered as secretary of the old Central Division, and latterly as hon. general secretary.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Tompkins both spoke in appreciation of Mr. Stone's abilities in these onerous posts, and mentioned that they welcomed him back to an official position as treasurer.

In reply, Mr. Stone thanked the members for their gift and assured them of his best services in their interests for the future.

The presentation was endorsed with enthusiasm by all present.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Meeting at Sunbury on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea in Church Hall. Quarterly business to follow. Excellent bells and attractive surroundings. Won't you come? — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 p.m. at Christ Church Hall, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. — F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Throwley on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Bardfield on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Kildwick, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. — Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Headington, Oxford, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. —Miss M. Reynolds, Hon. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Withyham on June 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service, if can be arranged. Tea and meeting to follow, 5 p.m. Half rail fares to members. All are welcome.—O. Sippetts, Div. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL. — Ringers' opening, Saturday, June 12th. All ringers heartily welcome. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Further ringing 7 till 9. Leicester District, M.C.A., meeting arranged for same day at Kibworth postponed until July 3rd.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 6 p.m., and a meeting will be held in tower at about 6.30. All who attend are welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Loughborough District will be held at Quorn on June 12th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Good 'hunting.' Let's have a record 'meet.'—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Royston, June 12th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Short service. Tea provided by the Vicar, the Rev. F. F. Grieg, The Vicarage, Royston. Send a card to the Vicar if you will be staying for tea.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanfrechfa on Saturday, June 12th. Afternoon ringing, service at 4.30 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Donington on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lymington on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterlow Place, Christchurch.

BINEGAR, near Wells, Som.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Taunton on Sunday, June 13th, at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. The bells have been restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for service at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on June 13th and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on June 27th, at 5.30 p.m. Usual monthly practice at Shoreditch on Thursday, June 24th. Commence 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — N. Summerhayes, 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

BICKLEIGH, DEVON.—The ring of 6 bells (tenor 13 cwt.) restored and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Plymouth on Thursday, June 17th, at 3 p.m. The service will be followed by tea; ticket, adults 9d., children 6d.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX (St. John's).—Practice night altered to Friday on and from June 18th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Battle Axes. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by June 16th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kirk Ella, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6), tenor 20 cwt., available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock, provided free only to those who notify Mr. A. H. Fox, Kilmarnock, Beverley Road, Kirk Ella, Hull, by Thursday, June 17th. Buses run from Paragon Street, Hull, to the church every 15 minutes; return fare 7d.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buckhorn Weston on Saturday, June 19th. Bells 3 p.m., Guild office, 4.30; followed by tea and business. Cucklington and Kington Magna bells available. All welcome; please advise early.—J. Ralph, 9, Orchard Road, Gillingham, Dorset.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 19th. Tea at the Six Bells. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Vine, The Village Club, Newdigate?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LAVENHAM.—The 126th ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. A hearty welcome extended to all ringers. — S. H. Symonds.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea please advise me before Wednesday, June 16th? All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. —T. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the churchyard cottage at 1s. each. A postcard from intending visitors would greatly help with tea arrangements. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield (Phone Hatfield 2117) and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Chew Deanery Branch.—The tower at Chew Stoke is calling every keen ringer to come and take part in good evening's practice on Saturday, June 19th, commencing at 5 o'clock. So, please come along.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Summer meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at Beenham, near Reading. Ring of 6 rebung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Service at 4.30 by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 19th, at Bolsover, Derbyshire. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m., in Church Hall, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea *must* apply not later than June 15th to Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, Derbyshire.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea by the 16th. Usual travelling allowance paid at this meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above division will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by the 17th for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough districts will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) ready 2.15. Service 4.15. Address by the Rector (the

Ven. Archdeacon Parry). Tea 5 p.m., in the school, at a moderate charge. Business meetings to follow. Those requiring tea must advise the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, by Wednesday, June 16th.—H. Mingay and H. Morgan, Hon. Dis. Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation. Everybody welcome! Don't forget the p.c. (before the 17th, please) if you require tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at All Saints', West Ham (10), starting at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged, so please try to let me know if you are coming. Underground to Plaistow, thence by tram; tram from Stratford Broadway.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Awre on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) open at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, June 16th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on June 19th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please note the association holds a committee meeting here also on this date.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th. Shipton Moyne bells (6) available 3 to 4.30. Tea at Tetbury, 5 p.m., bells (8) afterwards. Please notify Mr. W. R. Locke, 54, Hampton Street, Tetbury, for tea by Tuesday, June 15th.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—If you have not yet rung at Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, you have an opportunity to do so on Saturday, June 19th, when the Guild will hold a monthly meeting. Bells (8, tenor 24½ cwt.) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Denbigh Arms Hotel, 5 p.m. Please note the meeting is not at Henley-in-Arden, as originally arranged.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Calverleigh on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) will be open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Will those intending to be present notify me by Monday, June 14th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 19th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 16th inst.? — Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends are welcome. Please come; let us have a good meeting. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting prior to six-bell prize contest will be held at Longwood, June 19th. Bells available 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Fred Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Lavenham, in conjunction with the anniversary, on June 19th. Tea and meeting at 4.30, 1s. Please advise S. H. Symonds, Lavenham, for tea.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Adlington on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. Nominations for annual meeting.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—A joint meeting of the Rutland and Kettering branches will take place at Cottesmore (6 bells) on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. All are heartily invited to this meeting. For tea apply to S. H. Towell, Oakham, or H. Baxter, Kettering, Hon. Secs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members requiring tea should notify Mr. W. Feather, 41, Crag Hill Road, Thackley, near Bradford, by Thursday, June 17th.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

WADENHOE, near Oundle, Northants.—The Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the bells on Sunday, June 20th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at 'St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 22nd; 'St. Magnus' on the 24th; 'St. Michael's', Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on Wednesday, June 23rd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Will all who require tea please notify me by Saturday, June 19th?—Edith K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

GLASTON, UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lang, D.D., Archdeacon of Oakham, will dedicate the new treble bell, installed by John Taylor and Co., to augment the peal to a ring of 6, on Saturday, June 26th, at 3 p.m.

A MEETING of Ringers at Piddington, near Northampton, Saturday, June 26th (6 bells) by the permission of the Vicar. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Eastern Branch) AND LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Sutterton on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Vicarage. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by

Tuesday, June 22nd, certain. — W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fordham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Please drop a postcard (1d.) stating numbers for tea to Mr. J. W. Pickett, School House, Fordham, Cambs. The village, situate between Newmarket and Ely, is now at its best, flower growers being in their harvest. Please come and spend an enjoyable half day.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Horsell (near Woking) on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Institute for those who notify me by Wednesday, 23rd. Don't forget your officers, they need your support. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LADIES GUILD (Southern District) and **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** (Farnham District.)—A joint meeting at Frensham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Marindin Institute 5.15. All welcome, but please try to notify for tea by Wednesday, June 23rd: Miss H. F. Mills, Maidencombe, Northbrook Road, or C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, June 23rd. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

GOATHURST near Bridgwater, Somerset.—Rededication of the bells by the Bishop of Taunton on Tuesday, June 29th, at 8 p.m.; a ring of six restored by John Taylor and Co.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 10th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Epsom on Saturday, July 10th. Reserve the date. Further particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

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