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THE FINANCES OF THE COUNCIL.

One of the things connected with the Central Council about which little is heard is its financial affairs. Every year a balance sheet is presented and adopted, but there is seldom any comment upon it in the Council. Outside, it is the matter in which ringers generally take the smallest, if any, interest. How the Council pays its way is, they imagine, no concern of theirs, and yet the interests of the Exercise have been promoted in no small measure by the manner in which the funds have been spent. Apart from the position which it occupies as a co-ordinating body, the exercise of a 'watching brief' over such exterior matters as might interfere with the practice and, perhaps, the existence of the art of ringing, and the useful services which it can render in connection with towers and belfries, the Council's greatest contribution to the cause of ringing and the one which, in the course of years, has had a vast influence on the progress of the art, has been the issue of the publications which it has sponsored. The Council has taken up the preparation of technical books from the point where private enterprise could not venture without risk of loss, and the work which has thus been done has not only led to a general expansion of knowledge but carried the practice of change ringing into fields which, a couple of generations ago, were undreamt of.

The Council has been able to draw upon some of the best brains in the Exercise to further this side of its work, and time and ability have been devoted to it ungrudgingly, gratuitously and almost without limit. But even so, the Council has had to back the publication of the various works financially. Practically every one of them has been issued at a loss; indeed, it was not until quite recently that even a small percentage was added to the net cost to help cover the various incidental expenses that must be met in the issue of any publication. It is in this cause that most of the funds of the Council are expended, and as time has progressed the books that have been issued have grown in their pretensions, and, consequently, in cost.

Where does the Council get the money from? Each year it receives about £35 in affiliation fees and subscriptions; its investments bring in £5, and it gets the balance from the sale of publications, which in some years may be as much as £20; occasionally the Council has actually had to meet a loss. The publication of a new book which proves popular gives the receipts a temporary expansion, such, for instance, as the sale of two hundred copies of the new 'Doubles and Minor' book last year. This, however, is exceptional, and, generally, the Council's

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total income does not amount to more than about £50 a year. But it carries on its work successfully at a minimum of expense, and saves its balances for new publications. Those who give the matter a thought will realise that, apart from the value of the Council from other points of view, the Exercise owes it a great deal for what it is thus able to do, but ringers generally, perhaps, do not fully appreciate how much more they are indebted to those individuals who make this possible, the executive officials of the Council and those who do this technical work without fee or reward of any kind. It is they who pay the Council's way by their gratuitous labours, and it is the Exercise that benefits.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FREDERICK J. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 8
JOHN HOLMAN 3	CECIL W. PIPE 9
HOBART E. SMITH 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 10
HARRY R. ROPER 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
 Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Hilda Catchpole, daughter of Charles A. Catchpole.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 8, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5105 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 6
*JOHN E. CLARKE 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT 8
FRANK BRADLEY 4	RALPH NARBOROUGH 9
ALEX. E. HUTCHINSON 5	WALTER NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.
 * First peal of Stedman Caters. A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. P. Whitehead.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.On Saturday, June 10, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

CHARLES A. HUGHES Treble	FRANCIS D. BISHOP 6
ERNEST J. KING 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 3	*ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES 8
MISS OLIVE L. ASHEROOK 4	NORMAN H. MANNING 9
WALTER H. DOBBIE 5	FRANK MILLER Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.
 * First peal on ten tower bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.On Thursday, May 25, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERIC J. COE Treble	ARTHUR H. EVERETT 5
FREDERICK WHITEBY 2	STANLEY CLARK 6
LEWIS CORDELL 3	EDWARD ROCHESTER 7
*WILLIAM ALEY 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor

Composed by N. J. PRISTOW. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.
 * First peal in the method.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM Treble	*ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES ... 3
*PHILIP A. CORBY 2	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
*DENNIS G. BROWN 3	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER 7
DEREK M. SHARP 4	*HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Denys.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

CHARLES BRAZIER Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS 5
GEORGE BEENY 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	FRANK H. HICKS 7
ALBERT RLFIE 4	WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JAMES BENNETT Treble	GEORGE A. PARSONS 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	*ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
*THOMAS E. DENVER 2	GEORGE E. CLODE 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MRS. F. A. PENN Treble	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 5
FRANK A. PENN 2	JESSE HALLETT 6
HORACE D. TAYLOR 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
THOMAS F. KING 4	GILBERT H. HARDING Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. King.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDMUND W. WAGSTAFF ... Treble	HERBERT W. ELSE 5
*MISS FLORENCE K. HARTLE 2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 6
*STANLEY WALLIS 3	PERCY W. TOMPKINS 7
†HERBERT SHERMAN 4	†GEORGE THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by F. W. TOMPKINS.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary, Woolwich.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ROBERT A. JOHNSON Treble	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 5
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 2	ROY K. MOWFORTH 6
OLIVE L. ASHBROOK 3	†CHARLES W. ATLEY 7
BERTIE ALDRIDGE 4	†A. J. BRIAN WAYMAN Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples, first attempt for a peal. † First attempt for peal of Stedman Triples. ‡ First attempt for a peal.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 13 C.C.C.).

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HUGH MORRIS Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 5
†MISS KATHLEEN L. CHEAL 2	†WILFRED L. RAYNER 6
†MISS JOAN NAYLOR 3	†WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
†FRANCIS J. CHEAL 4	*ROBERT G. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells. Rung by an entirely local band. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Hodgson, M.A.).

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Barnabas.

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
JAMES F. HARVEY 4	PERCY N. G. RAINEY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. G. Power, wife of the Vicar of Erdington.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS Treble	HARRY C. JONES 5
WALTER LEE 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
ARTHUR G. JAMES 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of Mr. Frederick Biggs' first peal of Stedman.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in F sharp.

HOWARD SCOTT Treble	*FRANK VALLANCE 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	†DANIEL SMITH 6
ERNEST COOPER 3	FOORD NEWTON 7
WILLIAM FAY 4	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOSBY.

Conducted by H. SCOTT.

* First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' † First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss I. Clark.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANCIS W. CORNEY... .. Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
*ERIC J. COE... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 4	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal of Superlative on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 5, 1939, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS... .. Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 5
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS 2	WILLIAM MADGWICK 6
*THOMAS H. FRANCIS 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
ERNEST W. PYE 4	PHILIP A. COREY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Cambridge. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Michael Cross on his first birthday.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 6, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK 6
JOHN H. CRAMPION 3	FRANK B. LOFFIN 7
JAMES E. DAVIS 4	PHILIP A. COREY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by P. A. COREY.

Rung in honour of the silver jubilee of the Diocese of Chelmsford.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 24 cwt.

*JESSE FRANCIS Treble	REGINALD H. NEWTON 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 2	*ERNEST PARKER 6
*PERCIVAL W. HARDING 3	GILBERT H. HARDING 7
*FRANK A. PENN 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Surprise.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

WALTER H. DOBBIE Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR 7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor
DEREK M. SHARP 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DEREK M. SHARP.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HAROLD S. HOBDEN Treble	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS 6
MISS BETTY RAYFIELD 3	EDWARD W. BRAY 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	LOUIS W. FAULENER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. HOBDEN.

First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. SWINFELD'S TWENTY-PART, No. 6. Tenor 10 cwt.	
MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	JOHN CURTIS 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
SIDNEY F. PALMER 4	GEORGE L. RODEN Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung as a thanksgiving to Almighty God for the complete recovery of Mr. James George, after a long and distressing illness. The composition was rung for the first time.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 8, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 5
*MRS. JAMES E. DAVIS 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
CECIL C. MAYNE 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. The peal consisted of 2,240 London, 1,664 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 115 changes of method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 9, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 6
*DEREK M. SHARP 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4	*PHILIP A. COREY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method. 100th peal together by Messrs. E. and E. A. Barnett.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 9, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*ALFRED T. HOARE Treble	HENRY S. WILSON 5
REGINALD W. DARVILL 2	FRANK B. LOFFIN 6
HORACE J. MANSFIELD 3	ARTHUR HUBBLE 7
† WILLIAM J. BARRETT 4	ALBERT E. NORTH Tenor

Composed by A. T. KING.

Conducted by F. B. LOFFIN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. A birthday compliment to the Rector of Galleywood.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.	
L. FOSTER Treble	S. ARRON 4
B. CHILVERS 2	R. WARD 5
A. LOCKWOOD 3	V. LOCKWOOD Tenor

Conducted by B. CHILVERS.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY C. JONES Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 4
GEORGE MARTIN 2	WALTER LEE 5
*REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. J. Lister), also a silver wedding compliment to H. C. Jones.

CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, and two of Oxford Single. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS V. LUKE Treble	GEORGE SHELLAND 4
JOHN HALE 2	ROBERT GUY 5
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 3	WILLIAM H. DEACON Tenor

Conducted by W. H. DEACON.

* First peal and first attempt.

BRATTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

LESLIE P. TINNAMS Treble	HAROLD SMITH 4
HARRY PROUT 2	REGINALD H. NEWTON ... 5
WILLIAM C. WEST 3	A. OWEN WRINTMORE Tenor

Conducted by A. O. WRINTMORE.

Arranged as a wedding compliment to Miss Elsie Lawrence, for many years 'correspondent' of the above tower.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's of New Bob, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, with four callings, and ten 120's of Grandsire called differently and one 240 of Morris' arrangement of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb.

*LEONARD G. TOOKE Treble	†R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 3
†MRS. R. WILLIAM BARBER 2	†WILLIAM CLOVER 4
†HENRY TOOKE Tenor	

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal in four methods of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Wells Surprise, London Surprise, Nether-seale Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*GEORGE CLIFT Treble	*GIRLING RIGBY 4
*PHILIP L. PARROTT 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 5
*WILLIAM VARNAM 3	HERBERT TURNER Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT TURNER.

* First peal in seven methods.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four six-scores of Plain Bob and 38 of Grandsire (14 callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. ROSEWELL ... Treble	LESLIE S. COLES 4
F. CECIL MOGFORD 2	GEORGE F. PRESCOTT 5
RONALD H. TREASURES ... 3	WILLIAM PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ROSEWELL.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently, 69 bobs, 58 singles. Tenor 14 cwt.

*THOMAS PAYNE Treble	BRIAN F. SIMS 4
HERBERT FIELDS 2	*ARTHUR WALTON 5
WILLIAM A. R. CHAMBERLAIN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal.

COMBE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Eight callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK BOGGINS Treble	ALBERT HOARE 4
HORACE MORRIS 2	FREDERICK APPLETON ... 5
JAMES BUGGINS 3	THOMAS PORTLOCK Tenor

Conducted by F. APPLETON.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HENRY LAWRENCE Treble	LEWIS H. BYWATERS 4
JOHN CHURCH 2	FRANCIS BEAUMONT 5
EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Minor.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*RONALD FOSTER Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 4
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 2	†REGINALD J. WALLIS ... 5
WM. LANCASTER 3	JACK BAILEY 6

ARTHUR SHERWOOD Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. NEWBERRY ... Treble	EDGAR QUICKE 3
CYRIL J. STEVENS 2	WALTER STEVENS 4
CLAUDE W. J. TARR Tenor	

Conducted by C. W. J. TARR.

First peal on the bells and a farewell peal for the Rev. D. Evans.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 2, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of Chearsley Slow Course, Union and New Bob, three each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and St. Simon's Bob, four each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob and April Day, and five extents each of Reading, Grandsire and Steadman; 41 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

EDGAR HUMFREY Treble	R. GORDON CROSS 3
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal on the bells and first peal of Doubles in twelve methods by all and for the Guild.

BURLESCOMBE, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDGAR QUICKER	Treble	STANLEY N. BRISTOW	4
CYRIL J. STEVENS	2	WILLIAM C. NEWBERRY	5
WALTER STEVENS	3	CLAUDE W. J. TARR	Tenor

Conducted by E. QUICKER.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK J. SMITH	Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING	4
HOBART E. SMITH	2	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER	5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	3	CECIL W. PIPE	Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER.

First peal of York Surprise Minor by all, on the bells and for the Suffolk Guild.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	Treble	MAURICE T. SYMONDS	4
EDWIN D. CRACKNELL	2	FREDERICK DAY	5
RONALD C. DAKIN	3	HARRY HOLLOCKES	Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, London, York, Beverley and Chester.

Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb.

* WALLACE K. C. TOWNLEY	Treble	JOSEPH LESLIE	4
WILLIAM DEAN	2	JAMES BLAIR	5
JOHN COOKE	3	FRANK T. PARRY	Tenor

Conducted by F. T. PARRY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the men who lost their lives in H.M. Submarine 'Thetis.'

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

SILVER WEDDING PEAL.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. King, of Bath, have just celebrated their silver wedding, and in honour of the event a peal of Bob Major was rung at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon.

After the peal, the band enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. King, at the Castle Hotel, where supper had been prepared. At the conclusion, Mr. Sam Hector proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. King, and spoke of their liberal treatment of visiting and local ringers, and wished them many more years of health and happiness. This was endorsed by Mr. W. J. Prescott, and acclaimed by all.

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PEAL NOTES.

A NEW RECORD.

The ringing of a peal of Double Oxford Bob Major at Crayford last Friday was the occasion of a new record. Mr. Edwin Barnett and his son, Edwin A., rang their 100th peal together and the former thus becomes the first to score a century with both his father and his son. Mr. Barnett rang 235 peals with his late father, who was known to all the ringing fraternity as Edwin Barnett, sen.

The quickest peal of Caters on the bells at St. Peter's, Nottingham, was rung on Thursday, June 8th, and it is with pleasure that in this we can record the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by Mr. John E. Clarke. Mr. Clarke has always been the 'colt' of the Leicester Thursday band, and although so 'young' he doesn't care how far he travels providing he has the opportunity of taking part in some really good ringing. The peal at Nottingham was arranged by Mr. Fred Salter, who very kindly had the bells up in readiness for the attempt.

Celebrations are taking place in Essex in connection with the silver jubilee of the Diocese of Chelmsford. The ringers are taking their part, too, and on June 6th a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Romford, and on the following day a peal of Minor was recorded at Rettendon.

The first birthday of Michael Cross, son of the Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, was celebrated with a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Bishopsgate on June 5th. Michael has not yet begun ringing, but with father and mother both enthusiasts, we may expect an early start. The peal was called by Mr. G. H. Cross, who would like to thank Mr. J. E. Davis for obtaining permission to ring the peal, and Miss Oakshott and Mr. Belcher, who kindly came along to see that the band did not meet short.

A golden jubilee peal was rung at Hughenden, Bucks, on June 3rd. It celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman by Mr. Frederick Biggs, which was rung at Hughenden on May 31st, 1889, by J. C. Truss, J. W. Washbrook (conductor), John Evans, S. Goodchild, P. G. Biggs, R. H. Biggs, H. Stratford and Joseph Evans. This was the first peal of Stedman by all the band except the conductor. The jubilee peal was Roland Biggs' 200th and Harry C. Jones' 25th.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung at Trowbridge on June 7th, was, it is believed, the first peal of Surprise Major rung by an entirely resident band in the Salisbury Guild. Four of the ringers rang their first Surprise peal, and one of them, Mr. P. W. Harding, scored his first peal of Major and at the first attempt.

Two peals of Grandsire Doubles were rung by a Bath and Wells Diocesan Association band on Whit Monday, one at Sampford Arundel, Somerset, and the other at Burlescombe, Devon. The former was the first peal on the bells and a farewell to the Rev. D. Evans.

The peal of Double Norwich at Erdington, Birmingham, on June 3rd, was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. G. Power, wife of the Vicar of Erdington, who very kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal. Mr. J. F. Harvey, of Bradford, Yorks, who took part, was on a visit to Birmingham.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S RECOVERY.

His many friends will be glad to learn that Mr. James George has recovered from his long and distressing illness and is now able to return to peal ringing. He made his 'come back' on Wednesday week, at the age of 85, by faultlessly ringing the 7th at Measham to a peal of Stedman Triples. He showed no trace of his illness and finished perfectly fit.

The peal was specially arranged, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. King), as a thanksgiving for Mr. George's restoration to health, and the Vicar offered prayers in the belfry both before and after the peal.

The disaster to the submarine 'Thetis' is, of course, specially felt in Birkenhead, where she was built and many of whose men went to death in her. On June 7th, the day on which memorial services were held, a half-muffled peal of Surprise Minor was rung at St. Mary's Church. This is the old Parish Church of Birkenhead and is within 100 yards of where the ill-fated submarine was built. Two of the ringers in the peal, Messrs. Joseph Leslie and Frank Perry (the conductor), are employed at the shipyard, the former having actually worked on the 'Thetis' during construction.

Twenty-one years ago Mr. Harry Prout taught Owen Wrintmore to ring a bell. It was not until Whit Saturday that they rang a peal together. Then Mr. Wrintmore called a peal of Bob Minor at Bratton, Wilts, as a wedding compliment to Miss Elsie Lawrence, who for many years has been correspondent at this tower and a staunch supporter of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Mr. T. J. Lock, hon. secretary of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, rang his 100th peal on Saturday week at North Mimms, Herts, where, at the same time, Mr. James Bennett rang the treble and 'completed the circle.' Mr. Tom Lock's first century includes peals up to Spliced Surprise Major in nine methods.

Mr. John Holman, of Sheffield, travelled specially to Ipswich last Saturday to take part in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The composition, by Mr. G. E. Symonds, has a bob at all the Home positions without the 2nd in 5-6.

Last week we said in these notes that Mr. J. M. Bailey, although he had rung over 80 peals 'in hand,' had never rung one outside Leiston until May 28th, when he visited Dartford. Apparently his own son had forgotten the fact that Mr. Bailey rang 7-8 to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Blackheath, Friston, in 1920. But perhaps he was too young to remember it.

FRESH DOUBLES METHODS.

A peal of Double Norwich Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex, on Saturday week. The Guildford portion of the band appreciated the kindness of Mr. Harry Hutton in driving them to Warnham and then standing out of the peal to allow the extra man to ring. But Saturday was a glorious day, and Mr. Hutton was compensated by enjoying the cricket match in the park and listening to the bells in the distance.

A peal of Doubles at Little Missenden, Bucks, on June 2nd, was rung in twelve methods, one of them, Chearsley Slow Course, rung, it is believed, for the first time. The extent of Chearsley is produced by two plain leads, followed by a bob lead, three times repeated, and here are the figures of a lead.

In addition, the peal included extents of St. Nicholas' Bob and Winchendon Place Bob. St. Nicholas is St. Simon's rung with Canterbury places in 3-4, and Winchendon Place Bob is St. Nicholas' with place-making in 1-2 instead of the dodge. Actually the names were used to distinguish the methods, but the band would like to know what the original names of the methods are, assuming they have been used before, for obviously they are of the same antiquity. No doubt the historians will be ready to help in this matter.

A local band at Rainham rang a peal of Oxford Bob Triples on Saturday week as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. A. D. Hodgson), who is leaving to take up the living of St. John's, Bromley. It was also a birthday compliment to Miss Joan Naylor.

Messrs. William Clover and Henry Tooke have now rung peals together from Doubles up to Maximus. A peal of Doubles in four methods at Forncett St. Peter, Norfolk, on May 27th, enabled them to complete this partnership. It was the first peal on the bells by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

There were 69 bobs and 58 singles in the peal of seven different extents of Bob Minor rung at Eynesbury, Hunts, on Whit Monday. Mr. Frank Warrington was the conductor.

The first peal in the borough of Crosby, Lancs—and a very creditable one—took place on May 27th. These bells were restored as a memorial to the late King George V. Only one previous peal has been rung on the bells, in about 1910. The peal was a compliment to Mr. Ben Hale on the completion of 51 years' service ringing at the church. The ringers were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Hale. The Vicar and curate were also present.

Mrs. J. E. Davis is to be congratulated upon ringing her first peal of Spliced Surprise Major, which she did at Bushey on June 8th. Up to the present very few ladies seem to have taken up 'spliced' ringing.

After meeting short for Stedman Triples at St. Peter's, Derby, on May 29th, a peal of Minor in three methods was rung with a covering bell.

A REMARKABLE TRANSFORMATION.

ST. MARY'S, ELY, BELLS RESTORED.

For many years the eight bells at St. Mary's Church, Ely, have had an unenviable reputation, but now there has been a remarkable transformation. The old bell frame was found to be in a very shaky condition necessitating its removal from the tower, and it has been replaced by a new massive oak frame. Whilst this work was in hand the opportunity was taken of having the bells tuned and the old plain bearings replaced with ball bearings. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the work has been done with characteristic efficiency.

On Saturday, June 3rd, the completed work was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely in the presence of a large congregation. A number of visiting ringers were present.

Immediately after the funeral dedication the bells were rung by the Ely ringers: H. Martin 1, H. Cole 2, A. C. Rick 3, D. Norman 4, E. G. Pipe 5, W. T. Godfrey 6, G. Vail 7, A. Barnard 8.

The Bishop, in his address, expressed his great pleasure at hearing from the Vicar that that very morning the grand total to foot the bill had been reached. It was a great achievement to have opened the bells free from debt.

Service over, the first touch (Bob Major) on the rededicated bells was rung by the Rev. H. M. Knowles with six ringers from St. Margaret's, King's Lynn (the church from which the Rev. Knowles came to Ely), and Mr. N. J. Abrams, president of the Central Branch, Ely Diocesan Association. Tea was partaken of in St. Mary's Parish Room, 61 ringing friends, several members of the Bell Restoration Committee, the Vicar, his two curates and churchwardens being present.

After tea the Vicar gave a warm welcome to all gathered and thanked those responsible for making the arrangements. In the unavoidable absence of the district secretary (Mr. F. Warrington), Miss K. Willers replied.

Mr. H. R. Prudhome, warden, expressed his thanks to Mr. J. P. Fidler (representing Messrs. Taylor and Co.) for the way in which the work had been carried out.—Mr. Fidler replied.

Ringings from rounds to London Surprise was obtained in the evening, ringers being present from Cambridge, Coventry, Chatteris, Wilburton, King's Lynn, Huntingdon, Willingham, Sawston, Ickleton, Trumpington, Fordham, Ramsey, Dersingham, Somersham and Exning.

Those who were conversant with the bells in former days were loud in their praise of the vastly improved 'go' of the peal, which was cast by Edward Arnold, of St. Neots, in 1781. The tenor turns the scale at 12½ cwt.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In connection with the celebration of the silver jubilee of the Diocese of Chelmsford now in progress, special services are being held in the Cathedral every evening for a fortnight, each being allocated to one of the deaneries. The Cathedral bells are being rung for these services by the ringers from the deanery concerned.

The annual festival of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, which is to be held at Ryde on July 1st, will be the diamond jubilee celebration of the foundation of the old Winchester Guild.

The Bishop of Portsmouth, who takes a keen interest in the Guild, is to be the preacher, and in calling attention to the service he says he hopes on that occasion to come into contact with 'a number of those mechanically and mathematically scientific persons who rejoice in Grandsire Triples and Bob Majors.' He adds: 'They preach a sermon, melodious to the ear and comforting to the mind.'

YOUNG PEAL RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While congratulating Miss May Moody on her first peal and in no way wishing to detract from the performance, may I point out that Harold P. Reed also rang the 3rd to Holt's Ten-Part on the day before his 14th birthday. This was, however, his second peal—the first being rung nearly two months earlier. On the eve of his 15th birthday this same ringer called his first peal, and in this peal Roy Faithfull (aged 13) rang his first peal (vide 'Ringing World,' vol. 31, page 566). Hence both these ringers were younger than Miss Moody when they rang their first peal. Neither of the ringers mentioned claimed to be the youngest to ring a peal for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. It would be interesting to know who was the youngest ringer to do so?

Perhaps it may be some consolation to Miss Moody if she is the youngest lady to ring a peal for this Guild, and I rather fancy she is!

R. C. H. CONNOLLY.

'THANKS TO AN ESSEX MINORITY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to take an early opportunity of thanking all those who at district meetings and at the jubilee meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday supported the proposition 'That a Benevolent Fund of the Essex Association of Change Ringers be inaugurated.' Although the proposition was lost, it is comforting to know, when disappointment is felt, that there is a considerable number of Essex ringers who desire such a fund and who would ungrudgingly support it. I don't think Whit Monday's decision will stand the test of time, for I regard the ringing fraternity as a body which can find its 'soul' both inside and outside the ringing chamber.

Christianity, which we ringers uphold, puts charity to the forefront. It must, however, be practical. Whitsun is a Church festival, which reminds us of the power of the Holy Spirit. That spirit must be found in true fellowship. This was felt by William Thackeray when he wrote, 'I like to think that there is no man but has had kindly feelings for some other and he for his neighbour until we bind together the whole family of Adam.' It is this family spirit which I claim should permeate the ringing fraternity. That spirit dominated the successful social function arranged by the Central Council's Entertainment Committee, and held on Whit Tuesday at the London Tavern.

Peal achievements, however outstanding, should not be 'the end and be all' of ringing. The 'human touch' should be ever present, and that should operate not only in the local band, but in the whole County Association. Long and faithful service should not be forgotten when a ringer is stricken with sickness in old age, or perhaps mid-life, or when bad times have brought him low. We cannot expect the State to do everything. The attitude of the priest and the Levite was deplored by Christ, it was the great-hearted yet despised Samaritan who readily stretched forth the helping hand and paid the bill. 'Write me as one that loves his fellow-men' (Leigh Hunt), I commend to your readers.

To my opponents I bear no malice. Freedom of thought is still a priceless heritage. Arguments should always be welcomed. I tried hard to follow those that were advanced against the formation of a Benevolent Fund and could not see that any were sound enough to defeat a project that would vitalise the fellowship that ringers desire. This defeat has its blessings. I shall always treasure the kind assistance of Mr. Fred Mitchell, of the Kent Association. He revealed to me the grand work that the ringers of Kent had done in building up and operating a Benevolent Fund for their own ringers. The startling facts and figures I presented as often as possible. I cannot think that Essex will be satisfied with a 'stand-still' attitude.

I shall be ready to 'fight' again, knowing from past history that any worthy movement had its early setbacks only to triumph in the end. I ask my fellow-ringers of Essex to think again!

JAMES CHALK.

Woodford

A FIRST 720.

A first 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung for evensong on Sunday, May 7th, by the following members of the band at St. Paul's Church, Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire: C. Allen 1, E. Stockwell 2, J. Hunt 3, E. Jacques 4, A. Jacques 5, H. Haynes (conductor) 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 371.)

MODEL RULES FOR A COMPANY.

Discussion on 'Communicant' Qualification.

The committee in their report said they had made a thorough revision of the Model Rules, largely with a view to simplicity and brevity. The principle previously adopted of issuing a twofold version had been carried a stage further by compiling two complete sets of rules; one recommended as the ideal, where local conditions permit of its adoption, the other suitable for more general use, especially in country parishes. Care had been taken to provide in general terms for the regular use of church bells on proper occasions, while allowing ample elasticity in points of detail. The committee trusted that the result of their labours would prove to be of practical service.

The two sets of rules were appended to the report, and, in moving their adoption, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said all the members of the committee had had practical experience in drawing up rules required for a tower, and there were in existence the original rules drawn up by the Council. Personally, he made a careful digest of the rules he had drawn up himself and those drawn up by Mr. Stephen Wood, and what they had now incorporated appeared to be the most valuable and the most practicable of them. The old rules drawn up by the Council were somewhat prolix and cumbersome, and something a little briefer and simpler seemed to be required. Anyone who wished for assistance from the Council in drawing up a set of rules could receive a copy of each of the separate sets which had been prepared and make their choice between the two, as to which would suit their own conditions the better.

Mr. S. H. Wood seconded the adoption of the report, and the Council then proceeded to discuss the rules in detail.

In various places in the rules the word 'Vicar' appeared, with a side note indicating that where applicable the word 'Rector' should be substituted.

It was suggested that the word 'Rector' should be inserted and 'Vicar' put into the side note, and it was also suggested that in each case the word 'incumbent' should be substituted.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said logically the word 'Rector' should appear, but he inserted 'Vicar' because he thought that in the majority of parishes, where there were bells, the incumbent was a Vicar. In opposing the use of the word 'incumbent,' he said he thought that, in country parishes, 90 per cent. of the people had not the slightest idea what an 'incumbent' was.

Mr. C. H. Kippin said he thought Mr. Edwards had a poor opinion of the intelligence of country ringers.

Mr. W. H. Shaker pointed out that in the case of Roman Catholic churches they were 'rectors' and at Unitarian churches—there were bells at some Unitarian churches in Lancashire—they were 'ministers.'

Eventually it was decided to use the word 'Rector' in the rules and 'Vicar' in the marginal note.

SACRAMENTAL TEST

Rule 4 in the 'model' set read as follows:—

'No person shall be eligible for membership or probationary membership of the society unless he (or she) is a communicant member of the Church, or, in the case of younger members, intends shortly to be confirmed.'

'Any person so qualified may be admitted as a probationer, and may be elected a full member of the society at such time as he (or she) shall have become a competent change ringer.'

Mr. J. A. Trollope moved the omission of this rule. To impose a sacramental test of this sort was, he thought, definitely a bad thing. It was not a question whether ringers should be communicants or not, but whether that Council should go to rectors and say that they should make a rule that bellringers must be communicants. It had been done several times, but he was certain nobody could point to any case where the rule had been any good whatever. It was perfectly true that they, as ringers, were connected with the Church and that they were churchworkers; that idea was increasing and should increase, but they would not improve it by making any such rule that ringers must be communicants. If the Rector took enough interest in the matter to have a band of ringers who were communicants, it was his duty to see that there were enough recruits brought into the tower who were already communicants, but if he was going to say to anyone who came to a tower to learn change ringing that he could only come if he attended Mass so many times in a year, then he (Mr. Trollope) thought it was definitely wrong from the point of view of ringing and from the point of view of the Church.

Mr. Hunt seconded and Mr. G. R. Newton supported Mr. Trollope's views.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards suggested that the words 'duly qualified' member of the Church might be substituted, leaving it to the authorities of the individual churches to decide what 'duly qualified' was.

Mr. J. D. Johnson said in the Worcestershire Association they used the term 'practising' member of the Church. It was put in to solve a similar difficulty and done entirely with the knowledge and permission of the Rector.

Mr. G. L. Grover thought it would be much simpler to say that no person shall become a ringer unless approved by the rector, vicar, incumbent or priest-in-charge.

'LOYAL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.'

Mr. W. Ayre suggested the substitution of Rule 4, of the alternative rules (B), which read as follows: 'Every ringer shall be a loyal member of the Church and, as such, faithful in his discharge of the duty of public worship, and shall at all times comport himself in the belfry with the reverence due to the House of God.'

Mr. F. M. Mitchell said, at the church where he began ringing, one bell was given by Nonconformists; were they going to debar Nonconformists from helping to ring the bells? If they got one or two Nonconformists to take up ringing it was a matter for the incumbent to see that they became members of the Church of England. He was a Nonconformist when he took up ringing and was ringing for twelve months before he was confirmed into the Church of England. Had the proposed rule been in force in his tower he would not now have been a member of the Church and would have been lost to the Exercise; and there were four of them in the same case as he was. It was his Vicar's proudest moment when he baptised four men into the Church through ringing.

Mr. Dyke said what they were trying to do was not to make ringers religious, but to make ringers of their religious men and women.

Mr. C. T. Coles said the inclusion of the rule proposed by the committee would, he felt, encourage parsons of a certain mind to adopt it. He formally proposed that Rule 4 in set B be used in both sets of rules.—Mr. Cross seconded.

Mr. Trollope and Mr. Hunt accepted this proposal, which, on being put to the meeting, was carried with one dissentient.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said he did not think the Council had actually decided whether they wanted the rule at all. He thought the previous rule (3) met the whole case. This said, 'The Rector of the Parish shall be ex-officio President, and the election of members, use of the bells and all other matters concerning the Society shall be subject to his approval.' He himself had two Nonconformist ringers who started ringing in his village and who, he hoped, might eventually join the Church.

The President said they could not go back on the vote they had just taken.

Rule 6 provided (inter alia) for the appointment of the steeple-keeper by the Vicar. Mr. Hunt objected to this matter being in the hands of the incumbent, because so many of them knew nothing about the duties of a steeplekeeper or whether a man was qualified to discharge the duties or not.

Major J. H. B. Hesse said the ringers should appoint the steeple-keeper.

The omission of the words 'by the Vicar' was agreed to.

Mr. Hunt also raised objection to Rule 7, which gave a list of the occasions on which bells should be rung, and added 'on such occasions of public rejoicing or religious observance as may be appointed.' He said this would impose a good deal upon ringers beyond their ordinary duties, for occasions for which they would not be entitled to any remuneration.

After further discussion the Rev. H. Drake pointed out that these model rules were framed so that anyone wishing to form a company could take from them what they liked, and the reason for this rule was to remind people that ringing could be done upon these occasions. They were not compelled to do so if they did not want to.

Eventually the rule was adopted, with the omission of the words '14th December,' which was given as the date of the King's birthday.

PAYMENT FOR SPECIAL RINGING.

Rule 13, as drafted, read as follows: 'No payment shall be made for any ringing at . . . church except on special occasions, such as weddings, funerals and civic celebrations. The normal charge for such special ringing shall be . . . out of which any member who sustains a financial loss by attending shall be entitled to compensation, and the remainder shall be paid to the funds of the society.'

Mr. P. J. Johnson said there would be a difficulty in putting the latter part of this rule into force. Whatever ringers got for ringing he did not regard as a payment; it was simply an acknowledgment of their attendance. What they should do in the rules was simply to put the suggestion to the authorities that they should pay the men. He did not think they should discuss the question of a man's financial loss by ringing on such occasions. He proposed the omission of the last clause.

Mr. A. Harris seconded.

Mr. S. H. Wood said he felt strongly that the money paid for ringing on these special occasions should go into the funds of the society and not be divided so much per head among the ringers. He had known many occasions, and those present must have known many others, when there had been ten or twelve bells and only eight ringers, so that the eight got, say, 7s. 6d. each, when if there had been twelve, they would have got only 5s. 7½d. (laughter). That was a thing he had known happen and he was dead against it, and the rule was drawn up to meet that objection.

Mr. Hughes suggested they could meet Mr. Wood's objection by making the payment so much per rope.

Mr. Johnson said these matters rested with the companies concerned, and it would be most unfortunate if the Council involved themselves in hair-splitting in these codes of rules.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said the rules were intended for a belfry where the ringers undertook to ring purely voluntarily for the glory

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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of God, the advancement of the art and the service of the Church. He thought the rule was applicable under those circumstances.

It was decided to delete the words at the end of the rule 'out of which any member who sustains financial loss by attending shall be entitled to compensation, and the remainder shall be paid into the funds of the society.'

RINGING ON GOOD FRIDAY.

In a note at the end of the rules it was stated, 'It is an ancient and laudable custom to ring on Saturdays and the eves of feast days at any suitable hour after twelve noon. It is appropriate to ring on Good Friday with the bells muffled; no open ringing should take place from Monday before Easter till after midday on Easter Eve. Church festivals and other special occasions may properly be marked by ringing before 8 a.m. and at the close of divine service.'

The Rev. H. Drake urged that they should delete the reference to muffled ringing on Good Friday. This was supported by Mr. A. C. Hazelden.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards said he regarded ringing muffled on Good Friday as very valuable. It impressed the public with the sacred character of the day. There was never a time when Good Friday was so desecrated and given over to amusement as in these days, but muffled ringing helped to maintain the sacred atmosphere of the day.

Mr. Harris asked what was the practice at places like St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey.

Mr. Hughes: There is no ringing at all.

Mr. W. E. White said at his church it was the custom to ring muffled on Good Friday, and they thought it was the right and proper thing to do.

Mr. Grover said if they left it in, it might be taken as an expression of opinion that muffled ringing should take place.

Mr. E. M. Atkins asked if the Council was competent to express an opinion on this point? It was, he said, really a matter for the incumbent to determine. He thought it would be dangerous for the Council to send out a recommendation of that sort.

After several members had stated what the practice was in their own towers, a vote was taken and it was decided to omit the reference to Good Friday.

The 'model' rules, as amended, were then adopted, as were the alternative rules, with the corresponding alterations where applicable.

EARLIER PAYMENT DESIRED.

The general accounts of the Council, details of which were given in 'The Ringing World' on June 2nd, were adopted on the motion of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes. The secretary thanked Mr. Mitchell for supplying the Council with duplicating paper at a very much lower cost than it could be obtained otherwise. He also requested secretaries of associations to send in their subscriptions earlier in the year. Some of them left it to the last minute, which made it very difficult to get the accounts completed.

THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The report of the Carter Ringing Machine was made by Mr. A. A. Hughes (his co-trustee, Mr. E. A. Young, being absent from the country). This stated: 'Unfortunately, we have been unable to demonstrate the machine this year, but we hope a trial will be possible in the course of the next few weeks. It will be remembered that last year the Council gave sanction to Mr. Sharman (the demonstrator) for the removal of the stud dial and arm for repair or renewal. I understand he is making a completely new dial and studs. Mr. Sharman is engaged on Government work and has been at high pressure for months past, in consequence of which he has been unable to complete the new part in time for the Whit week-end demonstration. A further report will be submitted through the columns of "The Ringing World" after the trial has been made.'

Mr. Taffender asked whether, when the next demonstration of the machine was arranged, any ringers who wished could attend it? He thought it was desirable it should be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Hughes said the reason there could be no demonstration during the visit of the Council to London on this occasion was that the machine was under repair and Mr. Sharman had been too busy on Government work to complete it. It was hoped that it would now be finished in a few weeks' time and that a demonstration would then be possible.

Mr. W. E. White asked why it had become necessary to repair a standing machine.

The Hon. Secretary said this was the first time he had ever known repairs to become necessary, and what was being done now was the making of adjustments to keep it in going order.

Mr. White: Why does it get out of adjustment if it is not touched?

Major Hesse: How many times a year is the machine used?

Mr. Hughes said the machine was tested every year, before the Council meeting, so that the trustees could report, and he supposed it ran for about half an hour on each occasion. The present repair was long overdue. The timing dial and the studs had had a great deal of work before the Council took over the machine and the studs wanted renewing. While that was being done the adjustments would be made to improve the timing.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.

THE OVERLAPPING OF BOUNDARIES.

Excellent weather favoured those who attended the meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association, held at East Molesey on Saturday, June 3rd. Ringing commenced at 3.30 and, with a short break for tea and business meeting, the bells were kept going to a variety of methods till 8.30 p.m. The doors of the ringing chamber at East Molesey open directly on to the churchyard, and those not actually engaged in the belfry could sit in the shade of the trees and listen to the ringing. In this way a very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent.

Thirty-two sat down to tea at the New Inn, including the Master (Mr. D. K. C. Birt), the District Master (Mr. D. Cooper) and Central Council representative (Mr. C. H. Kippin), also Mr. G. Grover (general secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. H. Smith (Leatherhead District secretary), Mr. F. Hawthorne (Chertsey District secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), and visitors from West Grinstead, Sussex, Hounslow and Isleworth, Middlesex.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. D. Cooper, Messrs. F. Brown and G. Matravens (East Molesey) and Mr. W. Simmonds (Hersham) were elected members, and the following belfry elections made prior to peals or peal attempts were confirmed: Messrs. H. Scotcher, E. Stitch, W. H. Barber, H. Knight, A. Walker, W. J. Davidson, G. Lindoff, W. Ayre, S. F. Palmer and R. Richardson.

Under the heading of 'Any other business,' many topics of interest to the district were discussed.—Overlapping and the demarcation of boundaries; the desirability of district officers working *only* amongst the towers of their own district; and the duties to be carried out by the committeemen to be interchanged between the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild, were a few of the subjects debated.

INTERCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS.

With regard to this last point, Mr. Kippin, the instigator of this arrangement, said that in view of the overlapping that was always bound to exist in certain parts of the county, it seemed to him desirable to have a kind of 'ambassador' appointed by each organisation to the committee of the other, and so avoid some of the evils which might arise through unilateral action.

Mr. W. H. Hewett said that, in his view, the best and probably the only ultimate solution of the problem lay in the establishment of one county organisation with two branches, one for the Guildford Diocese and one for the Southwark Diocese.

The arrangements made this year for the convenience and entertainment of members of the Central Council were criticised by one member, who thought that London gave a poor showing in this respect when compared with the hospitality extended by some provincial towns.

In reply, one of the association's representatives explained that this deficiency on the part of London was chiefly due to the fact that, this year, the Council had no proper advertised 'headquarters' which members could use as a rendezvous at any time throughout the week-end. No doubt this omission would be remedied when the Council next visited London.

The passing of the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. F. Brown for arranging the tea concluded the meeting.

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The President said if the members made a request, the trustees would be willing to arrange a demonstration at some convenient time. The report was adopted.

A formal report was presented by the Standing Committee and adopted. It was stated that their various recommendations would come up under the respective items of business as they were reached on the agenda.

COLLECTION OF COMPOSITIONS COMPLETED.

The President said the Peals Collection Committee presented no formal report, but had handed in the collection of compositions which they had been requested to compile. The Standing Committee recommended that powers be given to the officers to have this collection printed if the cost was not excessive.

Replying to a question, the President said the collection included compositions of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob Major, Bristol Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Rutland Surprise, Yorkshire Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, New Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise Major and Spliced Surprise Major.

The Standing Committee's recommendation was adopted.

On the question of the reappointment of the committee, Mr. Ayre proposed that Mr. H. G. Cashmore be added to it.

Mr. Trollope asked if it was fair at that point to add anyone to the committee, as he could not assume any responsibility for the new book.

The President said that while the committee was asked to do this particular job, and had now made the collection of compositions, it did not mean that there was no more work to be done. The Treble Bob Collection had never been completed; there were still some hundreds of peals to prove.

The following members were reappointed to the committee: Mr. G. Lindoff (convener), the Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs. G. R. Newton, G. E. Pye and T. B. Worsley, and Mr. Cashmore's name was added.

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LADIES' GUILD AND LEEDS SOCIETY.**JOINT MEETING AT HEADINGLEY.**

The Ladies' Guild (Northern District) and the Leeds and District Society held a joint meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m. when a short service was held. The lesson (from Philippians iv.) was read by Miss L. K. Bowling (vice-president, Ladies' Guild), and the Rev. Canon C. O. Marshall (president, Yorkshire Association) gave the address, in which he welcomed the societies to his church and mentioned the Ladies' Guild's difficulty of meetings when their members were scattered over such a wide area. To the Leeds Society he gave words of praise for work regularly done and thanks for their loyalty to the Yorkshire Association. Continuing, Canon Marshall spoke of St. Barnabas, the Saint of Consolation and Help. He thought that St. Barnabas ought to be the patron saint of all ringers. A lone ringer was not often found, because it was only by the help given and taken from other ringers that progress was made.

Tea, graciously provided by Miss L. K. Bowling, was enjoyed by about 60 ringers and friends in the St. Chad's Schoolrooms.

The business meetings were held in separate rooms. The Leeds Society's meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Bradford, Bramley, Calverley, Drighlington, Elland, Headingley (St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell, Sherburn, Shipley, Hemingbrough and the local company.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews and seconded by Mr. W. Barton, to the Vicar and churchwardens for the service and use of the bells, to the organist and choirboys for attending, and to the local company for other arrangements and especially to Miss Bowling for providing such a splendid tea.

The Rev. Canon Marshall acknowledged the thanks.

The next meeting is due to be held at Drighlington on July 29th.

Further ringing on hand and tower bells then continued until 9 p.m.

EFFECT OF DISTRICT REVISION ON NORTHERN MEMBERSHIP.

Members of the Ladies' Guild were present from Sherburn, Saltaire, Sheffield and Leeds.

At the annual business meeting of the Northern District two new members were elected from Rotherham.

Reference was made in the report to the improved quality of the ringing, and to continue this a suggestion was made by the secretary to arrange a method to be specially practised at each meeting.

The vice-president (Miss Bowling) and hon. secretary (Mrs. E. D. Kelly) were re-elected. The other officers are as follows: Mrs. Cotterell and Mrs. Kelly, on the General Committee; Mrs. Fernley, Mrs. Wolstencroft, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Cotterell, on the District Committee.

The following meetings were arranged: September, Norton, near Pickering; November, Handsworth, Sheffield; March, Shipley; and the annual meeting at Todmorden.

When the question was asked if all members were supporters of 'The Ringing World,' it was found that only a very few were not and these are giving the matter their consideration.

A heavy decrease in membership has taken place owing to the readjustment of the district, but there continues to be a steady influx of new members which will soon make up for this. The present membership is 37.

The statement of accounts showed an income over expenditure for the year of £1 Os. 2d.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to those responsible for the arrangements, and Miss Bowling, the vice-president, was specially thanked for providing such a splendid tea.

Returning to the belfry, the ladies rang a good touch of Stedman and later took part in Grandsire, Double Norwich, London and rounds for the beginners.

COLLEGE YOUTHS AT BRASTED.

On a glorious June afternoon, the College Youths paid their annual visit to Brasted as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis. Some travelled down by car, others took advantage of the special coach provided by Mr. Lewis. The first call was at Sundridge, where touches in several methods were rung, before going on to Moorcocks, where tea was enjoyed under the trees by about 50 visitors. After a rest and a chat, ringing took place at Brasted Church and then back to the lawns and gardens, where the rest of the evening went all too quickly. Refreshments and handbell ringing brought a delightful day to a close, the Master (Mr. E. G. Fenn) thanking Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and their daughters for their great kindness.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEMBERS IN SPORTING MOOD.**

A very successful by-meeting of the Rochester District was held at Hartlip (a six-bell tower) on Saturday, June 10th. A really warm summer's day marked the occasion and resulted in well over 50 members and friends finding their way to this pretty little Kent village to enjoy the happy environment of the countryside and the sociability of brother members of the association.

The bells went well to various methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor. Service in the church was attended by at least fifty of the members. The Rev. Trench, who later in the day became an honorary member of the association, conducted the service and gave an address fitting to the occasion. As a result of the church collection the sum of 10s. 2d. will be added to the K.C.A. Benevolent Fund.

Tea was taken on the lawn at the Rose and Crown, and rumour has it that some of the sporting element of the Rochester District were rather more engrossed in picking sides for the cricket match at Tunstall on July 29th (the date fixed for the quarterly summer meeting) than they were in getting on with their tea. Speaking of this cricket match, which seems to be regarded as part and parcel of meetings held at Tunstall, it appears that there is likely to be a very keen match, as both sides are bent on, and in fact are quite sure of, winning. Well, we must wait and see, but both sides must be warned that they will, jointly and severally, have to pay up if they knock the splices out of the bats or the cover off the ball!

Reverting to the meeting at Hartlip: following tea an informal meeting was held for the purpose of electing new members, disposing of annual reports, etc. Another matter was to fix the date of the Tunstall meeting. Some of the members wanted the date to be July 22nd, while others hoped it would be on July 29th. Upon being put to the vote, July 29th was decided upon.

Before dispersing, the Rector expressed his great pleasure at seeing such a fine gathering of bellringers and friends at Hartlip. He said it was a real joy to have them there ringing Hartlip bells, and he sincerely hoped that, in addition to the three members of the Hartlip band who had rejoined the association that afternoon, others of the younger ringers at Hartlip would be joining in the very near future.

The bells were kept going to suit all tastes until 9 o'clock, and without doubt everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Hartlip meeting, including the ringing-dartsmen, who showed decided skill in a very keen contest at the Rose and Crown (the proprietor of which is a ringer) prior to having their last ring on the church bells.

AFTERNOON IN HOPS AND FRUIT COUNTRY.

The summer meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Selling on Saturday, June 10th, in glorious summer weather. Thirty-eight members attended and made good use of the peal of eight bells during the afternoon and evening.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Houseman), who gave the members a welcome, an invitation to use the Vicarage gardens and a little advice.

Tea was held in the open air, 'shirt sleeves' in some cases being the order of the day.

The Vicar presided over the usual business meeting, when one new member was elected and Littlebourne selected as the venue of the next meeting, an invitation having been sent by the Vicar.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells and for conducting the service.

Handbells were brought into use, Grandsire Triples being rung on a tiny set, and tunes by 'Dover boys' on a larger peal. The tunes, as usual, were appreciated by all, including a few of the village folk in a nearby garden.

Some of the party then returned to the tower, some walked round the Vicarage gardens and others sat and 'jowed' in the churchyard. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. The bells were lowered at 8.45, and a happy afternoon 'mid hops and fruit' came to an end.

THE LIGHT WENT OUT.

Through the light being switched off at Broadclyst Church, a peal was lost on June 7th. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung: L. Wilson 1, J. H. Godfrey, jun. 2, B. Pidgeon (longest length in the method) 3, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 4, A. Lovering 5, E. Marks 6, J. Aubury 7, C. Sandford 8. Touches of Oxford Bob Triples and Grandsire Triples were afterwards rung.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO SWINDON BRANCH HON. SECRETARY.**

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 10th, in ideal weather. There was a rather poor attendance from the branch, but a goodly number of visitors brought the attendance up to the average. The ringers were met by the Vicar of Bishopstone (the Rev. E. W. Smith), who later joined them at tea, which was served in a nearby garden.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. W. Trueman being in the chair. During the meeting the chairman spoke of the forthcoming marriage of the hon. secretary (Mr. W. B. Kynaston), and referred to the work Mr. Kynaston had done during the seven years he had been branch secretary. He hoped Mr. Kynaston would continue the good work.

Good wishes for the future happiness of the happy couple were also expressed by the Rev. E. W. Smith, who, on behalf of the ringers of Brinkworth, Blunsdon, Faringdon, Lydiard Millicent, Purton, Rodbourne Cheney, St. Mark's, Swindon, Stratton and Strivenham, presented Mr. Kynaston with a set of carvers and other cutlery.

Mr. Kynaston suitably replied, as did also his fiancée (Miss M. Brett), who is being tutored in the art of bellringing by her future husband.

On returning to the tower good use was made of the bells until 7.30, a good fall in peal ending the ringing. Methods rung during the meeting ranged from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich Major, with rounds for the learners.

'GATE CRASHERS'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—So the president of the Central Council would have 'gate crashers' excluded from the Abbey, and all because a visitor broke a stay, worth probably a few shillings.

I cannot find the term 'gate crasher' in my 'Glossary,' neither is there room for such a word nor the spirit which prompts its use in ringing.

It is the so-called 'gate crasher' whose votes put Mr. Lewis and others in office and whose subscriptions pay for the entertainment and hospitality lavished on the Council every Whitsuntide, and it is churlish, to say the least, to retaliate by endeavouring to curtail the already strictly limited opportunities which any visitor has of getting a 'pull' at the Abbey.

It is to be regretted that the president did not pay a little more heed to the concluding remarks of Canon Perkins.

Headingley, Leeds.

R. H. DOVE.

BOLTON RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday week, Mr. Peter Crook, jun., of Bolton, Lancs, was married to Miss Gladys A. Kigby, of Horwich, at the Parish Church of Horwich. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Peter Crook, secretary of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association and member of the Central Council.

The ringing of the bells was in charge of Mr. John Potter, of Walkden, and many towers were represented, one ringer coming from as far away as Southport. The bridal couple were 'rung' into church and 'fired' out, followed by short touches, a special feature of which was a 336 of Grandsire Triples when a boy of 10 years took part. He is Master William Walmsley and he is a pupil at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton.

At the reception, the bridegroom, his sister, Miss G. Annie Crook, who was chief bridesmaid, and his father, assisted by Mr. E. Webster, rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

The newly-married couple are spending their honeymoon in Ilfracombe.

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NOTICES.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 17th. Bells: St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6), from 3 p.m.; Cathedral from 3 to 3.15 and 6 to 7. Sunday School Teachers' Festival Service in Cathedral at 3.15. Tea and general meeting in St. Mary's Parish Room, Wade Street, 4.30. Tea, 9d. to fully-paid members, to others 1s. 3d.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Dis. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Biddenden, on Saturday, June 17th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. The usual travelling allowance will be paid at this meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 17th, at Bakewell. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Wheatsheaf Hotel, followed by general meeting. Special invitation is issued to this joint meeting with fellow-members and friends of Peak Society. Come along, but don't forget to send your name for tea to Mr. W. J. Alexander, 15, Stanton View, Yeld Road, Bakewell, to avoid disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Kineton, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on June 17th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thurcaston on June 17th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea followed by meeting at 5 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Alton and Petersfield District) **AND LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—A combined meeting will be held on Saturday, June 17th, at Bramshott. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Parish Room 5. Business meetings follow.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. All ringers will be welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—A meeting will be held at Weobley, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30, 6d. each. Business meeting to follow.—Jb. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Hartlebury on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting.—N. J. Goodman, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—W. Ayre, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meetings for June: *St Paul's Cathedral, 20th; St. Magnus', 22nd; Southwark Cathedral, 27th; St. Clement Danes, 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the Oxford City and District Branch will take place at Dorchester Abbey on Saturday, June 24th. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and ringing. All ringers from all parts cordially invited. For tea, please notify early to Mr. E. J. B. Morton, 11, Water Eaton Road, Summertown, Oxford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) from 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., at the Ferry Tea Rooms. Service 6 p.m. All ringers very welcome. Will those who require tea please let me know by Wednesday, 21st? Subscriptions for 1939 now due.—F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Burton District will hold its next meeting at Measham on Saturday, June 24th, and extends a cordial invitation to all ringers, especially friends from Birmingham and Nuneaton Districts. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting, and the peal (8 musical bells) available at 2.45. Lastly, don't forget your postcard by Wednesday or Thursday for tea.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—The ring of eight bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be reopened on Saturday, June 24th. Service 3 o'clock; preacher, the Archdeacon of Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, June 24th. Tower open for ringing at six o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Easthampstead, near Bracknell (6 bells), on Saturday, June 24th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. All welcome. Please notify for tea by June 21st.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service and tea. Methods for special attention are Double Oxford Bob Minor and London Surprise Minor. Other methods will be rung as required. Church within sight of St. Ann's Road Station, Seven Sisters Road.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The summer meeting of the Western Division will be held at the Church of Holy Trinity, Skipton, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Tea (1s. 6d.) at Castle Cafe (opposite church) at 4.30. Business meeting in vestry 5.30 approximately. Names for tea to Mr. H. Stanforth, 13, Brookside, Skipton, by Thursday, June 22nd. All welcome.—F. Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow, Essex, on June 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. George Green, 3, Bell Street, Great Baddow, near Chelmsford, by June 22nd.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 316th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, for all who notify me by June 21st.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Nailsea on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus 24B leaves centre 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.; stops at church. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me by June 21st?—N. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, June 24th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me by the 21st if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road. Bells available 3 p.m.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 2, Thorncliffe Road, Clapham Park, S.W.2.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The 128th ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Old and new friends, make this a good rally!—S. H. Symonds, towerkeeper.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough (8 bells) on Saturday, June 24th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Kettering.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 24th. Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 14½ cwt.) available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Please send names to Mr. Dennis Brock, 16, Green Street, Sunbury, not later than June 22nd. Reports available. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stapleton on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, nr. Bristol.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Notification for tea would oblige.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Kimpton on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. and after tea. The fine ring of six at Wheathampstead will be available at 7 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Wraysbury (8 bells) on Saturday, June 24th, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify me not later than June 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Whithy on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (10, tenor 18 cwt.) available for ringing. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Thursday, June 22nd, at a charge of 1s. 6d. All ringers and friends are welcome.—J. Reed, 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The next monthly practice will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, June 24th, at 7.30 p.m. The special method is Cambridge, up to Royal. All ringers will be welcome.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. per head. All ringers welcome. Please notify W. Mathews, Wavern, Bucklebury, Reading, for tea not later than the 21st inst.—T. J. Fisher, Hon. Sec., Arniston, Manor Lane, Newbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, June 24th next. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting at the Vine Hotel. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. S. B. Carey, Hermit Cottage, Stockbridge, by Thursday, June 22nd?—W. G. Goodchild, Hon. Dis. Sec., 139, Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 1st. Fuller particulars next week.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on July 1st. Details next week.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

MEDBOURNE, MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—The ring of five bells, which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated on Saturday, July 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Garden fete after service.

LADIES' GUILD (Southern District, Annual Meeting) **AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A joint meeting will be held at Shere on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meetings. All members and visitors welcome.—Miss H. F. Mills and W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Secs.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Shelsley Beauchamp on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by the business meeting. Private bus will leave All Saints', Worcester, 2.30 p.m. Please notify me numbers for bus, and how many to expect for tea, not later than Tuesday, June 27th.—E. F. Cubberley, Branch Sec., Park Cottages, Kempsey, Worcester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bradninch on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. A large attendance is hoped for. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Monday, June 26th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Durham on Saturday, July 1st. The Cathedral bells and St. Oswald's will be available from 2 p.m. Tea at Dunelm Cafe, Old Elvet, at 5 p.m., and it will help arrangements if ringers who require tea will send postcard to Major F. A. Yorke, 27, North Bailey, Durham, by July 29th. It is hoped that ringers will rally round at this meeting. They and their friends are all welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, July 1st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Please notify regarding tea not later than Thursday, 29th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual summer festival will be held on Saturday, July 1st, at Turvey. The bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends requiring tea please let me know by June 28th, or inform Mr. Wadsworth, Turvey.—F. J. Plummer, Gen. Sec., Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

LADIES' GUILD.—London District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Saturday, July 1st. Bells from 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea (1s. per head) at 6 o'clock in the historic old coaching house, The George, Borough High Street, the only galleried inn now left in London. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea to be sent to me without fail by Wednesday, June 28th.—I. R. Housden, 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, E.11. Tel. LEYtonstone 3850.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Clare on July 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Meeting and tea at Half Moon Hotel 5 p.m.—H. G. Herbert, 81, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, July 8th. Fuller particulars later. Any members or friends in London wishing to join the party travelling by cheap ticket to Ipswich are asked to communicate with me as soon as possible.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A summer meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 8th. Both towers will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, by July 4th.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival meeting at Haslemere, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in the Schools at 5.15 p.m. Further ringing until 9 p.m. It is essential that numbers for tea should be sent to Mr. E. J. Ayliffe, Woolmer Croft, Critchmere Hill, Haslemere, by July 4th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual shield six-bell contest, open to all members, will be held at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on Saturday, July 8th. Entrance fee 6s. per band. All entrance fees and any subscriptions to prize fund must reach me not later than June 24th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer festival at St. Neots on Saturday, July 22nd.—K. Willers, Gen. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ringing Tour, August 5th. A half-day's outing, starting Shrewsbury, Wellington and Ironbridge, is proposed, to towers in Worcestershire and/or Herefordshire. Will any ringers wishing to take part communicate with me? Ladies invited. Approximate cost 5s.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

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