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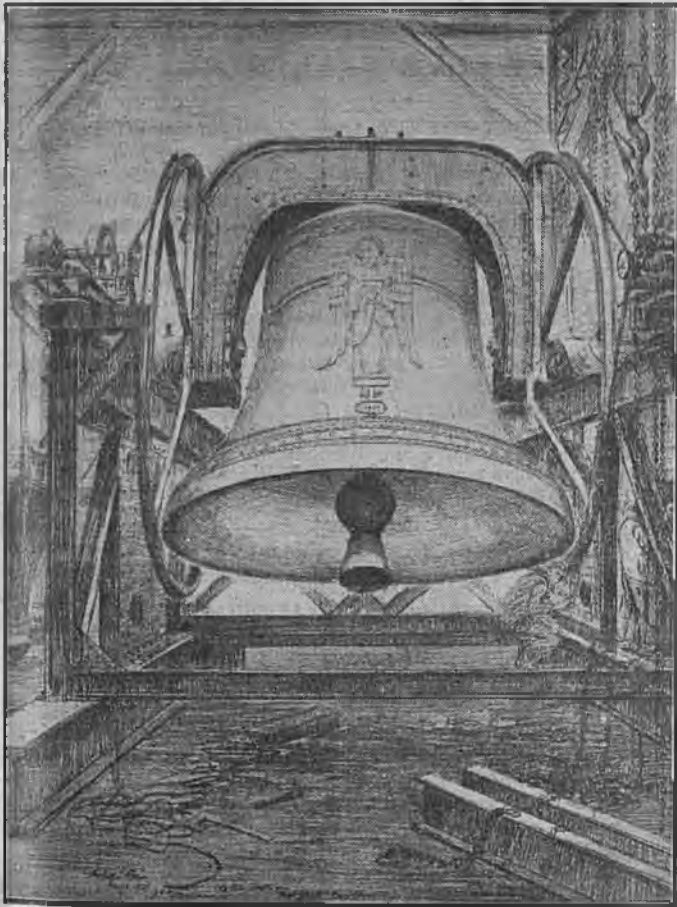
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'UNDER WHICH KING?'

The article which appeared in this column last week has brought forth, as we expected it would, a reply from the principle spokesman of the Methods Committee. It is a justification of the Committee's change of front in their reasons for wishing to include, in the new edition of the Collection of Methods, the much debated compositions. At this stage it is hardly worth while disputing at length over what happened at Chelmsford. Mr. Trollope may not think the Committee 'wobbled,' but Mr. Trollope has publicly admitted that he does not profess to go in for verbal consistency. That is exactly our complaint. You can never pin them down and we leave Mr. Trollope to get whatever comfort he can from his letter. The greatest sin which anyone in the Exercise can commit is to disagree with the Methods Committee. That has frequently been apparent. Unless one worships at their particular shrine, the wrath of the gods is called down upon him.

'The Ringing World' in this discussion has stood for a principle—upholding the decisions of the Central Council. The Council at Hereford passed a resolution which required that in peals of Doubles and Minor the component 120's and 720's respectively should be true and complete. It was a motion passed, after three months' notice, if not with the expressed acquiescence of all the members of the Methods Committee, at least without disapproval from any of them, and one of them seconded it. When 'The Ringing World' endeavoured to support this decision of the Council, the Committee, Mr. Trollope has said, had 'to take up the challenge' because 'on that particular thing his (the Editor's) views were not our views.' The real issue here raised is, 'Under which king?' If the Exercise is to have a lead, is it to take it from the Council, or from the Methods Committee? The contention of 'The Ringing World' in regard to the inclusion of some of these compositions in one of the Council's publications is that it would give authority to their use, when the Council had already laid down requirements for a peal which deliberately excluded them. Moreover, that to include such compositions would open the door to the admission of even less desirable compositions, which would lend themselves to all kinds of peal 'faking' by unscrupulous conductors—the traditions and good sense of the Exercise notwithstanding.

It is as well, perhaps, that, amid all the steam that has been let off, this position of 'The Ringing World' should again be made clear. It was because the Methods Com-

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mittee were proposing to offer something to ringers which their own Council declined to recognise that we criticised them, and it will not, we think, be disputed that but for this criticism the Committee would have included in the promised new edition of *Minor Methods* without comment the compositions which they are now prepared to label as of questionable suitability for use in peals.

The question now, however, is not so much what has passed, as what is to be done in the future. The position of what shall be recognised as a peal of Doubles or Minor is at the moment in a most unsatisfactory position. The resolutions in the Council's minute book still stand, but things cannot remain as they are. A motion by which it was sought to define again what a peal on five or six bells should consist of was postponed, but sooner or later the question has got to be settled. Obviously there are two schools of thought, and it might be well, if they cannot come to any unanimous agreement, that they should endeavour to arrive at a temporary compromise and draft resolutions which might be put before the next Council meeting so that ringers may know exactly what is expected for a peal. Such resolutions, if passed, should be loyally observed by those who look upon the Council as the central authority of the Exercise, and if new ideas develop which render such definitions out of date, they should be properly amended before any Committee of the Council attempts either directly or indirectly to override them.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Four Hours,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	JAMES BENNETT 9
ALBERT W. COLES 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The conductor's 1,000th peal for the association. Messrs. Perrens and Walker are of Coventry and Birmingham respectively, and they were elected members prior to starting. This peal redeems a promise made to the former at the Council meeting at Hereford last year.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	*KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
ALFRED C. PANKHURST 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 8
*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 4	HARRY PARKS 9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5	JAMES A. HART Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. C. Renshaw and Miss M. L. Goldsmith, of Woking, who were married on the previous Wednesday. It was at this church that the bride's parents were married in 1903, and a peal rung in honour of the event. * First peal on ten bells. This was the 50th ten-bell peal rung on these bells by Mr. R. J. Dawe.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*RICHARD HAYES... .. 6	*RAYMOND OVERY 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	*MAURICE SMITHER 7
†CHARLES N. BURDOCK 3	*ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 8
*C. ERNEST SMITH 4	*WILLIAM T. BEESON 9
†KENNETH SNELLING 5	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
 First peal of Bob Royal by the Guild. * First peal of Bob Royal.
 † First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells. Mr. Snelling was
 elected a member of the Guild prior to commencement of peal.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN Treble	*HARRY BAKER 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 2	*ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
*MRS. H. BAKER 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER... .. 8
CHARLES H. SONE 4	*ALBERT RELFE 9
*THOMAS E. SONE 5	WILLIAM SPICE Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
 * First peal of Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all the
 band except the tenor man.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
 First peal on the bells since augmentation.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*JOHN WOODS Treble	WILLIAM ROBINSON 5
WILLIAM PICTRALL 2	THOMAS METCALF 6
*WOODBURN NEVINSON 3	ARTHUR STEDMAN 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	JAMES E. BURLS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.
 * First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

EDWIN G. BOESDEN Treble	KENNETH PATTERDEN 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER... .. 2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 6
WILLIAM BIDNELL 3	HARRY PARKES 7
FREDERICK R. WELER 4	*JOHN COPPINS Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BOESDEN.

* Re-elected a member previous to starting peal. Rung on the
 occasion of the civic welcome to His Grace the Archbishop of Canter-
 bury by the Mayor and Corporation of Folkestone.

PERRY BARR.

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

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE LARGE Treble	OLIVER G. NORMAN 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	FRED PRICE 6
RICHARD INGRAM... .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 7
FREDERICK K. RISHWORTH... .. 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. E. NORMAN

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

JOHN GORST Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS... .. 5
THOMAS BIRCH 2	JOHN CROOKE 6
WALTER J. BATTLE 3	JOHN BREESE 7
JOHN BAGLEY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
 Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Arranged for, and rung on,
 the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN HALL Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS... .. 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY
 First peal of London on the bells.

BUSHBY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SEELY Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
GEORGE B. COLE... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
MISS FRED A. ORR 4	RONALD H. BULLEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
 The ringer of the 3rd was elected a member of the association
 previous to starting the peal, and it was his first peal in the method.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WALTER LONGMAN Treble	WILLIAM P. DEANE 5
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 6
*HARRY SARGEANT 3	THOMAS HURD 7
*ERIC EARDLEY 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by W. HOBARD. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
 * First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal of Major
 rung at this tower. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the
 Rev. H. A. Tamplin) for the use of the bells, and the local ringers
 for having everything in readiness.

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THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

REDFERICK BORRETT Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
STANLEY COPLING 2	GEORGE HOWLETT 6
JOHN ALDIS 3	GEORGE POYNITZ 7
RICHARD BALDRY 4	RUSSELL RICHES Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	JAMES BURFIELD 5
*KENNETH SNELLING 2	WALTER CHARMAN 6
JOHN FEIST 3	*ROBERT LANGRIDGE 7
WILLIAM WATTS 4	*GEORGE FEIST Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells since they were rehung. Treble ringer from Brighton, 2nd from Crawley, 3rd from Keymer, 5th from Billingshurst, 6th from Warnham, 4th, 7th, and 8th belong to the local company.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH JENNINGS Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
FRANK CLAYDEN 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

JAMES FLEDY Treble	WALTER ARNOLD 5
*ALBERT WIFFEN 2	†CECIL SAYWARD 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	GEORGE HAYWARD 7
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM KEEBLE. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD

* First peal in the method on tower bells. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the association, and the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Keeble, of Romford (June 7th). The ringers of treble and 3rd are nephews.

SHERE, SURREY.
THE GULDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM M. STONE Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
*NELSON ELLIOTT 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. C. Benschaw and Miss M. L. Goldsmith, of Woking, which took place on the above date. A peal was rung at the same church for the wedding of the bride's parents in 1905. * First peal of Stedman on a working bell, and proposed as a member of the Guild before starting.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	WALTER CHANDLER 5
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	TONY PRICE 7
WALTER FARROW 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. B. DUNCAN.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM 5
TONY PRICE 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
JAMES BETTS 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Arranged to oblige the ringers of the 2nd and 7th, it being the first peal in the method by the former on an 'inside' bell. A birthday compliment to James G. Rumsey, of Leiston, cousin to the conductor.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. Treble	GEORGE HOBBS 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	†FRANK LORD 6
CHARLES H. BIRD 3	GEORGE DIXON 7
†WILLIAM GARTRY 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal. † First peal on eight. First peal of Major as conductor.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WALDER'S TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS BLANCHE STADDEN Treble	ERNEST J. GOLDSTONE 5
MRS. WILLIAM EDWARDS 2	JAMES NISBET 6
*MISS HILDA ORCHARD 3	†ALBERT E. COLBURN 7
*MISS GWENDOLINE STADDEN 4	*AKSEL BERG Tenor

Conducted by MRS. WILLIAM EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal on inside bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of esteem to the late Mr. Robert Corp, who had held the office of churchwarden at the above church for the past sixteen years, and who was interred in the adjoining churchyard on that day.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM BODEN Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2	WALTER LAGO 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
JOSEPH L. STANIER 4	BERTRAM L. JONES Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

It is 13 years since the treble ringer took part in a peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Alfred Shuker, who has been a ringer at the above church for 50 years, also parish clerk for a number of years. The band were afterwards entertained to an excellent repast at the Star Hotel by Mr. W. A. Shuker (son).

**HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Thursday, June 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES,
Tenor 19½ cwt.**

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 1	GEORGE BENNETT 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
GEORGE WHITING 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
ALPHEUS J. BERRY 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH 1	CHARLES JEFFS 5
GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 2	WILLIAM NASH 6
JOSEPH G. BLOW 3	BEN JARMAN 7
ALBAN KENDALL 4	H. E. C. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of St. Alban's Day.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES,
Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.**

WILLIAM KEEBLE 1	GEORGE GREEN 5
LEWIS W. WIPPEN 2	JOHN WOOD 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN 3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 7
THOMAS LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES,
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.**

MISS V. SHORTER 1	JOHN B. WOOLEY 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLEY 2	GEORGE L. PERKINS 6
HAROLD J. HAZELL 3	FRANK WARRINGTON 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

Miss Shorter's 25th peal, and the conductor's 75th. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. W. Woolley and Mr. J. B. Woolley, who, it is understood, are taking up appointments abroad.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

MRS. W. C. WEST 1	FREDERICK PRECEY 5
EDWARD G. COWARD 2	ERNEST F. WHITE 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
THOMAS DAVISON 4	EDWARD MARLOW Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Beatrice May Humphries (sister of the ringer of the treble) and Mr. William Robert Perry.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

After many years, a local band at Inworth, Kelvedon, Essex, have taken up change ringing, and have progressed so far as to be able to report their first touch. This consisted of three six-scores of Bob Doubles rung on June 11th by B. Winger 1, J. Brown 2, E. Mingay (conductor) 3, S. Pye 4, C. Rósher 5. These are the first 120's on the bells by a band resident in the parish.

SIX BELL PEALS.

**THE CHART, LIMPFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

*On Monday, June 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST N. TIDY 1	JAMES KNIGHT, SEN. 4
WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER 2	LEONARD A. TIDY 5
CHARLES W. CLINCH 3	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal inside. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

MACCLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, June 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 8040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

FRANK L. RONAN 1	JACK TIPPER 4
ARTHUR CHALLINOR 2	JOHN WORTH 5
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	JACK WAUMSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal and first attempt by all. Rung by six of the regular Sunday service ringers. Average age 18 years; age of conductor 19 years. Arranged and rung as a wedding peal for Miss E. Jackson and Mr. W. Gayes (the captain of the band).

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, June 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.*

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER MANSFIELD 1	FRANK HARPER 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

HORSINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, June 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY CARPENTER 1	F. JAMES HATCHLEY 4
CHRISTOPHER C. HOLLWAY 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
WILLIAM J. COOMBS 3	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First attempt for a peal.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thursday, June 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

E. SARGENT 1	† R. J. BAILEY 4
FRANK KIRK 2	ARTHUR BELLAMY 5
HARRY CHAPMAN 3	AMOS SMART Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. Arranged for the treble ringer, who is only 17 years of age.

LUPPITT, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

*On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR G. SELLEY 1	THOMAS LAVER 4
† MISS MILDRED HANSON 2	MRS. E. S. POWELL 5
FRANK J. DAVEY 3	REV. E. S. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

CWMCARVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

*GEORGE KNIGHT Treble	*ARTHUR HAWKINS 4
DONALD G. CLIFT 2	GEORGE POPNELL 5
*GEORGE HAWKINS 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, eight 120's Plain Bob, and thirty 120's Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST MARSH Treble	ALBERT E. KITCHEN 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	A. NORMAN GEARY 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3	CLARENCE F. JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Russell.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Spliced Oxford and Kent, two 720's Oxford, two 720's Kent, and two 720's Plain Bob.

CHARLES E. WEBB Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON 4
EDWIN JENNINGS... .. 2	THOMAS B. NEWTON 5
FREDERICK HINDLE 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

Arranged for F. Hindle, of Blackburn. The above 720's complete the conductor's 1,000th 720 of Minor on tower bells.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents, each ending with rounds.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH NORTON Treble	A. NORMAN GEARY 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 2	RONALD RUSSELL 5
R. HENRY BARTRAM 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This is the 114th tower in the Leicester Diocese in which the conductor has rung complete peals. The band desire, through this medium, to thank Rev. Canon and Mrs. Williams for their kind reception and entertainment (with the local band) after the peal, not forgetting the cake presented to the treble ringer on this, his silver wedding anniversary. It was also a birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, June 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

PERCY O. LAFLIN... .. 1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	FRANK W. PERRINS 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	FRANK E. PERVIN... .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire: C. HAZELDEN (Guildford).

Specially rung with the good wishes of the band as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. C. Renshaw and Miss M. L. Goldsmith, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

HOYLANDSWAINE CUP CONTEST.

This annual event took place at Hoylandswaine on Saturday last. Five bands entered, and were drawn to ring as under: 1, Wath; 2, Cawthorne; 3, Sandal; 4, Felkirk; 5, Shelley. Mr. J. R. Brearley was the judge. The first band commenced at 3.20 p.m., the last band finished at 6.30 p.m.

Tea was served in the Parochial Room. About 60 ringers and friends, among whom the fair sex were prominent, sat down to a feast of good things.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar (Rev. J. Hewitson) kindly acting as chairman.

The following were elected members: Mr. Noel Moxon (Cawthorne), Mr. R. Harrison (Ecclesfield), Mr. Hemingway Dransfield (Dewsbury, non-resident), Mr. George Simon, Elland (non-resident).

The Barnsley and District Shield Contest, proposed to be held at Monk Bretton, was discussed. Several members referred to the hard going of the bells at that church, and the proposal was therefore cancelled, and Crofton, near Wakefield, substituted.

For the July meeting Wentworth was selected.

The judge's award for the cup contest was declared as under: Shelley, 76 faults, first prize, silver cup and six clocks; Wath, 210 faults, second prize, six sets of half a dozen dinner knives; Felkirk, 3; Cawthorne and Sandal 'rung out.'

Of this, the sixth annual contest, it may truly be said its effect for good was very marked. An excellent social feeling prevailed throughout. The victors walked away with the trophies, but sound friendship was triumphant.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Ripon on Whit Monday. Ringers gathered in the old town from Thirsk, Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Middlesbrough, Sharow, Ormesby, Tadcaster, Hurworth, and, joined by the local band, kept the beautiful peal of ten going until a late hour at night. Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Major, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and the feature of the ringing was the beautiful striking. Visitors to the gathering, in the shape of Mr. H. Withers, of Birmingham, and two Preston ringers, were welcomed.

At the annual meeting, which was attended by about 25 ringers, the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe) presented his annual report, which alluded to the diamond wedding of one of the members, which had been celebrated during the year. That was Mr. James Barnett, who, at the age of 80 years, is still a ringing member of the association, and has been a ringer at Northallerton Church for 50 years. He is one of the original members of the association. The association had suffered loss by death in the passing of Mr. G. Neesom, of Thirsk, at the age of 84 years.

The referees under the Sunday service ringing scheme announced that Middlesbrough had won the first certificate and Whitby the second certificate for the last year's competition, and it was decided that the Skelton tower should become the owners of the first certificate and Middlesbrough tower the owners of the second certificate at the expiration of the twelve months.

The officers were re-elected, and the president (Mr. J. C. Pollard) was appointed as one of the association's representatives to the Central Council in the place of the Rev. A. Simpson, the other representative being the hon. secretary.

A vote of thanks to the Cathedral authorities for the use of the bells was passed, and the members expressed their appreciation of the kindness of the Dean in so readily consenting to their request to be allowed the privilege of the use of the bells.

The meetings of the association for the next year were fixed for Ormesby in autumn, Thirsk pre-Lent, Robin Hood's Bay on Easter Monday, and Northallerton on Whit Monday, and in addition a special meeting was arranged to take place at Sharow on June 8th.

The weather was glorious, the ringing was good, the meeting was a quick and businesslike one, and the meals were excellent. No ringer can expect more than that.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, members attending from Beddington, Canterbury, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's, Dorking, Ewell, Guildford, Leatherhead, Mitcham (SS. Peter and Paul's and Christ Church), Reigate, Streatham (St. Leonard's and Immanuel), and Wandsworth. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, and continued until 5.30, when a party of 24 sat down to a substantial tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The business meeting followed, and was of the usual routine nature.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Dobinson for having everything in readiness. The members then returned to the tower, and further ringing was enjoyed throughout the evening, the methods practised ranging from call changes to London Surprise.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Marsden on Saturday, June 15th, ringers being present from Queensbury, Denholme, Lindley, Guiseley, Bradford, Leeds, Headingley, Earlsheaton, Shipley, Birstall, Lightcliffe, Drighlington, Longwood, Almondbury and the local company. In the afternoon touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were rung. Tea was served in the Parochial Hall, and the business meeting was held immediately afterwards, Mr. J. Cottrell (vice-president) being in the chair.

Mr. H. Hoyle gave a hearty welcome to the Yorkshire Association, and appealed to the members to give all the help they could to the young ringers of the Marsden band, assuring them it would be greatly appreciated.

Three new members were elected: A. Rothery (Longwood), A. Hancock (Northowram), and F. W. Rishworth (Perry Bar, Birmingham).

As there were no invitations for the next meeting, which will be arranged, if possible, on Saturday, August 24th, it was decided to leave it in the hands of the secretary.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the ladies who helped at the tea tables, and to the local company for the arrangements made, were carried unanimously.

Mr. M. Harrison raised the question of the order of ringing at these meetings, which, he said, was unsatisfactory. This caused a considerable amount of discussion.

Afterwards the tower was again visited, and further ringing indulged in.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful and well-attended meeting of the Northern District was held at Offley on June 8th. Ringers were present from Baldock, Bedford, Kimpton, Hitchin, King's Walden, Letchworth, Luton, and the local band. Touches in most of the standard methods were brought round, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar. During the service a peal board was dedicated in the belfry.

After tea several of the company indulged in handbell ringing, Grandsire Caters and Triples being rung. Further ringing on the tower bells brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

CRAWLEY.—On Sunday, June 9th, for matins, 1,344 Double Norwich Major in 48 mins. by the local company: Miss F. Wyman 1, R. Swift 2, G. Olliver 3, K. Snelling 4, C. Nice 5, N. Elliott 6, R. V. Johnson 7, O. Sippetts (conductor) 8.

THE PEAL AT HASLEMERE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As one who took part in the peal of Stedman Caters at Haslemere on May 18th, I hasten to relieve the anxiety of 'Tintinnabulator' and his friends by saying that the details as recorded are perfectly true. Although the ringing was a bit on the slow side, it was perfectly good, and as regards his remarks about 'the ability of the tenor man and the weight and "go" of the tenor,' I think that can be left to any ringer to know that in all odd-bell methods the tenor man can only 'cover' as fast as the remainder will allow him, otherwise it will end in chaos. Judging by his suggestion that the last quarter-peal was rung twice, I take it that he and his band would expect to ring a peal there in less than three hours, but either they have not rung at Haslemere, or are comparing bells of similar weight tuned on a different principle. For my part, I like to enjoy the ringing, and would not give a 'button' to race bells for the sake of doing so, even if they go well.

I am afraid that as 'Tintinnabulator' has not the courage to sign his name and mention the ringers on whose behalf he wrote the letter, we shall not be able, if they ring a peal of Caters in exceptionally quick time, to ask them if they left out the last quarter-peal.—Yours, etc.,

F. W. ROGERS.

Portsmouth.

['Tintinnabulator,' who obviously delights in a little 'leg pulling,' or, should it be, 'pulling Pulling's leg,' will perhaps be interested to know that after the peal, so a correspondent informs us, the said tenor man remarked that he would like to go to the tower again with a band with plenty of leisure, so that they might take their time over a peal and ring it at 'a nice steady pace.'—Ed., 'R.W.')

WHY SPOIL THE PEAL?

Sir,—As an absolute 'tyro,' although having rung about fifty peals with the conductor of the peal at Haslemere, I feel that 'Tintinnabulator' has not had the pleasure of ringing a PEAL (capitals, Editor, please) with the conductor in question. (Anyone can ring a fast peal, but it takes a good hand to strike a slow one.)

This same conductor has often said, 'Why spoil the peal for the sake of a few minutes' extra ringing?' and I would suggest that any critics where 'length of time' is concerned should pay a visit to Holy Trinity, Guildford, when a band of this gentleman's training are ringing a peal of Bristol or Superlative, and afterwards express their opinion. Forgive me trespassing. I am not afraid to sign my name.

Maidenhead.

GEORGE GILBERT.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Master Edwin A. Barnett, the youngest member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, son of Mr. Edwin Barnett, and grandson of Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., of Crayford, has won a scholarship tenable for eight years at Dartford Grammar School. About 250 boys competed for 20 free places, and Master Barnett's success is all the more noteworthy from the fact that he is only 10½ years of age.

The bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, will be broadcast on Sunday from 7.50 to 8 p.m.

Mr. Bernard H. Clark, who until recently was hon. secretary of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, met with a serious accident on Sunday week while motor-cycling. He was struck broadside-on by a car, and in addition to receiving a number of minor injuries sustained a fracture of the right thigh. He is now in hospital at Chalfont St. Peter, and his many ringing friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

A correspondent writes: 'In "Belfry Gossip" last week it was stated that the first peal of Stedman Triples "in hand" was rung by the College Youths, no date being given, however. Is this correct? Was not the first peal of Stedman Triples in hand rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths on December 19th, 1853, by John Cox (conductor), Thomas Powell, Henry Haley and Thomas Britten?'

We find that the Cumberland's peal book describes this as 'the first peal of Stedman's Principle ever rung on handbells.' This claim was evidently justified from the fact that the 1851 peal of Stedman Caters proved to be a false composition, and that a peal rung in 1855 by the College Youths is ranked as the first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells.

The first peal by the Midland Counties Association was rung on June 23rd, 1882. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples at Derby.

The only peal rung on 14 bells, Stedman Sextuples, was achieved on handbells at Birmingham on June 24th, 1922, and no one seems very anxious to repeat the performance.

Mr. William Pye must have set up a new record by having rung one thousand peals for the Middlesex Association. This extraordinary achievement was completed last Saturday.

THE TWELVE BELL RECORD.

Arrangements are being made to attempt a twelve-bell record at Ashton-under-Lyne, Laucs, on August Bank Holiday. A band of well-known ringers, with Mr. William Pye as conductor, will then endeavour to ring a 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

Many great performances have been achieved at St. Michael's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, and it was there, in April, 1911, that the present Maximus record, 12,240 Kent Treble Bob, was rung in 8 hrs. 39 mins. Three years later the existing record of Royal, a round 14,000, was accomplished on the same bells in 9 hrs. 24 mins. The tenor at Ashton-under-Lyne is 27 cwt.

The greatest number of changes yet rung on 12 bells is the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick, Gloucestershire, on February 14th, 1920, which occupied 8 hrs. 45 mins., but the biggest twelve-bell performance undertaken up to the present is the 12,675 Stedman Cinques rung in 9 hrs. 47 mins. at Southwark in 1923.

READING RESTORATIONS.

ST. MARY'S BELLS RETUNED AND REHUNG.

In connection with the peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Reading, on May 22nd last, it may be interesting to many to know that this heavy old peal is made up of four bells by R. Catlin, 1740; two by Knight, of Reading, 1640, and two by Mears (recast 1863). The bells were terribly out of tune, and going very roughly at the end of 1928. Expert advice was therefore taken, and the whole frame and fittings condemned. As £200 had been raised to repair the fine old tower, which even then was in the hands of the builders, things looked very black, but a true son of the Church, keenly interested in ringing, came forward and said, 'Get the bells done; I will do the needful.' The job was put in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who cleared the tower and put in heavy girders and cast-iron frame, took the bells to Whitechapel, tuned them, and sent back a very fine peal of eight. The 'go' is now all that can be desired, and St. Mary's, Reading, to-day can boast of one of the finest peals of eight in the diocese of Oxford. A young band is being instructed in the art, and it is hoped at no distant date that change ringing will be well established again as in old times. The band who rang the peal were entertained to supper afterwards by the ringer of the second, and a very pleasant hour was spent.

The bells of St. Lawrence's, Reading, are, we understand, also to be rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

PEALS OF TEN IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

By the addition of two bells at Hatfield, Hertfordshire will have four peals of ten, as at present there are three, namely, St. Peter's, St. Albans, All Saints', Hertford, and St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, which were increased to ten and opened on July 19th, 1820, and retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and reopened on August 6th, 1928.

Last week we mentioned only three—those which are given in the list of towers in the Herts County Report.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 379.)

NEW MEMBERS OF PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The formal adoption of the report of the Peals Analysis Committee, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of May 10th, was moved by Mrs. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. George Williams.

The Hon. Secretary said he regretted that Mr. J. W. Parker had written saying he felt compelled to withdraw from the committee, with which he had been associated so many years, and also to withdraw from the Council, of which he was an hon. member. He (the secretary) had written to Mr. Parker urging him to defer any action until the London meeting next year, and Mr. Parker had agreed to leave his resignation from the Council in their hands. He, however, desired to come off the Analysis Committee. The question arose whether they ought not to have someone in his place on the committee instead of waiting until next year.

Mrs. Fletcher said Mr. Parker and she did the work between them last year. Mr. Beeston checked part of it, but was not able to finish it. This year Mr. Parker had done the analyses with her, but he had now sent her the papers, and she had no one to check the figures at the end of the year.

Mr. Goldsmith proposed that Mr. James George and Mr. George R. Pye—two gentlemen with a certain amount of leisure—should be added to the committee to assist Mrs. Fletcher.

Both these gentlemen signified their willingness to help and were therefore elected.

The report was adopted, and the President expressed the Council's debt of gratitude to Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Parker for the enormous amount of work they did in connection with this report, which was of very great interest to ringers throughout the country.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved the adoption of the Towers and Belfries Committee's report, dealing with belfry acoustics, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on May 3rd. He added that he had had a good deal to do in the territory of his own Guild during the year. There was certainly now no excuse, when anyone was setting out to renovate a tower, and so forth, why everything should not be, from the acoustic point of view and the ventilation point of view, perfect. There were many towers where bell restoration work was not necessary, but where a great deal could be done to improve acoustics or ventilation. He did not think any band of ringers ought to remain content when they could either not hear their bells in the belfry, or hear them too much, or when people outside complained. He was sure from his experience that these things could be put right.

Rev. H. Law James suggested that the committee should visit Lincoln Cathedral and hear the bells inside and outside the tower, and examine the tower, because there they had succeeded in getting carried out the whole of the principles that were contained in Sir Arthur Heywood's book on the hanging of bells and on acoustics, and the result was absolutely satisfactory. People living under the tower would not object to the bells being rung for twelve hours at a stretch, while in a distant village, he had been told, it was said it was no good ringing the church bells when the Cathedral bells were being rung.

Major Hesse, who seconded the report, said he had also had a busy year. With regard to Lincoln, he had a drawing of the tower sent him by the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, showing various elevations at which the bells might be put. He would like to know how far below the louvres they were.

Rev. H. Law James: About 40 feet.

Mr. E. M. Atkins asked whether the committee had made any inquiries about the welding of bells?

Major Hesse said he was afraid nothing had been done. He believed the welded bell at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, was still standing up.

Mr. C. J. Sedgely (Ipswich) said the 7th at St. Mary-le-Tower was welded. It was much cheaper than recasting. It had been rung to two or three peals of Maximus, and seemed to be unaffected.

Asked whether he thought the bell was as good as it was before it was cracked, Mr. Sedgely said he thought it was.

Major Hesse said he saw one job. It looked all right, and he heard the bell after it was done. But he did not hear it before, so he could not compare the tone.

The Hon. Secretary said after the Hereford meeting he wrote to Mr. Symonds, at Ipswich, on the matter, and he reported very favourably on the bell that they had welded there. It was useful to know it was still standing up all right.

Major Hesse: I think a welded bell is a blemish in a tower; it is not the same as a recast bell.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn asked if the committee should undertake the revision of the book on the preservation of bells? He supposed it fell to their lot.

The President: Yes.

Rev. H. Drake: Will this report be included, or something to the same effect?

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn: That was our idea.

The report was adopted, and the committee requested to revise the book on the Preservation of Bells.

THE YEAR'S RECORDS.

The Report of the Records Committee was presented by Mr. T. H. Beams as follows: First peals in new methods, and progressive lengths in others, rung since the last report and up to the end of March this year, were:—

Peals in new methods include 5,040 Gainsborough Little Bob Major by the Yorkshire Association; 5,184 Kent Surprise Major by the Essex Association; 5,280 New Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the Suffolk Guild; 5,040 York Surprise Royal by the Midland Counties Association; 5,040 Melton Surprise Royal by the Midland Counties Association. In Spliced Methods have been rung a 5,000 in six Plain and Treble Bob Methods, Little Canterbury, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain and Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; a 5,040 'Mixed' Bob Major (?) by the Durham and Newcastle Association; a 5,184 in Spliced Surprise Major methods, London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Lincolnshire Surprise, by the Middlesex County Association; a 5,184 in six Surprise Methods, London, Rutland, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge, and Pudsey, by the Middlesex County Association; 5,040 Spliced Surprise Minor, in 22 methods, by the Essex Association. A progressive length, 5,056 changes, of 'Hereward' Bob Major, has been rung by the Kent County Association. The report was adopted.

THE LAW AFFECTING CHURCH BELLS.

The Legal Committee (Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, F. A. Milne and E. W. Elwell) presented the following report, which was read by Mr. Milne:—

The sole right of access to the belfry is vested in the incumbent (Blunt, ed. 1921, 273), but the incumbent's rights are not given him for his sole use, and he must permit access to the belfry to allow of such use of the bells as is consistent with the purpose for which they are placed there (Blunt Book of Church Law, ed. 1921, 328), e.g., summoning parishioners to worship or tolling at a funeral which is an essential part of the rites of the Church.

The bells should only be rung with the incumbent's consent, and they must not be rung against his express wish. The property in the bells as in other church ornaments is in the churchwardens (Whitehead Church Law, sub-tit. 'Bells,' 1921 ed., p. 42); hence it was formerly held that a churchwarden could not be convicted of stealing a bell. The churchwardens have the custody of the keys of the belfry, and are to take care that the bells are not rung without proper cause; but the minister conjointly with them is to be the judge of the proper cause. They would seem, therefore, to have a right to interfere in the belfry and in the ordering of the ringers, but in what manner or to what extent it is difficult to define. For the custody of the keys implies that the belfry is to be open or not at their discretion, and the property of the bell ropes is in them (Jackson v. Adams, 1835, 2, Bingham p.c. 402), and if the bells were improperly rung the churchwardens, according to Canon 88 would be the responsible parties. But the churchwardens are not authorised without the consent of the incumbent to give orders for the bells to be rung, and it would be an ecclesiastical offence if they were to break open the belfry door in order to have the bells rung, for the freehold of the church is in the incumbent, and the lawful custody of the key of the church belongs to him, so that unless he consents the parishioners cannot except on the occasion of divine service procure the ringing of the bells. Should they break in and ring the bells they would be guilty of an ecclesiastical offence, and if proceedings should be taken against them by the incumbent they would be mulcted in costs (see Redhead v. West (1862), 6, L. Times 580, and Cripp's Law of Church and Clergy, ed. 1921, p. 190, 1921).

The Parochial Church Council's Measure (1921), while leaving the property in the goods and ornaments of the church (which, of course, includes bells, bell fittings and bell ropes) in the churchwardens, transfers to the Parochial Church Council all the powers, duties and liabilities of the churchwardens relating to the care, maintenance, preservation and insurance of such goods and ornaments. The Parochial Church Council is the body to be first approached, if anything goes wrong with the bells, and it is its duty, so far as may be possible, to put things right. So far, however, as the ringing of the bells is concerned, it would seem that the Parochial Church Council Measure has made no alteration in the law, and that save in so far as ringing for the church services is concerned, it remains with the incumbent to decide if and when and subject to what conditions the bells shall be rung, the churchwardens still having the same indefinite right of interference.

As it rests with the incumbent to appoint all church officers other than those as to whom special provisions are made by Ecclesiastical Law and the Parochial Church Council Measure of 1921, e.g., churchwardens, sidesmen, parish clerk and sexton, it would seem that every regular ringer should be appointed or approved by him. In every well-regulated belfry the ringers are formed into Guilds or societies subject to regulations approved by the incumbent, and there is practically no difficulty in the matter. But on every change of incumbent it would be advisable that the rules for the time being in force should be submitted to and formally approved by him. The Parochial Church Council have no voice in the matter, any more than they have in the appointment of organist, but if any remuneration is to be made by the Council to the ringers for their services it is obviously the duty of the incumbent to keep the Council informed on all matters relating to the ringing of the bells.

This raises the question as to who is responsible, if anyone, for the safety of the ringers and for compensation in case of injury. So far as all ringers are concerned, it is the duty of the church authorities to see that the bells, bell chamber and fittings are reasonably safe and that there is nothing in the nature of a trap whereby an incautious person might meet with injury. It is possible that if the incumbent was aware that the bells could not with safety be rung, and with that knowledge permitted ringing to take place, he might be civilly liable in damages for any injury sustained. The same would apply to any person who left a bell 'up' and without warning invited a stranger into the belfry or (as in a case within the writer's recollection) omitted to close a trap door in the belfry and anyone fell through. Such things are, of course, very unlikely to happen, but it may sometimes occur that a ringer is accidentally injured without blame attaching to anyone. In such a case, if he was a paid ringer, the question of compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act would arise. There would then be contract of service with an employer who would be the person liable to pay. Who was the employer would be a question of fact which would largely depend upon who paid the money. It might be the incumbent, the churchwardens, or the Church Council who enlisted the hand of ringers or arranged the terms of payment. Whoever it was would probably be held liable. The Church Council, however, being a corporate body, its members would not be personally liable, and the Council itself only to the extent of moneys in hand.

With regard to bells generally, a faculty is required for their removal, alteration (such as recasting) or erection. The granting of a faculty for a new peal of bells is by no means a matter of course. The Chancellor will hesitate where there is a risk of annoyance being caused by their being rung with unnecessary frequency or for an unnecessary length of time, and this should be carefully borne in mind when a new peal is in contemplation especially where there is a crowded population.

The ringing of church bells is almost of necessity an annoyance to some people, however pleasing it may be to others. It cannot, therefore, ever be held a public nuisance rendering the ringers criminally liable on indictment, but it may be a private nuisance liable to be restrained by injunction at the instance of any person specially aggrieved (*Soltau v. de Held*, 2 Sim., 133). There is, however, no reported case in which an injunction has been granted to restrain the ringing of the bells of a parish church, and so long as bells are rung in moderation—even for peal ringing—it is unlikely that the Courts will interfere with such an old-established custom, however much it may annoy individuals who reasonably or unreasonably hold church bells in abhorrence.

The President said they were all very grateful indeed to the three members of the Legal Committee for their report, which he took it the Council would accept.

A Member: Will it be printed?

The President said no doubt it would be printed, but he could not say for certain that it would be done at present. It was most important, he added, in view of what might happen, that the Legal Committee should be kept in existence to watch events, and to act in case of emergency on the Council's behalf. They would be grateful if the committee would do this.

Rev. H. Drake asked whether the committee had considered how far the law regarding moving machinery applied to bells?

Mr. Elwell said he thought it was quite clear that the Factory Acts did not apply to church bells.

The report was adopted.

(To be continued.)

THE COUNCIL AND THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—One of the most astonishing decisions ever made by the Council was that when it decided, by 30 votes to 29, that the Bankes James Cambridge Minor, the Law James London Minor, and the Pitman and Morris Grandsire Doubles arrangements are all 'hopelessly false.' This, at the behest of members who could not back up such a proposition by a single sound argument.

When we ring a 5,040 of Minor under the conditions laid down in the Council's 'Rules and Decisions,' we ring 720 changes each seven times, excluding rounds at the beginning, but including rounds at the end of the last 720. When we ring the Bankes James Cambridge Minor, or the Law James London Minor, we ring 720 changes each seven times, excluding rounds at the beginning, but including rounds at the end. We call each of these performances A PEAL, and my dictionary informs me that A equals ONE. Therefore, our ONE PEAL contains exactly the same 720 changes, each rung exactly the same number of times, whether it is called under the old conditions or under the spliced arrangements. To say that the latter are false is to condemn all the peals of Minor that have ever been rung. (A similar argument can be put up in connection with Doubles.)

The question for the Council to decide is whether it is going to admit as a peal of Minor any composition that does not consist of at least seven separate 720's, each true and complete in itself, and each ending with rounds, and if members had confined themselves to

these points at the Chelmsford meeting much valuable time would have been saved.

Some members evidently realised this soon after the 'hopelessly false' amendment had been carried, for, as the substantive motion, it was rejected, and a compromise arranged whereby the compositions in question are to be published as an appendix, with a note that their publication does not commit anyone to the opinion that they are suitable to be rung as peals.

According to 'The Ringing World' records, the Bankes James Cambridge Minor composition has been rung some 56 times by 21 associations. The representatives of some of these associations voted for the 'hopelessly false' amendment. I presume they are by this time congratulating themselves that the Council, by rejecting the amendment as the substantive resolution, has saved them from having to recommend their respective associations to delete the 'false' peals from their records. Or will they stand on their own expressed opinions in the matter?

It is unfortunate that the president found himself unable to adopt the suggestion that Mr. Whittington's resolution as to the definition of a peal of Minor (and Doubles) should be discussed before the Methods Committee's report. A decision on that resolution might then have been come to. As it was, members had exhausted their vocabulary, grown tired of the subject, and so they eagerly voted to postpone, until the next or some subsequent meeting, coming to a decision on the very vital point as to what shall constitute a peal. Had this point been decided, the acceptance of the report of the Methods Committee would have been a matter of course, or arrangement, according to the decision on the resolution.—Yours faithfully,
21, Vincent Road, E.4.
C. T. COLES.

June 8th, 1929.

THE DEBATE ON THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It should be emphasised that Mr. Wm. Willson's reference back of the report was on the very definite grounds 'that they are hopelessly false,' but unfortunately this is omitted from your report of the debate. A great deal of the debate following the reference back ranged round these words; indeed, an attempt was made to have them deleted, but it was ruled out of order by the president. It is not an exaggeration to say that several members who would otherwise have voted for the deletion of the compositions, could not bring themselves to say that they are false; three or four members actually told me after the meeting that they were unable to vote for the reference back for that very reason.

In your report of the debate these words come in for the first time when the amendment was put as the substantive motion. In 'The Ringing World' for May 24th you give a summary of the proceedings, and there Mr. Willson's amendment is given in its correct form.

I am sure you have no intention of misleading, but the omission of this sentence in your report alters the sense of much of the subsequent debate.—Yours faithfully,
21, Vincent Road, E.4.
C. T. COLES.

June 15th, 1929.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, June 1st, at the Old Church, Smethwick. The Guild's beautiful form of service was said in church at 4.30, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Girdlestone, M.A., D.S.O.), who also gave a very interesting and helpful address. The Rev. H. T. Robins (assistant priest) read the lesson.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a bounteous tea was in readiness, and, needless to say, full justice was done to the good things provided. The business meeting followed, at which the chair was taken by the Vicar, who gave a right cordial welcome to the members to Smethwick on behalf of the churchwardens and other church officials, as well as of himself. Several new members were added to the roll.—On the proposition of Mr. S. J. Hughes, the secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy and condolence to Miss Pigott, of Smethwick, on the death of her mother.—The proposition was carried in silence.

It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wombourne, subject to the usual permission being obtained. It was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Smethwick, the date and arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.).

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. J. Price, seconded by Mr. B. Gough, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar of Smethwick for his warm welcome, for his kindness in granting permission to hold this meeting at his church, also for conducting the service, and his eloquent address, and for the use of the tower, bells, and schoolroom in which to hold the tea and meeting, also to the Rev. H. T. Robins for the part he took in the service, and to the organist. Special thanks were also given to the donors of the tea, and to those ladies who prepared and served it, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy and successful one.

The bells were kept merrily going during the afternoon and evening.

THE REV. MAITLAND KELLY, M.A. DEATH OF DEVON'S PIONEER IN CHANGE RINGING.

AN APPRECIATION: BY CANON G. F. COOLERIDGE.

At a good old age, respected and revered by all with whom he came in contact, the Rev. Maitland Kelly passed from this life to a higher one on Saturday last in a nursing home in Plymouth, whither he had been taken for an operation after four weeks of intense suffering at home, his mortal remains being laid to rest in the quiet churchyard of Kelly, adjoining the beautiful gardens of his well-loved home, on Wednesday last, amid a great concourse of friends and neighbours assembled to pay a last tribute to departed worth.

Much might be said of his devoted work as a parish priest, first as curate of Abingdon, with a notable set of colleagues, 1868-70, then at Newton Ferrers 1871-73, as Rector of Plympton St. Maurice 1873-76, Vicar of Salcombe 1877-90, Vicar of Ottery St. Mary 1890-1900, where he also held the responsible office of Rural Dean for seven years, having also served in that capacity when holding the living of Salcombe, as Rural Dean of Woodleigh. In 1900 he succeeded his older brother as squire of Kelly, and from 1905 to 1912 was Rector of Kelly as well. On all these parishes his devoted work has left an indelible mark.

It is, however, rather of his work as a ringer, than as a parish priest, that our readers would wish to remember him. In his early days change ringing was practically unknown in the West of England—it had never penetrated further than Bristol. The earliest record is to be found on a tablet in the tower of Kelly Church which runs: 'Be it remembered that on Saturday, January 21st, 1865, 3 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung in this church, being the greatest number of changes ever rung in Devon by men of the county,' Mr. Kelly, at that time an undergraduate at University College, Oxford, ringing the 3rd bell. From that time, for a space of over 60 years, he has been identified with all that has tended to foster ringing in the West. For all that long period it has largely been a matter of spadework, coupled with a determination ever to press on in spite of difficulties known only to himself; yet he lived long enough to rejoice that change ringing, though not an indigenous plant, had firmly taken root and was flourishing in the fair county of Devon.

One of the very oldest of the members of the College Youths, and one of the first elected members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers when founded in 1874, Mr. Kelly lived to fill the office of secretary (1890-1896), and, later, president (in succession to Col. C. A. W. Troyte), which office he held from 1896 till the jubilee meeting in 1924, when he felt he ought to hand over the reins to one younger than himself. At this time, also, he solely, by his own wish, ceased to represent the Guild on the Central Council, whose annual meetings never failed to afford him deep pleasure.

On six occasions, between 1895 and 1907, he organised a ringing week in the West, inviting picked ringers to ring peals with a view to showing local men what could and what ought to be done. These tours, luxuriously engineered, not only gave unbounded pleasure to those who took part in them, but aroused immense interest and enthusiasm in the localities visited. Some 47 peals were rung on these tours, the greater number in places where change ringing had never been heard before. In some of these the organiser himself took part. It is not, however, so much as a peal ringer as a pioneer that the Rev. Maitland Kelly should be remembered. His frequent, and often, lengthy journeys, by road or rail, sometimes for weeks and months at a stretch, to help on a struggling band at its weekly practices; his genial presence ever welcomed at annual or branch meetings—in fact, wherever and whenever he felt he could do something for ringing in the West, there was he invariably to be found. Above all should mention be made of his unremitting work in the Kelly tower, ever engaged in training young men, with the certainty of losing them in the near future, but well content to know that he had laid the foundations, leaving it to others to make use of the materials so diligently prepared by him.

Though a gun accident some years ago caused the amputation of a foot, he still carried on his instruction work till nearly the end, when, supported by the belfry wall, he would ring, conduct, or stand behind a youngster and steer him through a plain course or six-score.

Clergy not only sought his ready help in preaching, but many of the laity were accustomed to seek his advice in many unexpected quarters. As an example, barely two months ago, as the oldest subscriber to the Lamerton Hunt, his good offices were sought to solve difficulties which had arisen over the mastership.

Everywhere, and by all sorts and conditions of men, will his genial presence be missed, and not least by the ringing friends, whose name is legion. It was always a great delight to him to meet them, whether for ringing or social converse. As a proof of this, less than two years ago, on the termination of a tour in Cornwall, three of the band called at Kelly on their way home on the Saturday afternoon, on the chance of seeing him. His delight in meeting them was profound. He talked of their kindness in visiting an old man, not only at dinner that evening, but again before bedtime, and several times on the Sunday. So late as two months ago he more than once spoke of the pleasure their visit had given him. It was

ever so; what he felt on that occasion he felt towards ringers whenever he met them.

A family of nine sons and daughters are left to mourn him, a great number of neighbours and friends, and not a few of the Ringing Fraternity. R.I.P.

ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly, who was 86 years of age, was born at Kelly in 1842, the third son of Mr. Arthur Kelly, of Kelly. He was educated at Marlborough College and University College, Oxford, where he took his B.A. degree in 1869, and M.A. in 1872. He was ordained a deacon in 1869 and a priest a year later by the Bishop of Oxford. While at Salcombe he added a chance to the church and started a surplined choir. Ottery also benefited from his activities, and while there he built a Church Institute, as well as a chapel-of-ease at Waggaton, a hamlet a mile distant from Ottery. In remembrance of the work Mr. Kelly did as Rector of Plympton St. Maurice, three choir stalls were presented by his friends, and a brass tablet in the church commemorates the gift. During his Rectorship an alteration of seats in the chancel was made to accommodate the choir, the font was presented, the bells rehung, improvements made in the tower and churchyard, and an organ installed. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Diocesan Choral Union, and it owes him a debt of gratitude for his long years of service in his endeavours to improve church music in the diocese. As a boy he tolled the bell at Kelly, when the Duke of Wellington died.

TRIBUTES AT DEVON GUILD MEETING.

The Rev. G. E. F. Molineux (chairman of the North-East Devon Branch of the Guild) announced the sad event at a meeting of the Branch at Rackenford on Saturday afternoon, and there was a general feeling of sincere regret. Mr. Molineux said many present, being young men, could know little of the great and important work Mr. Kelly did for the Devonshire Guild, and perhaps hardly realised the heavy loss it had sustained by his death. There were few, if any, in the room who were so closely acquainted with Mr. Kelly as himself. Mr. Kelly was his former Vicar at Ottery St. Mary as far back as 1889, and he was associated with him during his (Mr. Kelly's) presidency of the Guild for 14 years as hon. secretary of that organisation, and for four or five years as hon. treasurer. Mr. Kelly was always full of enthusiasm for the promotion of change ringing. When Mr. Kelly went to Ottery the ringers had started half-pull methods. Mr. Kelly took up the instruction, and the Ottery band became one of the most efficient in the Guild. Perhaps the greatest work in which Mr. Kelly engaged in connection with the Guild was the annual visiting of the different bands, who always cordially welcomed him, and the Guild was indebted to him for the enormous amount of service he did in this and other directions. There was no one in those days—40 years ago—with the same enthusiasm and opportunity to get about the county to congratulate ringers on their efforts, be helpful, and encourage them in every possible way to be progressive. Mr. Kelly was the spirit that animated the Guild in its early days, and brought it success, and he rejoiced that Mr. Powell, who had succeeded to the presidency, was worthily carrying on the old traditions.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, who succeeded Mr. Kelly as president, and was previously secretary of the Guild, said that from the moment he took office Mr. Kelly was always ready to help him, trust him thoroughly, give him a free hand in his work as secretary, and support him in every way. When the jubilee of the Guild came, and years and infirmities were pressing on Mr. Kelly so that he felt obliged to retire from the presidency, a situation arose that might have occasioned difficulty. For Mr. Kelly had been secretary, and then for nearly 30 years president, and was suddenly faced with a young man in the chief office. But he was full of cheer, ever ready to help, encourage, and advise, never expressing a doubt at things being done under a new regime by a young man that might not have been expected always to command the support of an older man. Mr. Kelly's love of the Guild and of change ringing in its best and highest form was at the back of it all. Whether the Guild would have survived without Mr. Kelly's inspiration was an open question, but the tremendous help and encouragement he gave and the work he did were things for which the members had every reason to thank God and to be grateful for the life of Maitland Kelly.

Members stood in silence as a tribute of respect, and, on the motion of Mr. Molineux, seconded by Mr. R. Grater, it was resolved that a vote of sincere sympathy be sent from the branch to the family, some of the members of which were themselves ringers like their father.

The Rev. E. Kelly, who had come over from Oakford, which is included in the Branch's area, thanked Mr. Molineux and Mr. Powell for what they had said about his father, and acknowledged the sympathy of the members. Personally, he had been lagging behind in ringing, but had the consolation of knowing that he gave a promise to do his best to carry on the good work associated with the name of his father.

ALDENHAM.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins. at St. John's: Miss Joan Gibbs 1, S. Jones 2, C. H. Horton (conductor) 3, C. Evans 4, W. Inwood 5, W. Gilks 6, E. Southey 7, L. Harpin 8. Rung after evening service.

'WOBBLING.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article does the Methods Committee scant justice. I am not, of course, exactly unbiassed, but I should not have said we wobbled. I should have said that we went to Chelmsford with a very definite idea of what we wanted to do, and were pretty successful in doing it. I know that you have got into your head that we wanted to alter the standards of peal ringing, to change the traditions of the Exercise, to juggle with truth, and generally to play 'Old Harry' with ringing affairs. I should hate to destroy your pleasant delusion (even if I were able), but really our intentions were much more modest. We wanted to get the Council to agree to our printing those compositions; we wanted to prevent the Cambridge coming in under false pretences, and owing to those two we wanted to defeat the Whittington resolution.

We knew quite well our difficulties and the strength of the opposition. Months ago I calculated that more than half the Council were definitely against us, and less than a quarter definitely in our favour. In the Exercise the odds were much greater for, while we could reckon on being supported by all those people who want to ring peals of Cambridge Minor, we could reckon on the opposition (passive, if not active) of most of those who don't want to ring them, and you can calculate the opposition to us by the strength of these two groups. These things, however, are not settled by counting heads, and, anyhow, the Methods Committee is usually in a minority. It is part of our job. We have fought many fights against majorities in the past thirty years, and we always manage to win in the long run. After I had talked to people before the meeting I put the majority against us at about three to one. It behaved us, therefore, to walk warily. You, I know, would have wished us to go in like a bull at a haystack and be soundly beaten. We thought otherwise. We really had the best cards in our hands, and many of them, if we could manage to play them properly; and thanks partly to some bad blunders by our opponents we did manage to pull through. We lost the first division by one vote; we won the next by two or three; and all the rest by increasingly large majorities. Of course, we had to use every fair and sound argument at our disposal, and it is rather unkind of you to say that, because we did not tie ourselves to one argument, we wobbled. You must not run away with the idea that because we advanced other reasons we ever abandoned our contention that these compositions are true and complete, are in harmony with the usage and tradition of the Exercise, and are thoroughly fit for peal ringing.

And talking about 'wobbling,' what about yourself? I should say that the champion wobbler on this matter is the leader writer of 'The Ringing World.' Looking back through these articles the only thing consistent I can find is the opinion that whatever the Methods Committee does must be wrong. No doubt a sound and laudable opinion, but one which I can hardly be expected to agree to. You started on the grounds that the Bankes James Cambridge consists of seven true and complete 720's, and you tried to alter the standard of Minor peal ringing so as to admit that and exclude everything else. Logic, justice, and facts were against you. One thing, at least, has been proved by this controversy. If the Bankes James arrangement is sound, then a whole new class of Doubles and Minor compositions is available for five and six bell ringers. But you are afraid to take the risk. You do not know what to do, whether to stand to your commendation of the Cambridge, or to join with those who would 'scrap the lot.' And so we have in the same issue of 'The Ringing World' your speech, where you try, frantically and with a forlorn hope, to justify the Cambridge, and your article where you relegate it to history with other 'stuff unwept, unhonoured and unsung.' I do not blame you. There is more than one side to this question. But who is wobbling, you or we? And since you have been so hard on us, I should really like to ask you where you stand? Are you for any reasonable, natural developments in ringing, and willing to allow them to be put to practical tests, or are you with Mr. Willson and his hide-bound stick-in-the-muds, who don't want to see any progress at all?

But you tell us that the Methods Committee is going to be surprised and the Bankes James Cambridge made unnecessary by eight complete 720's each with the tenors the right way—to say nothing of fifty-two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. I am not going to be surprised. Unless I am much mistaken, these compositions are already in the MSS. now in front of me. Only I think you have found a mare's nest. I think you will find, when you come to examine the eggs on which the old girl is sitting, that four of the eight are not genuine eggs at all, but only nice white china nest eggs. I think (mind, I say, I think) there are only two distinct 720's of Cambridge Minor which do not turn up 5-6 the wrong way. Each of these has a reverse, and one of them (and its reverse) may be started at three different places. That makes your eight. If anyone likes to ring seven of them as a peal of Cambridge Minor, I don't see what objection there can be, but it is rather stretching the meaning of words to call them eight different 720's. But supposing I am wrong, and these are eight different 720's, what of it? How will they affect Bankes James' arrangement? Will they make it false? If the latter were true when you moved the Hereford resolu-

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THE SECESSION OF GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL.

'OUT OF ORDER.'

Dear Sir,—Just a few lines with regard to No. 3 in the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' letter of to-day's 'Ringing World' regarding the secession of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association from the Central Council. If you look at page 51 of the latest edition of 'Rules and Decisions,' last paragraph but one, you will see the resolution in question printed in full: 'That in the opinion of the Gloucester and Bristol Association historic bells should not be tuned on the "Simpson" principle.'

Can anyone say that this resolution is not 'out of order' in any assembly, apart from that of the association named? It is, as the president rightly said, the pious opinion of an association, and still stands as such.—Yours, etc.,

W. A. CAVE.

[A long letter from Mr. E. Guise in reply to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies will be published as soon as space permits.]

PRESENTATION TO COLLEGE YOUTHS.

A silver mug, bequeathed to the Master for the time being, and the members of the College Youths for all time, by the late Mr. Joseph Edwin Sykes, eldest son of the late D. F. E. Sykes, LL.B., of Marsden, Yorks, and grandson of the Rev. Joseph Curr, Vicar of North Kelsey, Lincs, has been sent to the society by his brother, Major F. L. Sykes, of Ainsley House, Marsden.

A HAPPY GATHERING.

GUILDFORD AND LADIES' GUILDS MEET.

A very happy meeting, in which the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild joined forces with the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, was held at Worplesdon on Saturday, when a party of about fifty were the guests of the Rev. J. C. G. and Mrs. Bruce. A good deal of ringing was done before the service, which the Rector conducted, the Ladies' Guild form being used. Mr. E. Raddon, one of the S. Nicolas', Guildford, band, was at the organ, with Mr. Taylor, of Maidenhead, as 'blower.'

Tea was to have been served on the lawn, but the doubtful state of the weather caused the bountiful meal to be spread in a hut in the Rectory Grounds. Here the Rector and Mrs. Bruce attended to the wants of their guests, and afterwards Mr. J. S. Goldsmith expressed the thanks of the visitors for the hospitality extended to them.

The Guildford Guild had no business to transact, and the gentlemen therefore revisited the tower, while the ladies sat in solemn conclave, with Mrs. Bruce in the chair, and discussed the affairs of their district. Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, general hon. secretary of the Guild, was a welcome visitor. Three new members, viz., Mrs. Edwards (Old Woking), Mrs. Taylor (Maidenhead), and Miss B. Stewart (Aldershot) were elected.

Mrs. Bruce was elected vice-president, Miss H. Mills was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Whittington, Mrs. Melville and Miss A. Fisher were elected to the committee. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Worplesdon in June, 1930, and a quarterly meeting at Wokingham in October.

The Hon. Secretary, whom everyone was glad to see so well recovered from her serious accident, regretted her inactivity during the year, and the members expressed the hope that she would soon be able to resume ringing.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Bruce.

Meanwhile the men had been busy in the tower, with touches to suit all tastes and capacities. Among other things Treble Bob was spliced, Cambridge rung and London tried by a band, some of whom did not know much about it. St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were also rung, while when the ladies returned to the tower six of them rang Grandsire Doubles. The tenor is 18 cwt., with a rope big enough for Southwark tenor, but the lady on the end of it did well.

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tion, it is, I suppose, true now. And if it is true, why should it not be rung and appear in our book, even if there is something else which some may prefer? As for the Grandsire Doubles, if anyone talks to you about new six-scores with ordinary Bobs and Singles, ask him if he has ever heard of a little book by one Fabian Stegman published in the year 1668.—Yours faithfully,

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NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *Coffee Pot on the 25th and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A district meeting will be held at Newdigate on June 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at the Six Bells Inn, 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. A special appeal is issued to friends in neighbouring associations to join us in making good use of this pretty peal of bells.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Permission to view the new Exchange Buildings and peal of bells may be granted.—H. F. Jacques, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30.—A. J. Bull, Hon. District Sec.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF LAVENHAM BELLS will be held on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m.—A. Symonds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Division will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available from 12 o'clock. Tea at 1s. per head. Buses leave the Old Cattle Market every thirty minutes after mid-day, and a good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cranford (6) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Members and friends are requested to note change of address.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Warner's Café at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Alban Disney, 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Old Windsor (8 bells) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Swinton Parish Church on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready early. As the committee are meeting here will members make an effort to attend? — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 306th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Thursday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury branches will be held at Alderton (by special invitation of the Rev. A. D. Pennington) on Saturday, June 29th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. All welcome. Please inform either of the undermentioned by the 25th inst. — Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham, H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Stanmore bells available during evening. All requiring tea should advise Mr. G. R. Goodship, 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, by June 27th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3. Service in Cathedral 4. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant 5, followed by general meeting. Tea will be 1s. to those only who have paid their subscriptions; to others, 1s. 6d. Please send word by June 25th. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch in Rossendale on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Expecting a good muster of members and visiting ringers to be present. Subscriptions due. Reports and diagrams to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will take place at Epsom on Saturday, June 29th. St. Martin's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea should be sent to Alan Pink, 32, Lower Road, Dorking, or to George A. Card, 7, Gilstead Rd., Fulham, S.W.6, not later than 26th inst.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The first general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at Bakewell. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meet (important business) 4 p.m. in Schoolroom. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 p.m., in Wheatsheaf Hotel. It is imperative that those requiring tea advise Mr. W. J. Alexander, Burton Closes, Bakewell, not later than 26th inst., or catering not guaranteed. It is hoped everyone possible will attend to support this first general meeting in the new Peak District.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bardney (6), Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An invitation meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at Brabourne, by kindness of the Rev. S. K. Lockyear. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. M. M. Vischer. Tea at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is looked for on this annual visit.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, business meeting to follow (half fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. District Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—District meeting, Saturday, June 29th, at Laverstoke. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. F. C. Sear, St. Mary Bourne Vicarage, Andover.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at March Parish Church on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) ready 3 o'clock, recently rehung by Taylor and Co. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome. A united gathering is hoped for. Tea will be arranged for those who let me known by June 27th. — H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Waverton on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Will those who expect to be present for tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 26th?—J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for officers. — William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 3. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, June 26th. — George Lambert, Drummond Hay, E. Grinstead.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting (quarterly) will be held at Mangotsfield on June 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Important business. Election of hon. secretary necessary, due to the forced resignation of Mr. Way, who has left the district.—J. Gould, Chairman, Chapel House, High Street, Shirehampton, Bristol.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Barkway on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. A postcard from persons requiring tea would be appreciated.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The second quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. W. Ward, High Street, Bottesford, not later than July 3rd.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 6th at St. John's, Church, Cefn Coed. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (a new peal of 8 by Gillett and Johnston) will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business very important, including nominations for vice-president, treasurer, ringing secretary and Central Council representatives. Every member is expected to make an effort to attend. Other ringers and friends also welcome. — F. Hindle, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, on Saturday, July 6th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 2nd.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Great Barr, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting until 8 p.m. Tea provided for all those letting me know by July 3rd.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting, Apsley, July 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and service as usual. All welcome.—W. Ayre.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, Saturday, July 6th. Bells open early. For tea please advise Mr. F. Mortimer, The Cross, Ecclesfield, not later than July 4th. This is most important.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Haslemere, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea. Chiddingfold bells (8) also available from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8.30 p.m., Godalming from 7 to 8.30 p.m. Those requiring tea notify, not later than July 2nd, J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Colne Engaine on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 3rd. Earls Colne bells (8) available during the evening.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th, to celebrate the Jubilee of the Guild, when it is hoped that all members will make an effort to be present. Bells at Cathedral (12) and St. Maurice (6) available for ringing from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and again after service. Tea in Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, at 4 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5.15 p.m. Immediately after service the Master (Mr. G. Williams) will arrange for cars to convey ringers to the following towers, where the bells are available for ringing: Bishopstoke (8), Hursley (8), North Stoneham (8) and Twyford

(8). Members intending to be present must notify me by Tuesday morning, July 2nd.—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A meeting was held at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, and was attended by members from Allesley, Bedworth, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, and Stoke, in addition to the local band. The Vicar (Rev. F. Melville) welcomed the ringers, and also sat down with them to a splendid tea in the Parish Hall prepared by the ladies of the parish.

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