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ESSEX SECRETARY'S RETIREMENT.

The retirement of the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre from the secretaryship of the Essex Association marks, as it were, the parting of the ways. Thirty years' service in an office of this description is a rare example of devotion and sustained interest, and Mr. Eyre is fully entitled to relief from duties which are no mere sinecure. Since its formation forty years ago, the Essex Association has had only three secretaries, and they have been men whose names will long be remembered in the Exercise, the late Rev. H. A. Cockey and Canon Papillon having been Mr. Eyre's predecessors in office.

In laying down the reins of office the retiring secretary can look back upon work well and truly done, for he has left the Association with not only an almost record membership, and a solid financial position—both of which seriously felt the effects caused by the war—but what is more there is in the ranks of the Association an harmonious feeling which makes more for success than any other factor. In the reconstruction since the war, and in the promotion of the excellent spirit that exists among the Essex towers, Mr. Eyre has had a large share; but there is another who has played an equally important part in the work, namely Mr. C. H. Howard, the Master, whose unanimous re-election again this year must be to him pleasing evidence of the confidence and regard of the members. Both Master and Secretary have for years worked indefatigably in the interests of the Association, and very few district meetings have been held when one or both were not present—and Essex is not altogether an easy county to traverse. It has entailed no inconsiderable sacrifice of time to cover the ground as it has been covered, and the Master and the retiring Hon. Secretary have earned the gratitude of the members.

The resignation of Mr. Eyre leaves, we believe, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, of the Kent County Association, the doyen among association secretaries, for he has been more than a quarter of a century in office. It seems to be increasingly difficult to find clergy with sufficient leisure to carry on the work of ringing association secretaries, and yet such appointments have their value. As these organisations are intimately associated with the Church, it always seems to us not only an advantage but almost essential that one or other of the executive offices should be held by a clergyman; because, whether we care to admit it or not, in certain matters he carries more weight than the average layman; and the association that has a clerical member who can act officially when occasion arises is therefore in a stronger position in dealing with ecclesiastical or parochial church authorities than any association which

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has no such officer. It matters not whether the clerical official is Hon. Secretary, or Master or President; the important fact is that there should be someone in each association officially identified with the Church, to act and speak for the ringers when dealing with Church matters. We do not, of course, mean this as any reflection upon the various well-managed associations which have not in their executive a clerical official; but we point it out merely as a matter which should be considered by all associations as a question of policy when appointments are made.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 25, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM IRELAND	Treble	GEORGE ARCHER	5
WILLIAM E. BASON	2	CLEMENT J. MORE	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	ERNEST F. POPPY	7
WILLIAM ROSE	4	JOHN SOUTER	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Rung to oblige W. E. Bason, who hails from Fakenham, Norfolk, and also as a farewell peal to W. Rose, who has left the district for Erith, Kent.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

LEONARD J. WYMAN	Treble	DANIEL REDHEAD	5
*JOHN COLEMAN	2	†THOMAS WILSON	6
ARTHUR B. BELLAMY	3	JAMES M. NICKERSON	7
CYRIL WILSON	4	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

Rung to celebrate the festival of St. James, the Patron Saint of the church. * First peal and first attempt with a working bell. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Wilson.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES	Treble	WILLIAM H. SHUKER	5
MISS EMMA TONGE	2	HARRY CHAPMAN	6
FREDERICK PAGE	3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.	7
RICHARD F. DEAL	4	GEORGE H. SHUKER	Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

Arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., and as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, COSLANY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDK. J. HOWCHIN	Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	5
*GEORGE CLAXTON	2	JOHN A. GODFREY	6
ANTHONY PRICE	3	BEN S. THOMPSON	7
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	GEORGE MAYERS	Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell. The conductor has now rung each of these bells to a peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, GOWTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES S. BETTS Treble	*N. ROUND TURNER 4
*J. WATTERSON 2	*W. H. LLOYD 5
†H. MARCON 3	G. FLINTHAM Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. BETTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. All the four towers in Lincoln were represented in this peal. N.R. Turner hails from Scothern, near Lincoln.

BOXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE B.V. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*FRANK BELSEY Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
WILLIAM HAIGH 2	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER Tenor

Conducted by CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH AND THE CATHEDRAL GUILD),

On Wednesday, July 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE GUILD ROOM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... 1-2	JAMES R. MACKMAN 5-6
WILLIAM POWELL 3-4	WILLIAM PAGE 7-8

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by W. PAGE.

Umpire: W. C. JONES.

First peal of Major 'in hand' in the city of Worcester, also by Messrs. Johnson, Page and Powell. First peal 'in hand' by the Western Branch and first peal of Major 'in hand' for the Cathedral Guild.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS, Leicester. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: THOMAS MANNERING, of Maidstone.

Tapped as a birthday compliment to the composer.

BRAINTREE.—On June 14th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Dorothy Hammon, daughter of Mr. H. E. Hammon, a member of the local band and choir, to Mr. J. T. Guest, of Birmingham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. H. Howard 1, W. J. Sadler 2, A. Shuffelebotham (conductor) 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

BELLS OF ST. PAUL'S.

AN OMISSION FROM AN INTERESTING BOOK.

(CONTRIBUTED.)

A volume of more than ordinary interest from the pen of Canon Newbold, of St. Paul's, has been recently published, entitled 'Years that are Past.' This charming work, enlivened by fine illustrations and mirth-provoking jocosities, contains a voluminous description of certain parish churches and of the Cathedral to which the author has been called, including the brasses, tablets and other relics of interest. It gives, moreover, a record of the manifold duties of canons, vicars, and other incumbents, a perusal of which will serve effectually to dispel any illusion entertained by the laity that these functionaries enjoy a feather-bed job.

While the book in the elucidation of these items may be said to afford a liberal education, we may be pardoned a sense of disappointment that in the enumeration of the treasures within the walls of the Cathedral, no mention is made of the famous ring of bells in the north-west tower; while there is but casual allusion to the ringers assigned to perform for Sunday service, as well as for occasions of public rejoicing and grief. If the merits and attainments of these 'College Youths,' whose reputation extends to the fraternity throughout England, is but imperfectly recognised, this is due partly to the fact that they are not wont, like other artists, to pose in the limelight. A little more self-assertion would, we think, be helpful. In the composition of their anatomical amalgam, moreover there seems to be a lack of 'brass.' Though unmatched in the manipulation of their trumpet-shaped bells, they modestly refrain from blowing their own trumpets. By those initiated, however, it is appreciated that they are masters of an art so intricate as to be difficult of acquisition, except by the few who possess an inherited talent, or are endowed with that special organisation which responds to the vibration of bells. Thus it is that those unfamiliar with the achievements of these ringers are apt to class them obscurely among the smaller 'guns' of the chapter, though they have to admit that their voice, as propelled through the brazen throats of their harmonious instruments, commands a larger audience, and is transmitted over a wider area than the combined voices of all the 'canons' of the diocese. If, as geologists tell us, there are sermons in stones, may there not be likewise as a corollary 'appeals' from bells? However that may be, we must confess that, while entertaining the greatest respect for the clerical profession, we would rather listen to a metal bell than to a 'wooden' preacher.

If church officials could be persuaded to mount occasionally to their towers they might be made to understand that belfries, as part of the consecrated fabric, are entitled to receive reasonable care; and that bells, as well as souls, are worth saving. And should these dignitaries manifest a disposition to encourage in any way the Exercise, it might be well to delicately hint that their efforts would be more likely to prove efficient if not limited to 'absent treatment.'

The typographical slip in spelling the word 'peal' (p. 278) may be explained by the fact that the compositor had in mind the poetic account of certain desquamated beauties who had come to grief from exposure to the sun's rays while bathing in scant costume at the seashore. The verses are headed:—

THE BELLES ARE PEELING.

If these fragmentary jottings, conceived in no unfriendly spirit, should perchance meet the eye of the worthy canon, it is to be hoped that they will not be considered a casus belli.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HINCKLEY DISTRICT MEETING.

A monthly meeting of the Hinckley District was to have been held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, July 23rd, but, failing to get the use of the tower bells, the meeting was held instead at Earl Shilton, where the new Vicar (Rev. H. V. Williams) was pleased to place the new ring at the members' disposal. A good number of ringers attended from Barwell, Croft Hinckley, Higham, Kirkby-Mallory, Nuneaton, Pickleton, Sapcote, Stoney Stanton, Thurlaston, Wigston. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Double to Kent Treble Bob Major.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vice-President (Mr. C. H. Webb). Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. John D. Wright, of Thurlaston, and Hubert F. Wood, of Pickleton.—Two towers were nominated for the next place of meeting: Burbage and Kirkby-Mallory.—On being put to the vote the latter place was selected.

As this was the first meeting to be held at Earl Shilton since the death of the late Vicar (Rev. J. S. Maughan) sympathetic reference was made to the sad event, and the members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for use of bells, and to the Earl Shilton ringers for having things in readiness.—Tunes and change ringing on handbells brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

Members are asked to note that future meetings will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

THE PRODUCTION OF NEW METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Amongst the devotees to every form of recreation may be found some whose interest is centred chiefly in the theory, and others who confine their attention to the practice of the particular pastime. Among ringers, those of the latter class form the majority. Indeed, there is an opinion held by many of them that the theorists here are, for the most part, 'cranks'; and the reason for this is not far to seek. Unfortunately, some of our theorists not infrequently express their views in such a way that the average ringer either fails to grasp the practical significance of the statement, or (what is infinitely worse) entirely misinterprets it.

The consciousness of this fact, emphasised by the statements in Mr. Armiger Trollope's letter published on July 1st, prompted my former letter in defence of the position of authors of new methods; it was not, as Mr. Trollope suggests, because of an ambiguity in the report in 'The Ringing World' of his assertions at the Central Council meeting. The statements themselves were liable to be misinterpreted by some; but they are now being made a little more clear, thanks to the valuable medium of your columns. For example, Mr. Trollope now admits that (while there can be no 'ownership') there can be 'authorship' of methods. Bearing in mind that he has previously said that 'all methods have been worked out, and no one has the slightest chance of getting anything that has not been got before' (i.e., no one can possibly be the author of a method now), this is a most vital admission on his part. But a moment's reflection by Mr. Trollope, before making this statement at the Central Council meeting, would have resulted, doubtless, in his refraining from making it. After all, campanology is a comparatively modern art, and the number of theorists which each successive century has produced might almost be counted on one's fingers. It is obvious, therefore, that during the time represented by the sum of their ages all possible methods could not have been worked out! But even supposing there had been time, then is it not fallacious to assume that the method builders had strained every nerve in an endeavour to produce all possible methods, regardless of quality?

Would Mr. Trollope, in fact, care to accept a challenge to prove that anyone of the first three methods which might be placed in the hands of the Records Committee (C.C.) has been produced previously?

And this brings us to the second of the objects of my former letter—the question of 'extensions.' Mr. Trollope, in his latest letter, asserts that 'providing one understands the "laws of construction" of a method' (by which I take it that he means, if one grasps the essential features of the design of the method), 'it is quite a simple thing to extend the method from eight to ten, twelve or any other number.' May I point out, for the benefit of those members of the Exercise who are inclined to accept that dictum as it stands, that such a statement shows a lamentable ignorance of the properties of numbers, and that by the application of a little mathematical reasoning, it is not difficult to show that many Major methods are frequently incapable of extension, in the true sense, to the Royal version, and almost always to a prime number, such as 13! Yet Mr. Trollope says 'to any number.' There is far too much of the 'mysterious' atmosphere maintained around the theory of our Art and it is high time that the average practical ringer be allowed to realise that certain conventions having been adopted, the growth of a method is a perfectly natural and simple process.

Of course there are extensions and extensions; but we may discount any that—

- (a) Do not conform with the conventions of modern method-construction.
- (b) Have 'irregular' lead ends.
- (c) Depart, to any appreciable extent, from the original design.

Mr. Trollope talks glibly of the 'laws' of method-construction; but in the strict sense there are no laws. There are conventions which have been established, and which have been, in fact, summarised, for the most part, in the Central Council's 'Rules and Decisions'; but variety of design, which is the only thing that might be made subject to law, is almost infinite. Broadly speaking, the extensions of any method should introduce no new features; existing features may be repeated in the newly-situated working positions, or in the additional sections of the working, extra dodging places being inserted wherever the extended working demands them. An extension which conforms with these principles may be accepted (although possibly not perfect), as very 'close' to the original. The perfect extension (although Mr. Trollope would appear to be ready to accept the above) requires the fulfilment of one other condition.

It is a well-known convention (for reasons which cannot be discussed at this juncture) that Plain Bob lead ends (regular), and these only, shall be incorporated in the plain course of any even-bell method having a treble-hunt. Now, if the first lead ends of the Plain Bob method from Minimus (or Singles) to Maximus be compared, it will be noted that each time the method is extended the bells turn up in the same order at the beginning of the lead end change; in fact, the order of the last two bells only is altered in the extended lead

end. For example, in Major, the first lead end of the Plain Course is 3527486; and so in Royal we shall expect to find the lead end change commencing in the same way; in fact, only the position of 8 and 6 altered; and this is so, viz.:—352749608. Now it does not follow from this, that in all treble-hunt even-bell methods the first lead of the plain course of the Royal version must be 352749608. Any one of the Plain Bob Royal lead ends may turn up first. For example, the first lead end of Cambridge Royal corresponds to the second of Bob Royal—573920486. So far, Mr. Trollope will not disagree; but it is at this point that the question arises as to whether a method is only closely extended or perfectly extended. Let us refer again to Cambridge Surprise. The Royal version would be accepted in any case, because it fulfils all three conditions (a, b and c) set out above; but it fulfils one other condition, and may, therefore, be said to be perfect (although even without this it would have been accepted). It will be observed that the order of the bells at the first lead end corresponds to the order of the bells at the first lead end of Cambridge Major (commencing 573 in each case). When lead ends in an extension turn up in a parallel arrangement like this, they may be said to be 'Associated'; alternatively they may be termed 'Dissociated'; and extensions may often be found with Dissociated lead ends in the plain course; which, while being quite admissible, are not, obviously, perfect. So Mr. Trollope's argument as to there being no 'very close' extension falls to the ground. On the contrary, we may add to the three conditions quoted above; a fourth, viz.:—

- (d) The extension must have Associated lead ends; i.e., if it is not to be merely 'very close,' but 'perfect.'

Mr. Trollope speaks of experimenting with figures, but surely he will be prepared to credit anyone but the mere novice with more intelligence than to attempt method-construction simply by copying rows of figures?

Personal experience has shown that the construction and extension of methods can be carried out without committing one single figure to paper.

In the light of Mr. Trollope's former letter (published on July 1st), may we ask him to be kind enough to the Exercise generally, to disclose his version of London Royal (which must, apparently, be perfect) and also show us how to extend Bristol to a ten-bell method? (In the latter case, mathematics tells us that an extension to Maximus may be possible.)

In conclusion, I would like to suggest that in order to eliminate, for the future, any risk of overlapping in the naming of methods, or of rival claims to authorship, some such procedure as the following be adopted:—

The author of a (supposedly) new method should forward a copy of a lead, with bob (and single, if any), proof scale, and a peal: together with a proposed title and an alternative, to the secretary of the Records Committee (C.C.). This committee, noting carefully the date of reception, would examine the method, and if it possessed qualities recommending its publication, would check, from existing records, whether it had been previously published. Methods thus 'passed' would have copies sent to the C.C. Librarian for filing; and at given periods, e.g., quarterly, a list of methods 'discovered' during the quarter, together with the registered title and date of discovery, might be published, under the authority of the Central Council, in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours very truly, A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

THE NAMING OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On Thursday, September 11th, 1919, a peal of Minor was rung at St. Nicholas' Church, Worcester, which contained as one of the methods, the amalgam of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, given to the band by the Rev. E. B. James. Now, the band wished to indicate to the Points Committee that one of the series of 720's had been produced in a different way to the others, and that it was a way that had not been used in a peal before, so they exercised the privilege graciously granted to all such companies by a benevolent Methods Committee, and gave it a name, or designation or distinctive appellation, whereby it might be known among its fellows; and if all those who refer to it, especially the methods and points gentlemen, will take the trouble to look it up they will, I think, find that the band did not call it 'Worcester Treble Bob.' They had the temerity to call it a variation of Treble Bob, and did not do that which the Methods Committee gave all ringers the privilege of doing—rename methods which their grandfathers had named. Our ancestors may not have known the difference between a Delight and a Pleasure, but the names they gave their methods should have been allowed to remain undisturbed. The committee said that the band, who was first to ring one of the methods, could call it what they liked, and this they did, in many cases at least, fifty years before the committee were born. Perhaps in another fifty years, when this committee have gone to their rest, we shall have another committee who will again allow the ringing public to rename all the six-hell methods after they had for a decade or so been known by a couple or so delightful or surprising names.—I am, yours, in fear and trembling.

ONCE A BEGINNER (ON SIX BELLS).

EXETER RINGERS IN MID-DEVON.

The annual outing of the members of the St. Sidwell's (Exeter) Society of Ringers took place on Saturday, 16th July, when a trip was made to Buckfast Abbey, Totnes, Paignton, Torquay, Newton Abbot, and Chudleigh. The party, including the churchwardens (Messrs. E. Shepherd and Panter) left Exeter by charabanc just after one o'clock, the Rector (the Rev. F. Jones) giving them a hearty send-off. Buckfast Abbey was reached at half-past three, and, through the kindness of the Lord Abbot, the visitors were shown over the Abbey (which is under restoration) by one of the priests. Particular notice was taken of the excellent architecture and work done by the monks in building their new church and tower, which will not be completed for ten years. The flowerbeds in front of the Abbey are picturesque with the very fine blooms of geraniums. After an inspection of the bells the ringers rang the new peal of 12 (tenor 30 cwt.), and also a touch of Grandsire Caters on the back ten. Later the party drove through the charming valley to Totnes, and on their arrival went to the parish church, where the beautiful toned eight bells were rung. After tea a move was made for Exeter via Paignton and Torquay, when a good view of the Fleet in Torbay was obtained. The arrangements made by Mr. W. Richardson (hon. secretary) and Mr. W. Drake (hon. treasurer) were capital, and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed.

YATELEY RINGERS' NEW PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the Yateley band of ringers, Hants, was held at Hilfield, on Wednesday, July 20th. Miss B. Stilwell presided, and after the usual routine business the election of officers took place. In proposing Miss B. Stilwell president of the band, the foreman, Mr. S. Riddell, referred to the great loss the band had recently sustained through the death of Mr. Stilwell, who had been president for many years, and it was still hard to believe that he was gone. It was the wish of the whole band that Miss Stilwell should be asked to fill the position, and it was a great gratification to them that she consented. Miss Stilwell is shortly proceeding to Australia for at least a year, so Mr. H. Tice kindly agreed to act during her absence as vice-president. Ringers will wish her a pleasant time, and trust that she may be able to continue her change ringing 'down under,' where, we are sure, a hearty welcome will await her in any tower she may visit.

Mr. S. Riddell was re-elected foreman, and also undertook to carry out the duties of treasurer during Miss Stilwell's absence. After the meeting the band were kindly entertained to supper. At present they are pondering upon how they are to get over the loss of one of the most regular ringers during the next twelve months, as good and regular ringers in country districts are not so easily trained.

BISHOP RYDER'S RINGERS AT KING'S NORTON.

The ringers of Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, July 9th, to King's Norton. The party numbered 15 ringers and friends, including the Rev. Canon G. Badger, M.A. (Vicar), and the Rev. A. D. Alton (curate), and they were very kindly met at King's Norton Church by Mr. C. Webb, the genial towerkeeper, and several of the local ringers. Some good ringing was done, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major for a short time before and after tea, and the promising young band from Bishop Ryder's rang some good rounds and call changes.

The tea was very kindly provided by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., on the Vicarage lawn, where about 20 sat down, including the Alderman and Mrs. Pritchett, and Mrs. Price, wife of the Rev. Canon H. Price, the Vicar. The day was a beautiful one, the scenery and gardens looking very nice, and everybody appeared to enjoy themselves. One face was very much missed, namely, that of Mr. W. H. Carrod, who recently passed to his long rest.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Alderman for so kindly providing and arranging such a bountiful tea, to Mrs. Pritchett and Mrs. Price for the pleasure of their presence, and to the Rev. Canon Hugh Price, M.A., for the use of his lawn and the bells. The young band at Bishop Ryder's are determined to master the intricacies of change ringing, and are making good progress under the Tower Master, Mr. James George.

THANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me, through the 'Ringing World,' to express my grateful thanks to the Rochester District secretary of the Kent County Association for getting up the subscription list on my behalf, and to all ringers and friends who subscribed, and to assure them that the sum of £12 3s. which I received came as a very pleasant surprise to me in the time of my incapacity. I greatly value their kindness, and thank one and all most sincerely.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. HAYES.

Eglinton Road, Swancombe, July 25th, 1921.

AN EXCURSION IN CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, July 16th, the St. Peter's company had their annual outing to Peover, situated in a most delightful part of Cheshire. Leaving Ashton-under-Lyne at 1.15 p.m., the party arrived at Knutsford, famous for its gaol, now put to better service in the training of candidates for the ministry of the Church. The visitors were met by their kind friend, Mr. S. Hough, who had things ready for the fair belles of 'Ashton Old Town.' The bells were raised in peal, and set going to the tune of Grandsire and Plain Bob, Mr. Hough, his son, and Mr. Webb joining with the ladies in touches. Many a student has for the first time learned to pull a bell and been initiated into the mysteries of change ringing in this tower. The Knutsford company are doing much spade work, from which the Exercise at large will ultimately reap the benefit. From the top of the church tower an extensive view of the whole of Cheshire is to be obtained. The Derbyshire hills to the east and the Welsh mountains to the south-west make up a wonderful picture. After leaving Knutsford the party passed many prematurely ripened cornfields and meadows that were thirsting for rain. After partaking of tea at Allstock, they made for Peover church, where there is a handy peal of six. This old twelfth-century building bears the marks of Time's ruthless work. The carved oak of the chancel, pulpit, etc., was much admired.

Arrangements for a pull on the bells had here been made. Mr. Hough and the party were pleased to meet the esteemed leader of the Peover company, Mr. Scragg. The bells are rung from the ground, floor, opening out to the churchyard, and whilst the bells were being rung by the belles, a very large crowd gathered to witness what was to most of them a unique spectacle, and dispelled from many a mind the idea that ringing was necessarily a hard and laborious matter, especially when they saw the young daughter of the captain of the company (Mr. W. Wolstencroft) deftly handling a rope. After signing the visitors' book and posing for the camera men, expressions of appreciation were accorded to Messrs. S. Hough, Webb and Scragg, and a start was made on the homeward journey, via Alderley, Wilmslow and Brumhall. At one point on the route, where two roads met, a voice remarked that Mottram was straight ahead. Never will that moonlight drive be forgotten. Perched high up on a hill, and silhouetted against the sky-line, was the ever-famous tower of St. Michael's, Mottram. The ringers longed for a pull, but the peaceful quietude of the place told them that all had 'gone to roost.' So they turned at full speed for Ashton via the deep cutting, which is a reminder of the sad days of the long, dreary cotton panic of the early sixties. Home was reached at 11.30 p.m., after a day never to be forgotten. Every ringer was at his and her post on the Sunday morning, and was glad to welcome Mr. William Jakeman, of U.S.A. (formerly the respected conductor of the Ashton St. Peter's company twenty years ago, and tutor of the present captain), who, with his wife, is on a visit to the homeland.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The 16th annual outing of the Rochester Cathedral Society took place on Saturday, July 16th. The route taken was from Chatham via Maidstone, and Ashford to Mersham, this being the first halt for ringing. Short touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round on the bells, which, however, need the attention of the bell hanger. It is worthy of note that it was here the Kent Association was brought into being by the late Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, he being the founder and first hon. secretary, while Vicar of the parish. The next stop was Hythe, where, after a stroll by the sea, dinner was partaken of at the Temperance Hotel. It being decided not to ring at Hythe, the party made tracks by the seashore for Folkestone via Sandgate. After inspection of the beautiful decoration of the fine old church, the visitors were met by a good old friend, in Mr. J. Sharnan, who joined them for a pull—short and sweet—of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob Major on the fine peal of eight worthy of the grand old church. Later, the party re-embarked for Canterbury, but there was half an hour's delay, caused by a missing member, who, however, was eventually restored to the flock. Canterbury was reached at 5.30. Here tea was a much welcome item, which the party had the pleasure of the company of the hon. secretary of the Kent Association (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore). Afterward, on the fine peal of ten at the Cathedral, short touches of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters were brought round. Home was reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day's outing, and the thanks of the party are extended to Mr. Paine, of Mersham; Mr. Binfield, of Folkestone; and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, of Canterbury, for their assistance, and to the Dean and clergy for granting permission to ring on their respective bells.

HURST, BERKS.—On Saturday, June 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: W. Boyles 1, G. Talbot 2, G. Bull 3, W. J. Brooks 4, H. Lovelock 5, J. White 6, B. Hawkins (conductor) 7, E. Brant 8. Rung after an attempt for a peal had been brought to a close through Mr. Nye, of Bagshot, being recalled by telegram owing to an outbreak of fire. Mr. White, of Hurst, kindly filled the vacancy.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT WALTHAMSTOW.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS BY THE RETIRING HONORARY SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Essex Association was held on July 25th at Walthamstow, having been unavoidably postponed from Whit-Monday, due to the reduction of train service, consequent upon the miners' strike. There was a good attendance of members from Suburban Essex, and also representatives from other parts of the county. Service was held at St. Mary's Church in the afternoon, the Vicar officiating, and the special ringers' form was used.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, the retiring hon. secretary and treasurer to the Association, delivered his valedictory address from the pulpit on resigning the office after 30 years' service. Preaching from the words, 'Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel, and if I do this willingly I have a reward,' he said the words he had taken for his text were cast upon the waist of the Great Paul bell in St. Paul's Cathedral. A church bell was in a very real sense a proclaimer of the Gospel: the glad news of a Saviour present in life and death. The office of the ringer of the bell gave him the privilege of leading others to laud and magnify the Name which was above every other name. The preacher said bells and bellringing had had a fascination for him from his earliest days, and his name would do down to posterity in the three Essex belfries at Coggeshall, Great Totham and the Cathedral at Chelmsford. As soon as the new bells were placed in the belfry at Great Totham Church it became his lot to become his own sexton, and during his tenure of the benefice he rang for the deaths and funerals of 400 parishioners, a record in the case of the holder of a benefice, which he ventured to say was unique. When Queen Victoria died at 6.30 in the evening of January 22nd, 1901, the news reached Totham at 7.45, and he was enabled to ring her knell, in a quiet and isolated belfry, far from the maddening crowd, when many towns took no notice till the following day. He also rang the knell for the Duke of Clarence, King Edward, and four Bishops. In 1890 he became assistant secretary to the Essex Ringers' Association, and it fell to his lot to preach the Gospel in that particular way. The work was becoming too great for Canon Papillon, who, up to that time, had been practically its only executive officer. In 1901 the county was divided into four districts, and last year into five, each with its own Master and secretary. The gain to the association had been immense. Now it had recovered from the ravages of the war, and renewed its youth and vigour; its financial position was stable and strong. He had been for 30 years secretary and treasurer to the association, and he ventured to say that of the many associations of ringers, spread over the length and breadth of the land, there were few officials, if any, who had had a longer tenure. His services had been rendered willingly, and with a glad heart, and now he had his reward. All through the thirty years he had been treated with the greatest kindness, and he hoped that his labours had not been in vain. He had received loyal support and many treasured gifts from the members, and he said farewell with the earnest wish that the Essex Association might long live and extend its borders, and that the ringers would be blessed in the honourable work they were doing for Church, King and Country.

A YEAR OF UNPARALLELED PROGRESS.

Tea followed at the Church House, the Master of the Association, Mr. C. H. Howard (Braintree), presiding, and the business meeting succeeded the tea. The annual report and balance sheet, presented by the Master as follows, were unanimously adopted:—The 41st annual report of the Association's work is highly satisfactory. The membership totals 936, showing an increase of 108 on the year, after allowing for losses due to deaths and other causes. My ambition has always been to have a thousand members—which I think will be accomplished during the coming year. Our income of £32 11s. 8½d. has not been sufficient to meet our expenditure, £37 4s. 4d., showing a net loss on the year of £4 12s. 8½d., accounted for principally by extra cost of printing and postage. The raising of subscriptions from 1s. to 1s. 6d. will, it is hoped, meet our current expenses, and in time enable us to replace the £20 transferred from Reserve Fund. During the year 57 peals were rung, against 28 in 1919. The methods ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Stedman Cinques. Included in this list is the extraordinary result accomplished by Mr. W. Eyre and his band in their week's tour in the county. They rang no less than eleven peals in Surprise Major methods in eight days. The heavy ring of six at Kelvedon has been rehung; the bells of All Saints' (10) and Holy Trinity (6), West Ham, have each been overhauled and put in good ringing order. The ancient ring of eight at Finchingfield, which from a chaugeringer's point of view, has been practically unusable for 30 years, is to be rehung and the bells quarter turned. It is hoped the work will be completed and the bells re-opened during the present year. I regret to report that we have lost by death several prominent supporters: Bishop Stevens, of Barking; Rev. Canon Andrewes, Vicar of Harlow; Canon Corbett, Rector of Wanstead; Canon Sanders, Rector of Woodford; the Rev. E. S. Glover, Vicar of Writtle; the Rev. D. N. Younge, Vicar of Boreham; and Mr. J. Dutton, of Chelmsford, Honorary Members; Messrs. W. Grimwade, A. J. Perkins, O. L. Twist, J. Taylor, G. T. Clayton, E.

Chaplin and W. Moore, all of whom took a lively interest in our work. Mr. W. Moore was an original member, and had been a regular attendant at meetings since the formation of the Association in 1879. While we regret that the Castle Hedingham company have severed their connection with us, we welcome the following new towers: Black Notley, Finchingfield, Wethersfield, Wormingford, and Great Chesterford. Tollesbury, Galleywood and Stanford-le-Hope have rejoined—making a total of 96 towers in union with the Association. The annual gathering at St. Peter's, Colchester, drew a large attendance. The Rev. Canon Triffitt Ward, Vicar, gave us a hearty welcome. The address, a very practical one, was given by Rev. J. Evans, Rector of St. Giles. The proposal to erect in the Cathedral a memorial to fallen ringing members was unanimously passed, and a committee was appointed to see the work carried out. The plans submitted have since been amended on the advice of the Cathedral Architect, with the result that we have a fitting memorial worthy to commemorate those of our members who made the supreme sacrifice for King and Country in the Great War. The position chosen over the door leading to the ringing chamber is eminently appropriate. District meetings have been held at Sawbridgeworth, Saffron Walden, Bishop's Stortford, Colchester, Wormingford, Tollesbury, Langham, Broomfield, Brentwood, Maldon, Rettendon, Springfield, Chigwell Row, Prittlewell, Hornchurch, West Ham, Stebbing, Finchingfield, Foxearth, and Halstead. Proceeding these meetings, there have been services at the churches in the parishes, and the attendances show that we realise the sacredness of our calling. These services have helped us to appreciate our position as Churchworkers. Our position as ringers is unchanged under the provisions of the Church Enabling Act. In the past, our relations with the clergy have been of an amicable character, and we trust that they will continue so in the future. This exception of ringers from the control of Parochial Church Councils shows that we are recognised by the National Assembly as voluntary church workers, and the importance of our position is on an equality with the choir. I should like to take this opportunity to urge upon all the necessity to take the 'Ringing World' each week, as this is the only medium in existence serving the interest of our noble art. The year's work may be summed up as a record of unparalleled progress, due in a very large measure to our district officers who have carried out their duties during the year in a most efficient and praiseworthy manner. On behalf of the Association I tender to them our grateful thanks for their untiring efforts, and congratulate them on the result attained.

MASTER SUGGESTS A CHANGE.

During the election of Master, Mr. Black temporarily took the chair. Mr. Lucas (Walthamstow) proposed the re-election of Mr. C. H. Howard as Master.—This was seconded in two places, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Howard, in accepting the office, said he mentioned at Colchester last year that he considered for some years it would be in the interest of the Association that a change should be made in the position of Master. He had held the office for 13 years, and it would be well for the Association to seriously consider the question of a change. As the meeting had unanimously re-elected him Master again he would continue for one year, and hoped the members would choose someone from among themselves in whom they would have confidence as Master. He felt there were younger men from whom a choice of Master could be made, and so bring new ideas to the work. He felt he was standing in the way of someone who would not allow his name to be put forward if he (Mr. Howard) was willing and anxious to hold the position. That was not the position, and he would gladly welcome the successor appointed by the Association, and promise him unlimited support (hear, hear). He thanked the members for re-electing him Master, which he looked upon as a renewal of confidence (applause). Mr. Howard went on to say that the members heard in the church that the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre had decided to resign the offices of hon. secretary and treasurer to the Association. He had held the offices for 30 years, and the Association were very grateful to him for all he had done. The Essex Association, formed in 1879, had only had three hon. secretaries since Mr. Seaman formed it: the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Canon Papillon, and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre. The Association had risen from very small figures to the proud position it now occupied, and this was very largely due to the excellent work by Mr. Eyre during his long term of office. The members would convey warmest thanks to Mr. Eyre for all he had done, with best wishes for a happy retirement, and they hoped to see him at the meetings of the Association whenever it was possible for him to attend (applause).

THE NEW HON. SECRETARY.

Mr. J. A. Black (Woodford) proposed, and Mr. Coles (Walthamstow) seconded, that Mr. F. Pitstow, jun. (Saffron Walden), be elected hon. secretary and treasurer to the Association, and this was carried unanimously.—The Master said Mr. Pitstow was an excellent choice for the office, and it was due to the name of Pitstow, which had long been associated with ringing in Essex, that they should honour it by electing a member of the family as hon. secretary and treasurer.

The Peal Committee was re-elected, and Messrs. J. A. Black and T. Faulkner were re-elected auditors.

Mr. T. Faulkner moved, in accordance with notice, that in future the annual meetings of the Association be held at Chelmsford. He

said since the Association decided to hold their annual meetings at different centres in Essex, Chelmsford had become the Cathedral City of the county; there was a peal of 12 bells, and Chelmsford was the home of the ringers' association. Also Chelmsford was the geographical centre, and there were very convenient towers near for ringing. —Mr. Theobald (Leytonstone) seconded. —Mr. Lucas (Walthamstow) suggested that the meetings should be held alternately at Chelmsford and Bishop's Stortford, so as to serve the western side of Essex. —On a vote the meeting decided in favour of returning to Chelmsford for the annual meetings. —The Master stated that now the decision had been reached to go to Chelmsford each year for the annual meeting, he had no hesitation in saying that circumstances had changed since the Association decided to hold its annual meetings in each district in rotation. The meetings at Chelmsford were always very successful, and there could be no better place for ringers to meet in Essex. Chelmsford had become the pivot of Church life in the county. That meeting was rather small, due to the necessary adjournment from Whit-Monday, but it was worth noting that every tower in Essex had been advised of the resolution to return to Chelmsford for the annual meeting, and not one had intimated any objection to the proposal.

PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

Mr. T. Faulkner raised the question of booking peals tapped on the handbells by Mr. Morris, of Dovercourt. —The Master reported that he had been asked to book only one of the many rung, and he had accepted payment of the fee, and asked the Association to consider what was to be done in future.

After discussion, the following resolution was passed: 'That seeing that peals tapped on handbells were not recognised by the Central Council, in future they will not be booked by the Essex Association.' —It was agreed that this resolution did not exclude the one which had been booked, and which was recorded as an interesting performance.

On the proposition of Mr. Faulkner, it was decided to make an entry on the minutes of the Association of the appreciation felt for Mr. Eyre's 30 years' services as hon. secretary. —The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed, and the Master seconded, thanks to the Vicar for the use of the room and for the church service. —Mr. Howard said, on going back to Chelmsford, the Association would be made doubly welcome, and it would be proved they were right in deciding to hold their annual meetings at Chelmsford.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. W. Pye made a collection for Mr. H. Torble, of West Ham, who has been ill for some time, and the amount received was £3 2s. 10d.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

A NEW ONE-PART PEAL.

A new one-part peal of Grandsire Triples of merit has been composed by Mr. Louis Head, of Maidstone, the feature of which is that except that in the initial 'B' block, the 4th, 5th and 6th are never called 'before.' The peal contains 125 calls, and only two ordinary Grandsire Singles.

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A SUSSEX TRIP.

The Seaford Parish Church bell ringers held their annual outing on Wednesday, June 29th, when they motored to Cuckfield and Bolney. Mr. T. Fisher (people's warden) accompanied the party, as also did Mr. W. Oxley (sidesman). Touches were rung by the party on the bells at both the parish churches. Tea was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, Cuckfield, and the return journey was made later in the evening, after an enjoyable time had been spent.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Suffolk is to have a new peal of eight by the provision of an octave with 17½ cwt. tenor at Elvedon. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have been entrusted with the work.

August 7th is the anniversary of the first silent peal of Stedman Triples rung at Drayton in 1899.

The anniversary of the first true peal of Grandsire Royal falls upon August 6th, and is another of the performances to which the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths can lay claim. It was a 5099 rung in 1815, and described in the society's peal book as 'Tittum Grandsire Royal.' It was excelled in length by a 6000 rung in the following October by St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, who had in 1814 rung what afterwards turned out to be a false peal at the opening of the bells at Aston.

The restoration of the peal of eight at All Saints', Hereford, with the recasting of the tenor as a memorial to the fallen members of the Diocesan Guild, will shortly be completed by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank will also complete, within the next three or four weeks the peal of ten at St. Mary's, Stafford.

Mr. J. W. Jones, the energetic honorary secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, is as enthusiastic a cricketer as he is a ringer. He has played the national game for his county, and is still a keen follower of the pastime. He has recently been visiting Manchester—primarily to watch the Test match, we shrewdly suspect, although he succeeded in putting in some ringing when the play was over. We believe we are right in saying that Mr. Jones has seen every Test match played in England for the past quarter of a century or more.

As illustrating the real live interest which the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild takes in its affairs, the honorary secretary of the Dorchester Branch told the members at the district meeting the other day that Major Hughes D'Aeth last year travelled 2,000 miles in connection with the Guild.

The master carillonneur of Malines (M. Josef Denyn) paid his annual visit to Catlistock on Thursday of last week, when he delighted a large audience who had gathered in this little Dorset village, with a wonderful selection of carillon music. Unfortunately the eight bells in the tower which are hung for ringing are practically unringable, and there is no band of ringers there.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I remind Mr. Bankes James that a negative is one of the hardest of things to prove, and when he says that he has proved that London will not extend to twelve bells it really means that the Maximus is impossible on the lines on which he is working. Which I quite believe. That he is mistaken I have the best of all reasons for saying, and I am prepared to give him extensions from eight up to sixteen bells, or more. Mr. James is an able and fair-minded man, and when he has seen them I know he will agree they are true extensions, though they may not be what he is trying for.

The great majority of methods have limited powers of expansion. Some will not extend at all; some will only extend on even numbers; some will only extend on odd numbers; some only on numbers that are multiples of four; some only on numbers in other progressions. But if a method will extend at all, there is no limit to its expansion within its proper progression. It is contrary to natural law for a method to extend from, say, eight to ten, and then abruptly stop, or to miss out twelve and reappear on fourteen. It is much more likely that Mr. James' extension is wrong somewhere, than that natural law should be broken.

Many methods will extend in a variety of ways; and because I have a true and correct extension of an eight-bell method it does not follow that there are not others just as good and perhaps better.

Before you can argue about these things you must settle what exactly it is you are going to extend, and what exactly you mean by extension. And you must have some test by which to prove whether your extension is correct. Such a test is by no means easy to lay down. Here are four, which, together, are quite infallible if you have knowledge enough to apply them.

1. The construction must be the same. This is the one vital test, but does not help us until we know what construction is.

2. The lead-ends must be the same.

3. The work of the bells must be the same and in the same order without any additions or alterations which are not implied in the original.

4. You must be able to lay down a formula in general terms by which, without any other aid, any competent person could write out the method on any number.

I would like to give this advice to persons who are interested in this matter of extension. Don't experiment with complex methods like London. Take a simple method like Kent, and try and see what does and what can happen there. When you have understood the natural laws which give the extension of Kent you will have no trouble in extending London.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE FESTIVAL AT OXFORD.

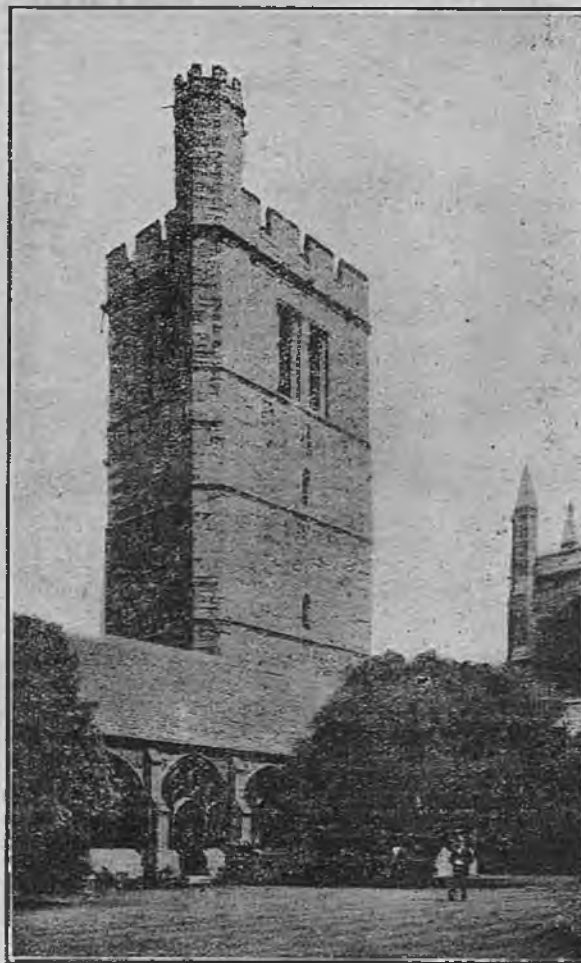
The annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which we gave a brief impression last week, drew together one of the largest assemblies of members that has foregathered during the Society's long existence. The beautiful service in the Cathedral, when the members honoured and perpetuated the memory of their fallen comrades by unveiling a tablet in the Cloisters has already been dealt with, and will long be remembered by those privileged to take part.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, and presided over by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who, in reviewing the year's work, first reminded the members that the war memorial which they had dedicated that day, had not been supported by every tower in the diocese, but the fund was still open for further contributions. There had been, he said, a considerable improvement in the standard of striking in many towers, but not many peals had been rung, although a fair number had been attempted, and it was evident that there was an increasing number of ringers of both sexes who

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) pointed out the heavy cost that had been entailed by the war memorial and the roll of honour, and remarked that the balance sheet told a very different tale this year owing to this expense and various grants to restorations, honorariums, etc. Every tower had been circularised with regard to the memorial, and it was hoped that every member, whether honorary or ringing, would contribute to this fund, for the memorial was the one way to keep in remembrance the sacrifice of the 120 men of their Guild. Some towers had contributed handsomely, and to all who had sent donations the Memorial Committee tendered their sincere thanks. Continuing, the Secretary said they deplored the loss of one or two towers, and also the loss of some who might be called emergency members, who look up ringing during the time so many men were away, and who never quite got past the struggling phase of the ringer's career. On the other hand, they welcomed back Clarendon, an old tower, and several new towers had become affiliated, most



MERTON COLLEGE.



NEW COLLEGE.

Two of the College towers where visitors to the Oxford Guild Festival had the privilege of ringing.

could be depended upon to ring well in a peal. In resigning the Archdeaconry of Oxford and passing to an honourable retirement, Canon Houlton carried with him the sincere good wishes of all members of the Guild and their thanks for much kindness spread over many years. Death had removed from them two old and faithful servants of the belfry—Samuel Paice and Valentine Sear. Having referred to the restoration work carried out at Churchill, Ellisborough and South Stoke, the Master went on to say that the status of the Church bell ringer had lately been receiving the attention of the national assembly of the Church of England, and it had been decided that the ringer should continue to come under the authority of the incumbent and not of the Parochial Church Council. It was, however, essential that church bell ringers should identify themselves with the Church life in their parishes and assist in the working of these new Councils.

of them in the North and South Bucks branches, so that the membership for 1920 worked out at 167 towers in union, 570 honorary and unattached members, and 1,365 change ringing and probationary members, making the total 1,875. The peals were not quite so many as in 1919, but were quite up to the proportionate average of other associations. They had to congratulate the Stoney Stratford band on their Minor peals and on the range of methods they had conquered, viz., 15 Surprise, 8 Treble Bob and 7 Plain methods. Also they had to congratulate St. Ebbe's, Oxford, who were on the way to again make Oxford a place to be reckoned with. He had attended with the Master a good many branch meetings and combined practices, and in the latter he had great faith. The Hon. Secretary concluded by thanking the Master and hon. treasurer and the district secretaries and all the members of the Guild for the help they had given him.

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ROYAL EXCHANGE, 1921.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

A musical touch of 504 Stedman Triples is sent by Mr. W. Walmsley, of Macclesfield, got by Bobs at 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 at 7, Bob at 12, eight bobs with 6-7 behind, nine bobs with 7-4 and nine with 4-6, the whole being repeated. This contains all the possible 7-4's, 4-6's and 6-7's at backstroke. The first twelve sixes, five times repeated, give a touch of 432, or, omitting the singles, will come round at 212. The first 14 sixes, four times repeated, omitting singles, come round at 420.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Parish Church for Evensong, on July 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. Composed by the late A. P. Wakley in the trenches in Flanders, and published in 'Ringing World' April 1st, 1921: W. Scott, sen., 1, T. Scamell 2, W. Johnson 3, J. Bacon 4, A. Callaway (conductor) 5, Lance-Corpl. T. Stone, R.E. (Portsea) 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8. Arranged by Lance-Corpl. Stone, who is in camp at Freshwater.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, July 31st, for morning service, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, by A. Chambers, as published in last issue of 'Ringing World': W. H. Lambert (Benenden) 1, F. S. Macey (Smarden) 2, L. Honess (Biddenden) 3, W. Billenness (London) 4, J. Arthurs (Sutton Valence) 5, G. Billeanness (conductor) (Hawkhurst) 6, H. Parkes (Mersham) 7, C. Tribe (Tenterden) 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, July 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. G. Bennington 3, J. Law 4, H. Norgate 5, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday evening July 31st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes) in 45 mins. (composed by John Carter): William Wase 1, Robert Evans 2, Bert Rixom 3, William Saunders 4, Richard Jones 5, Walter Lago 6, Jack Garbett (first quarter as conductor) 7, Jack Johnston 8. E. V. Rodenhurst took part in 504 of Grandsire Triples and 420 of Stedman for morning service; also at Madeley (Salop) for the choir sermons for the afternoon service, Mr. Rodenhurst stood in

several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, also 360 of Bob Minor. The Madeley and Coalbrookdale ringers arranged the latter.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.—On July 31st, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Bob Minor: G. Smith 1, W. Smith 2, A. A. Ling 3, J. Smy 4, A. Smith 5, A. Ling, jun. (conductor), 6.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 31st, for morning service, 608 Superlative Surprise: A. Keeble 1, L. P. Bailey 2, E. S. Bailey 3, G. Wilson 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, C. F. Bailey 6, B. Sampson 7, J. M. Bailey 8. For evening service, 588 Stedman Triples: E. H. Bailey 1, J. G. Rumsey 2, W. Button 3, G. Bailey 4, J. M. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 6, C. Sampson 7, W. W. Bailey 8. W. Button belongs to Colchester.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 31st, at the Parish Church for Hospital Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): L. Paice 1, R. Dale 2, W. Pettoseir 3, G. Birdfield 4, S. Paice 5, W. Short 6, J. Whitehead (longest length as conductor) 7, W. Blackman 8.

BURSLEM, STAFF.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Lees 1, T. Hurd 2, W. T. Malkin (Glossop) 3, J. Hurd 4, T. Hilditch 5, W. P. Deane (conductor) 6. The calling comprised 15 bobs.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, on Sunday, July 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Ada Donnison 1, J. G. Green 2, F. Rainbird 3, R. Parkinson 4, W. Brown 5, G. Ward 6, W. H. Barber (conductor) 7, F. Sheraton 8. Composed by Jos. W. Parker. This is the first quarter-peal rung by a lady ringer in the Durham and Newcastle Association.

BARKING, ESSEX.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, July 24th, for Divine service in the morning, on the occasion of Patronal Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: Caleb Fenn (conductor) 1, L. A. Pye 2, F. C. Russell 3, C. Pease 4, E. H. King 5, A. Pye 6, A. C. Hardy 7, Geo. W. Faulkner 8. The Messrs. Pye are from Romford, Mr. Pease from Chelmsford. The remainder are local men.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 24th, for evening service at St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Bob Minor: F. Watling (conductor) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Avis 3, J. Smy 4, H. Phillips 5, A. Ling, jun., 6. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Watling (conductor) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Avis 3, J. Smy 4, H. Phillips 5, A. Ling, jun., 6.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,152 BOB MAJOR.

23456	W	B	M	H
23645	—	2	—	—
62345	—	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—
25436	—	—	S	—
43256	—	—	—	S
24356	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	S

F. W. Rogers.

1,216 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

2345678	M	In	B	5th's	W	H
3527648	—	—	—	—	—	—
5237648	—	—	—	1	—	—
7325648	1	—	—	—	—	2
2345678	2	—	—	—	2	2

'Once a Beginner.'

336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567	S	572634	1
725634	4	—	—
357246	3	—	—

J. F. Penning.

756 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

2314567	2134765	2	11
2174563	2	—	—
2154367	2	—	—

1,440 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

2314567				
5236147	6	8	10	
1526374	6	8		
3156247	6	8		
5136274	3	5	8	
2516347	6	8		
3256174	6	8		
1326547	6	8		
2316574	3	5	8	

Each twice repeated.

The Late J. J. B. Lates.

1,277 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

62354978	1	4S
32465	1S	4
53264879	9	in end out at 2
45362	8	in 3S
24563	8	in 3S
32465	8	in 3S
43265	8	in 3
24365	8	in 3
52463	8	in 3S
45263	8	in 3
34562	8	in 3S
23465	8	in 3S
42365	8	in 3
34265	8	in 3

R. F. Deal.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGER.

There is, at any rate, one regular Sunday service ringer older than Mr. Ted Horrex, and he is Mr. Thomas Conley, of St. Peter's band, St. Albans, who, if spared, will be 85 on September 14th next. He is a regular ringer twice each Sunday, and has been connected with St. Peter's bells for about 70 years, as, when quite a boy, he used to chime the bells for service. By profession a cabinet maker, he daily pursues his calling, walking backwards and forward to his business at meal times with the regularity of a young man. Mr. Conley says 'it goes against the grain to be idle.' Mr. G. W. Cartmel, in sending us this information, adds: 'We are reminded, by a board recording a peal of Treble Ten in the sixties, of Ted Horrex's performances in St. Peter's tower, alas, he is the only one of the band alive. All good wishes, Mr. Horrex.'

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the report you kindly inserted last week of the Hereford Diocesan Guild's Annual Festival there is given the inscription proposed to be placed on the All Saints' tenor bell. It appears as if my name were to form part of the inscription. This is not the case. I signed my name to show who sent in the report, and had no intention that it should appear as part of the inscription.—Yours, etc.,

GEOFFREY W. TURNER.

THANET.—On Thursday, July 7th, at St. Laurence, Thanet, 504 Stedman Triples was rung by the following company: L. Twyman 1, S. G. Twyman (conductor) 2, W. Pickworth (London) 3, W. G. Birch 4, W. J. Jarman 5, J. Blythman 6, A. E. Jarman 7, J. Jarman 8. First 500 in the method as conductor. Also the first by the treble, 4, 6, 7 and tenor.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**PROPOSED DIVISION INTO DISTRICTS.**

The fourteenth annual general meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Rugby on July 16th. The towers of St. Andrew's (8), Dunchurch (6) and Newbold-on-Avon (6) were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and the Guild's special service was held in St. Andrew's Church, at which the Rev. J. B. Hewitt (Vicar of Newbold) officiated, and gave an appropriate address.

The business meeting was held in the evening, the President (Rev. Canon H. C. A. Back, M.A.), being in the chair. Apologies for absence were received from the Ven. Archdeacon of Coventry, Ven. Archdeacon of Warwick, Rev. Canon Evans, Rev. T. B. Harvey-Brookes, Rev. Canon Fortescue, Mr. G. E. Over, Mr. H. Reader and Mr. B. Wittchell. About 40 members from Allesley, Birmingham, Berkswell, Coventry, Emscote, Hatton, Rugby, Nuneaton and Warwick were present.

The printed report, covering a period of five years, was distributed to the members, and the Honorary Secretary (Mr. A. Wilkerson) read a summary of the Guild's activities during that time.—The President moved its adoption, Mr. O. J. Hunt seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

The usual annual report was also submitted, and mentioned that quarterly meetings were held at Stoke-in-Coventry, Bedworth and Warwick, and monthly meetings at Coleshill, Dunchurch, Wolvey and Berkswell.—Regret was also expressed that once again the Guild was refused admittance to the tower at Stratford-on-Avon, notwithstanding the President making the application. Mention was made of the augmentations at Monks Kirby and Exhall, the former with two new trebles to complete the octave, and the latter with two trebles and a tenor to complete a ring of six. The Guild rang 15 peals during the year, and ten new members have joined.

The Honorary Secretary also submitted a statement of accounts up to April 30th, 1921, which showed a balance in hand of £22 10s. 6d.

On the motion of Mr. Argyle, seconded by Mr. Cox, the accounts were passed, after which Mr. James George proposed, and Mr. Argyle seconded, that in future the financial year close on December 31st.—This was carried unanimously.

The President was unanimously re-elected, on the proposition of Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Pervin, after which the remaining officers were re-elected en bloc.

The President mentioned as this was the first annual meeting since the retirement of Mr. J. H. White, as hon. secretary, he would move a hearty vote of thanks be accorded him for his services.—This was unanimously carried.

The committee's recommendation of dividing the Guild into districts was discussed, and ultimately it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Argyle, to suspend action for the present, and a committee consisting of the Ringing Master, Mr. T. W. Chapman, Mr. J. B. Fenton, Mr. O. J. Hunt, Mr. F. E. Pervin and Mr. T. Male appointed to go into the matter.

Southam was selected for the next quarterly meeting in October, Brinklow and Exhall for monthly meetings in August and September respectively.

An item which provoked a deal of discussion was a resolution by Mr. Argyle to alter Rule 8 by deleting the word 'Birmingham,' but it was defeated by a large majority.

Votes of thanks were accorded the President for presiding, to the Rev. J. B. Hewitt for officiating at the service and for his address, to the clergy for the use of the bells, both at the annual meeting and during the year, to those honorary members and friends who have assisted the Guild in various ways to achieve its objects of recognising the bellringers as office holders in the Church, the promotion of scientific change-ringing and bellfry reform.

The methods rung during the day included Graudsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

BELFRY PENALTIES.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Being an old member of the Yateley band of ringers, not on the active list now, I was much interested in the recent article on 'Bells and Bellringing.' I could give some very funny reminiscences of ringing in the old days, and of chiming, when the tower got unsafe for ringing. Towards the end of the article referred to, the writer quotes some lines on penalties for misbehaviour in the belfry. Here is one version:—

All ye that are ringers
This do ye mark,
Who throweth o'er a bell,
Pay a groat to the clerk.
If with hat on or spurs
You perchance should ring,
You sixpence shall pay
For that very same thing.
For every oath taken
One shilling shall pay,
Or be expelled from the belfry without any delay.

Yours

W. B. TICE.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, August 6th, at Farningham. Bells at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. F. Snaith (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea at the Lion Hotel and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on August 18th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, and St. Andrew, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hamer on Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 3; meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested; business important.—T. K. Driver, Middleton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—Central Division.—Meeting at Crawley, Aug. 6th. Tower open at 2. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. Marriott) on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Seend on August 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock, tea at 5. All wishing to attend tea let me know as early as possible.—H. F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Fownhope on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6), available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Schoolroom 5.45, 1/- each to those notifying me not later than August 2nd.—C. Edwards, Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, August 6th, 8 bells. Tea may be obtained close to the Church.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—Practices: Mondays 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, Aug. 8th and 22nd.

Bishopsgate 29th; Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th. Summer outing, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Full particulars later.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at St. Mary's, Putney, Wednesday, August 10th, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Also a meeting at All Saints', Isleworth, Saturday, August 20th. Tower open from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1/6 per head. Will members and friends requiring same kindly notify me by August 15th?—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The Half-yearly meeting will be held at Ightham on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.45. Tea at the George and Dragon at 1/3 each. Wrotham bells available for ringing at 6 o'clock. A motor bus will leave the Cannon, High Street, Maidstone, at 2.30. Those intending going by bus and wanting tea must let the Secretary know not later than Monday, August 8th. Half fares paid up to 2/- at this meeting.—S. Hazelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower St., East Farleigh.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at a reasonable price to those applying before August 10th. Bus route from Barnsley and Cudworth to Monk Bretton every half-hour.—C. D. Potter, Secretary, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting at Upholland (6 bells) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready 3.30; meeting 6.30. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Olveston on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage 5 p.m. Please notify by August 8th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those who intend to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday the 10th August. Will friends kindly note that the above notice will be the only intimation concerning the meeting?—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havering-atte-Bower on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Meeting 6 o'clock.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Thursday, August 18th. Ringing from 6.20 p.m. Also one at Hampton on September 10th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wenden, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. A book on the history of Saffron Walden Bells and Bellringing, by the

Rev. G. M. Burton, is now ready, price 1/-.—F. Dench, Hon. District Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, August 20th, when the new ring of ten will be open from 3 to 5, and after tea until 9. St. Margaret's, Rochester (8) and Frindsbury (8) will also be available after tea. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock at the Tea Table Cafe, High Street; 1/- per head will be allowed by the Association to members who notify me not later than Tuesday, August 16th. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Magor on Saturday, August 20th, at 4.30. Bells (6) available.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, August 20th. The new ring of 10 will be available from 3 to 4, and after tea until 9. Further particulars next week.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

LADIES' GUILD.—(Southern District.)—A quarterly meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Aug. 17th?—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

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AN ENJOYABLE OUTING.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the ringers of St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, Winesbury, had their annual outing, the place chosen being Albrighton. The party, numbering 23, including wives and children, reached Albrighton by rail at about 10.45. Having carried out the essential business of arranging for meals, the Vicar was interviewed for permission to use the bells, which was kindly granted for the afternoon. The rest of the morning was spent in exploring the village, walking through the fields and lanes, which provided a real treat in the glorious weather. After dinner the party made their way to the church, where they found the Verger awaiting them. After inspecting the building the bells were raised and set going to Stedman Doubles for the younger members of the band. A touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor followed, and finally a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by: A. Cooper 1, J. Tyler (conductor) 2, E. Marlow 3, G. Tyler 4, E. J. Tyler 5, T. Hill 6. After falling the bells tea was partaken of, and the evening was spent in various way. The return was made at 7.50, after one of the best outings which the band has ever had. Best thanks are due to the Vicar of Albrighton for the use of the bells, and to the Verger for having everything in readiness.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Whitley Bay on July 23rd, and was attended by 26 members. The bells at North Shields and Whitley Bay were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. London Surprise Major appeared to present no difficulties to one member, who rang his first touch in that method like a seasoned London ringer, and proved the truth of the old proverb, 'Where there's a will, there's a way.'

A capital tea was enjoyed at the Grosvenor Cafe, and the business meeting followed, at which nine new members were elected, including two ladies from Chester-le-Street.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of Christ Church and St. Paul's for the use of their bells was carried by acclamation, and the meeting closed.

The musical tones of the bells of Whitley Bay were soon heard again in London, Cambridge, etc., and then, after a convivial hour, the members dispersed. Those who travelled up to Newcastle were treated to a trio, performed by some members of a band (not ringers) in the train on the trombone, cornet and bassoon.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the annual meeting of the Thrapston District was held at Ringstead, when about 50 members were present from Thrapston, Titchmarsh, Raunds, Addington, Woodford, Finedon, Kettering, Wellingborough, Northampton, Desborough, Weekley, Isham, Peterborough, and the local band. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. Page Wood), who gave an address on bells and ringers. This was followed by an excellent tea in the School Room, arranged by a band of willing ladies. The President of the Association (Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, R.D., Rector of Thrapston) presided over the business meeting, supported by the Vicar and the Rev. F. H. Lang (Twywell). The Rev. W. St. G. Coldwell was elected vice-president, Mr. J. Nickerson hon. secretary, Messrs. Bellamy, Wyman, Redhead, Wainwright and Baxter committee.—The Rev. C. B. Ritchie (Sudborough) and Mrs. Wyman and Mr. A. Rickard, the two churchwardens of Ringstead, were elected honorary members. Four ringing members from Sudborough were also elected.

It was decided to hold a special meeting at Sudborough, and the next quarterly meeting at Aldwinckle.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the organist and the ladies for providing tea.—Mrs. Wyman extended an invitation to visit her grounds, and many took advantage of the opportunity. Some members indulged in handbells, while others made use of the fine peal in the tower and rang touches in methods from Cambridge Surprise to Plain Bob.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Saturday, July 2nd at St. Mary's Church, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of London Surprise Major: J. Woodberry 1, G. Davis 2, N. Davis 3, K. Salter 4, T. J. Salter 5, J. Davies 6, J. Smith 7, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 8. Rang with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. M. Tomkinson, carpet manufacturer, seven times Mayor of Kidderminster, and for forty years churchwarden at this church.

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