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THE PROPOSED WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

There will shortly be issued to the Exercise an appeal for funds to raise a memorial to the late Mr. James William Washbrook. The matter has already been before the Lancashire Association and the Central Council, and it has now been discussed by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, to which, as the association with which Mr. Washbrook was most intimately connected in the days of his greatest fame, is entrusted the formation of a suitable scheme. As reported in our last issue, a committee has been appointed to deal with the matter, and, from the general expressions of opinion, it would seem probable that the proposal most likely to commend itself is the addition of two trebles to the present ring of six bells at St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford. At the moment, however, the committee are tied to nothing, except that the memorial, whatever its shape, shall be erected in Oxford. That it should be in the form of two bells added to a tower which, as was pointed out, has long been a school of change ringing in this important centre, is a most practical one, and one which, as the Oxford Guild secretary not inaptly remarked, would commend itself to Mr. Washbrook could he but know.

The appeal is already assured of the backing of the Central Council and the Lancashire Association, and is to be made a national one, for James W. Washbrook was, in a sense, a national possession. In his greatest days he was the outstanding figure in the Exercise. His all-round abilities at the height of his career were unequalled in any other one person, and while, after removing to Ireland, he played a much less prominent part on the ringing stage, those who had known him still retained a feeling of admiration for his consummate skill as a ringer, conductor, composer and instructor; and those who had enjoyed his friendship cherish the memory of one who was a most amiable companion, unspoiled by his many great successes. His return to England led him to renew to some extent his activity in the belfry, but he devoted his time and talents chiefly to instructional work, for he was ever ready to help beginners and to share with them his great store of knowledge.

Now that he has gone from us—removed with tragic suddenness—it is fitting that his memory should be preserved. The older generation of ringers will need no bidding to respond to the appeal which is to be made—they will feel it an honour to be allowed to subscribe. To them James W. Washbrook was a living personality. To many of the younger generation, however, he was but a name. Nevertheless we imagine they will desire to

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take their share in commemorating one of the greatest men the Exercise has ever seen. Whatever form the memorial eventually takes we have no doubt it will be one worthy of Mr. Washbrook's great career as a ringer, and if it is the provision of bells at St. Ebbe's, or at some other of Oxford's many churches, we can imagine no fitter way of showing respect and affection for the memory of a man of remarkable attainments.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 2	*LEONARD E. PITSTOW 8
CHARLES E. BORRETT 3	*AROLD N. PITSTOW 9
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON 10
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 5	GEORGE MAYERS 11
WILLIAM CLOVER 6	*WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by SAM WOOD.

Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal of treble twelve.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MISS ANNIE BROWN Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	JAMES R. JONES 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	WILLIAM KNIGHT 8
ARTHUR PRINCE 4	GEORGE TREW 9
JOHN W. JONES 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

PAINSWICK.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS)

AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JESSE GILLET Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	CHARLES GARDINER 7
GEORGE CONDICK 3	EDWARD EVANS 8
WILLIAM HARRIS 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9
JOHN AUSTIN 5	WILLIAM IRELAND Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM HOOPER Treble	GEORGE POPPNELL 5
FRED. WOOD 2	CHARLES GREEDY 6
ARTHUR LEWIS 3	WILLIAM MARGETTS 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	*ALFRED G. PIIT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.

* First peal, and elected a member before starting.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES H. RIDING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	ARTHUR NEWELL 7
THOMAS R. BUTLER 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN NOBES... .. Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	*PERCY DYKE 6
JACK HONEY... .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
ALBERT E. LOCK... .. 4	PERCY FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. B. J. Littlewood, Vicar of this parish. * First of Stedman Triples.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	†THOMAS C. LARKEY 6
*WALTER FISHER 3	ARTHUR LINTOTT 7
EDWARD CAUNCE 4	JOHN WILKINSON Tenor

Composed by the late J. MORRIS. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on a working bell. Rung in honour of the home-coming of Mr. and Mrs. Percival W. Cave from their honeymoon. The band tender them their best wishes for their future happiness.

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION AND THE
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WALTER LONGMAN Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	WILLIAM RIGBY 6
WALTER N. ASHEY 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
*JOSEPH A. COOK 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Rigby, the respected custodian of Lawton belfry.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	JOHN J. LAMB 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	ISAAC G. SHADE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This is I. G. Shade's 1,300th peal.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HERBERT G. PRATT Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 5
EDWARD TALBOT 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
MRS. A. CLARK 3	JAMES E. COOPER 7
†THOMAS A. S. BLOXHAM ... 4	DANIEL COOPER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. COOPER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the opening of Carshalton War Memorial Hospital.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALAN M. HICKMAN 1	JAMES H. RIDING 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	WILLIAM WETHERBY... .. 6
WALTER N. ASHEY 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
ARTHUR PEAKE 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 204). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition contains the extent of the 5th and 6th each way in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Morris.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, July 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 28½ cwt. D flat.

GEORGE F. NEWMAN Treble	JOHN H. SWINFIELD... .. 5
THOMAS MEREDITH 2	*JOSEPH SLADE 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN... .. 7
MAURICE SWINFIELD 4	CLAUDE ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Saviour,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
BEN. A. KNIGHTS 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
JOHN POTTER 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 4	ALLAN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal of Surprise in Bolton.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

DAVID G. TAYLOR Treble	GEORGE SIBLEY 5
PERCY MERSON 2	VICTOR CRABB 6
REV. A. RHYS JAMES 3	JAMES HUNT... .. 7
HARRY BUNGAY 4	HENRY RAISON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. Rhys James, who was elected a member previous to starting. The ringers tender heartfelt thanks to Mr. and Mrs. James for their hospitality. It was Mr. Merson's 50th peal.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. COOPER ... Treble	*JOSEPH DAVIES 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	JOHN LLOYD 6
JOHN BASS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. It is also J. Davies' 50th peal, which has been rung in 22 towers, six counties, and has taken over 30 years to accomplish. The peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. Pearson, of Stinchley, and Miss Gertrude Brown, sister of one of the local ringers, the band wishing them the usual compliments.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
ALFRED E. BACON 3	WALTER N. ASHBY 7
ERNEST LONDON 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 216 reversed).

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Major. Messrs. F. H. and G. H. Crawley were elected to the society before starting the peal.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY BAXTER Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 5
*MISS KITTY MOORE 2	THOMAS LAW 6
BERTIE O. SODEN 3	ROBERT G. BLACK 7
FRED. WILFORD... .. 4	TOM TEBBOTT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by TOM TEBBOTT.

* First peal of Major.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... Treble	GEORGE CRISP 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... .. 2	CHARLES W. COOK 6
HAROLD J. HAZELL 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
FRANK WARRINGTON 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

The ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th belong to the local band. Rung as a wedding peal for the sister of the conductor, who was married at St. Mary's, Fen Ditton, on this date.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JAMES GARDNER Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS C. LARKEY 2	ARTHUR LINTOTT 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	EDWARD CAUNSE... .. 7
WALTER HUGHES 4	WILLIAM BETLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal. First peal of Triples in the method on the bells, and by all the band, with the exception of the ringer of the fourth.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*EDWARD G. TALBOT... .. Treble	†C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 5
†DANIEL COOPER... .. 2	†CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
JAMES E. COOPER 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN... .. 7
†THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 4	†GEORGE H. DAYNES... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. G. H. Ensor, M.A., who is leaving the parish for Lancashire. First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford. ‡ 25th peal.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.W.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

EDWARD G. TALBOT Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 2	JAMES E. COOPER 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 23.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HORACE H. SMITH Treble	*GEORGE W. HELEY 5
*ALBERT FLEET 2	JOSEPH B. MARKS 6
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS... .. 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4	FRANK H. RAMSEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a farewell peal to Canon W. W. C. Baker for 21 years Rector of the above parish. Also as a golden wedding peal to Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, father and mother-in-law of the conductor.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

*SAMUEL W. HAWKSFORD... Treble	WILFRED C. IBBETT 5
*MISS FREDA HAWKSFORD... 2	GEORGE D. COLEMAN 6
MISS K. FIELDS... .. 3	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 7
SIDNEY J. PECK... .. 4	HERBERT FIELDS Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by S. J. COLEMAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

ALBERT E. NORMAN Treble	ERNEST MANSELL 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
*SAMUEL GROVE... .. 3	JOHN NEAL 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	SAMUEL COLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Canon G. E. Badger, Vicar of Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, and Hermione O'Doughty, of Oxford. Great credit is due to the tenorman, who is in his 72nd year. * 100th peal of Stedman.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHIPPAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently called 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

R. AMIES Treble	C. POOLEY 4
E. KIMM 2	W. C. MEDLER 5
E. WILSON 3	W. TENNANT Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

First peal on the bells.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

HERBERT LUDKIN Treble	*FRED. BANTAM 4
*FREDERIC C. AMOS 2	THOMAS ROGERS 5
†RICHARD BARNES 3	SYDNEY F. BARNES Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal. † First peal with an inside bell.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, July 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GILBERT BULL Treble	WILLIAM J. PAICE 4
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 2	JOHN MOTH 5
JOHN RANCE 3	C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

Arranged and rung in honour of the Patronal Festival, and also to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the tower.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES HOUSEMAN Treble	*GEORGE E. OLIVER 4
*FRANKLIN C. COTTRELL 2	*ERNEST W. DELO 5
GEORGE E. JONES 3	GEORGE CASE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CASE.

* First peal.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores, 10 different callings.

PERCIVAL R. NASH Treble	WILLIAM WAINWRIGHT 4
*THOMAS W. NASH 2	WILLIAM R. NASH 5
JOHN G. NASH 3	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by W. R. NASH.

* First peal inside. J. G. Nash was elected a life member previous to starting, and this peal was especially arranged for him.

BEDWAS, MON.—On Thursday, July 31st, touches of four six-score of Doubles in four methods, viz., Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, were rung by the following: A. J. Hurford, A. E. Statter, A. Martin, W. Hurford, G. H. Martin and Rees Ridout.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 Six-Scores of Plain Bob, 10 of Old Doubles, and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

E. PAIN Treble	W. ROOSEWELL 3
A. MUNDV 2	T. M. GRIFFIN 4
GERALD F. GRIFFIN Tenor	

Conducted by G. F. GRIFFIN.

This peal was rung as a compliment to the oldest ringer in Radstock on his 83rd birthday.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2	EDWARD WHITEHEAD 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by Wm. Willson. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire: Mr. J. MORRIS.

A birthday compliment to Ernest Morris.

CAMBRIDGE and SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR SPLICED*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have obtained the following peal of Spliced Surprise Major, which will be found to contain some interesting features. It consists of 4,128 Cambridge and 928 Superlative, as shown, this being of interest, as there is such a scarcity of peals of Cambridge Major with tenors together, the spliced leads adding interest to the ringing. There is no change of method at a bob. The composition also has 25 Cambridge and 10 Superlative course ends. The bracketed leads may be rung Cambridge.

A. J. PITMAN.

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4	64523	—	—		35264	—	—
1	42635	—	—		56342	—	—
4	42356	—	—		56423	—	—
1	25463	—	—		45623	—	—
4	25634	—	—		45236	—	—
1	53246	—	—		1	53462	—
4	34562	—	—		1	36524	—
4	46325	—	—		4	62345	—
4	46253	—	—		4	62453	—
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	24536	—	—			56234	—
3 (4) 5	52436	—	—		4	63542	—
	52364	—	—			34625	—
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The numbers to the left indicate the leads which are rung Superlative.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

RINGING REMINISCENCES.

BY THE REV. CANON PAPILLON,

FORMERLY VICAR OF WRITTLE, ESSEX, AND MASTER OF
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

It was in the year 1884 that, at 43 years of age, I first learned to handle a bell in the tower of New College, Oxford, and was initiated into previously unknown mysteries of the ringer's art, in which I have ever since been interested, though I began too late in life to attain excellence. After 15 years' residence as Tutor, I had just been appointed by the College to the Vicarage of Writtle in Essex, where I found a fine ring of bells in good order, but few ringers and little or no change-ringing; and if this was to be remedied, it was better to know something about it myself. So I got one of the heads of our domestic staff in College, Mr. J. Field, an expert ringer, to teach me the elements of bell management in the tower with the clappers lashed, and in the next Long Vacation I got him to stay for a fortnight in the parish initiating myself and some younger men who were willing to learn into the mysteries of change-ringing.

Mr. Field was not only an expert ringer, but a very capable instructor, and a man of the highest character. A few months afterwards we became ambitious of ringing a peal, and he came to call it for us. It was 'Holt's' peal, and shortly after the half-way single, to our dismay, the conductor called 'Stand!' and explained that two bells had shifted, thus spoiling the peal. 'I could have called them into place again,' he said to me afterwards, 'and finished the peal; but it would not have been a true peal, nor an honest thing to do.' I have since had reason to fear that not every instructor of a young band, anxious for his own credit and theirs to get them through their first peal, where there was no chance of detection, would have resisted the temptation, and I have always honoured him for it.

Ringling was not looked on with favour by the College authorities, and in term time the tower was closed to change-ringers. Nor even in vacations was it easy to get leave to ring upon the bells. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson had a story of how, in the middle of one Long Vacation, being in Oxford with a band of ringers, he called upon the then Warden of New College to ask permission for the use of the tower. The Warden was polite, but unsympathetic, and declined to give permission without the consent of the Fellows, whose next meeting (he said) would be in October. 'But, Mr. Warden,' pleaded Mr. Robinson, 'the men are all here and ready to ring to-day.' The Warden, however, was obdurate, and they had to be content with his offer to bring their request before the next College meeting!

There was, so far as I knew, no University, Society or Guild at Oxford in those days to encourage change-ringing among the undergraduates. In that respect Cambridge has fared better—chiefly because for many years there has been among the resident Dons so keen a change-ringer as the Rev. A. H. E. Boughey, for a short time President of the Central Council in succession to Sir Arthur Heywood. Mr. Boughey was—and, I gather, still is—a tower of strength to our cause in Cambridge.

My early reminiscences do not include much connection with great lights of the Exercise. I took up ringing, as I have explained, for the sake of my own parish. I never became proficient enough to be invited to take part in special peals, nor could I have spared time in a busy life to be frequently away from home. So I very seldom foregathered with eminent ringers. I was piloted through my first peal of Grandsire Triples at Writtle and of Grandsire Cateters at Chelmsford by the late George Newson, a most able, courteous and helpful ringer; through a plain course of Grandsire Cinques by the very capable band of St. Mary le Tower at Ipswich, among whom it was difficult to go wrong; and, similarly, through a short touch on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral. I gratefully recall the kindness of these expert ringers towards a very 'lame duck'—a good example to less eminent ringers elsewhere, who, though competent themselves, have neither patience nor inclination for helping beginners. Most of us, I suppose, have come across such men.

Of clerical ringers in Essex, where I began, there were very few; of clerical sympathy very little. The only clerical ringer in my own neighbourhood was the late Rev. H. A. Cockey, a host in himself in the belfry and a genial companion, who was secretary of the recently formed Essex Association. He was my junior in years, and only an assistant curate while I was Vicar of an important parish. But in the belfry, where we all find our own level, he was an expert, I a novice; and he kindly and tactfully gave me various hints, for which I always felt grateful. Of clerical sympathy, one instance may suffice. Later on, when I had succeeded Mr. Cockey as secretary, and then Master, of the Essex Association, I felt it my duty to intercede with the Rector of a very important tower, then in possession of a body of paid ringers, who kept change-ringing at arm's length, that he should give facilities for our members to have access to that tower and should encourage change-ringing among his own band. He politely but firmly declined, adding that he did not see what ring-

ing had to do with church work! Yet he was a very influential clergyman, who became Archdeacon and finally Suffragan Bishop of the diocese. Things are happily different now. Archdeacons and Bishops smile upon us, and make genial speeches at our social gatherings. But those who in the past have blamed the parochial clergy for not doing more to encourage ringers and ringing have not, perhaps, made allowance for the discouraging influence of diocesan headquarters.

The Central Council, of which I was a member for some years as the representative of an association, and afterwards as an elected member, gave me welcome opportunities of intercourse (however transitory) with many notable ringers, such as the President himself, Sir Arthur Heywood, conspicuous alike as ringer, organiser, administrator and host; my old friend and school fellow at Marlborough, Maitland Kelly, still alive and vigorous on his ancestral estate in Devon; the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, accomplished both in the science and art of change-ringing, and no mean astronomer; the genial bulk of the present President, and others too many to record. It was in this, rather than in its actual discussions or decisions, that the Council had a value for myself. Its value for the Exercise at large I do not profess to estimate, except so far as this—that I believe some such central representative body to be a real necessity and to deserve more interest and respect than it has yet received from ringing associations throughout the country.

To the Central Council I owe my acquaintance with that outstanding figure in the ringing world, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. Of his unequalled ringing career, and his lasting services to the cause, and therein to the Church which he served faithfully, I need say nothing here. They are still, I trust, matter of common knowledge and respect.

Through him I also became acquainted with an even more accomplished ringer, the late Mr. James Washbrook. In 1889 Mr. Robinson, on his way to a ringing tour in the Eastern Counties with Washbrook and the Rev. J. F. Hastings, spent a night with me in Essex, taking part with local ringers in a peal of Grandsire Cateters at Chelmsford and one of Bob Major at Writtle—the latter remarkable as being the first in that humble method rung by Mr. Robinson himself! Washbrook conducted both, in masterly fashion. Mr. Robinson told me afterwards that our conductor had probably composed the peal of Bob Major as he went along, but I did not verify this from Washbrook himself.

When Mr. Robinson was collecting his peal-ringing record, he did me the honour of asking me to assist him with its publication under the title 'Among the Bells.' He has gone from us, and his ringing career may be forgotten, as his contemporaries pass away. But that record of it, I hope, will still find a place in ringing libraries, as a mine of information about the bells in most of the principal cathedral and church towers in the kingdom, and a record of progress under the inspiration of one man who knew what he wanted, and was determined to get it. There was nothing timid or wobbly about Mr. Robinson as a reformer and propagandist.

The Essex Association, in those early days, had not yet firmly established itself, and had less than half its present membership; nor had we many ringers in the first flight. Saffron Walden, with its venerable ringing society, was the chief local ringing centre, its reputation being worthily upheld by the Pilstow family. At Waltham Abbey, Walthamstow, Barking and Romford there was also a good deal of ringing activity; but the proximity of these places to London gave their ringers more congenial company than our country towers offered, and much of their best ringing was done for the College Youths or Cumberlands or other Metropolitan societies. Some of our members were at one time inclined to grumble that the Pye brothers, whose reputation as ringers became deservedly high, did not contribute more to the credit of the Essex Association. But to me it always seemed that its reputation depended less upon sensational performances by 'star' ringers than on quiet work done in the country parishes to spread knowledge of the ringer's art and encourage beginners. We need occasional performances by accomplished experts as a standard of perfection for church bell ringing, just as cathedral music sets a standard for village choirs. But such performances should be regarded as exceptional. To this day, as I glance through the weekly peal record in the 'Ringing World,' it gives me more satisfaction as a sign of progress to read of first peals of Grandsire Triples or Bob Major by local bands, than of many peals in Surprise Methods by the 'big-wigs' of the Exercise. This may be heresy, for which I shall be condemned; but

'He that's convinced against his will
Is of the same opinion still.'

In one respect I have seen no reason to change my first impression of forty years ago, that it is well worth while for any parish clergyman who finds himself in charge of a good ring of bells, to encourage change-ringing by any means in his power, and by his own constant presence in the belfry. In a country parish—I know nothing about towns—the belfry may be an admirable school of discipline for punctuality, perseverance, steadiness, good temper and sobriety. Once get a band of ringers up to a certain point of skill in ringing and ambitious of making progress, and you have for them (and incidentally for others) an antidote to the public-house and constant tipping that fuddles so many who stop short of actual drunken-

ness; for no man can hold his own in change-ringing if eye and brain are clouded, or hand unsteady, by too much beer. It is not the least pleasant of my ringing reminiscences that only once, during many years in which I took part in the ringing on Sundays and practice nights, did one of our ringers come intoxicated to the belfry.

That, perhaps, may seem to be a very small mercy, scarcely worth mention. But I have a really pleasant recollection, from my own point of view, of the relation between ringers and the church. We had no rules aimed at securing attendance—such rules, in my experience, can never be enforced. But we did not have the scandal of men habitually walking away from church as soon as they had rung the bells for Divine service; nor did we have the friction between clergy and ringers of which, as Master of the County Association, I used to hear from clergy asking for advice in difficulties with their ringers. The majority of ours were more or less regular communicants, and on Easter morning it was good to see them present in church after meeting of their own accord to ring for the early service. Those to whom this means little or nothing must make allowance for my point of view, which was that of a parish clergyman who became a ringer, not for his own amusement, but for the sake of his church and parish.

Not that everything was always plain sailing. I have less pleasant recollections of the annoyance caused by irregularity, unpunctuality and deficient sense of the duty of keeping appointments, which at one time nearly drove me to 'chuck' ringing altogether. I was a busy man of regular habits. I had no time to waste in waiting about for men who did not care how much inconvenience they caused to others by turning up very late or perhaps not at all. Even now, when I read that some band has had to ring a different method or on fewer bells through 'meeting one short' for the peal that they meant to ring, I feel indignation with the defaulter. But I think and hope that there is now less shameless disregard of others' convenience and of the moral duty to keep appointments, than there was forty years ago.

In one respect less progress seems to have been made than might have been expected, viz., in propaganda work for diffusing knowledge of ringing and the ringer's art. The ignorance of the general public is still colossal: scarcely less so that of the journalists who profess to instruct us on every subject under the sun. When I was a member of the much-derided and sadly ineffective 'Literature Committee' of the Central Council, I had visions of its getting into touch with the Press all over England, and so helping to enlighten the dark places of ignorance; but nothing came of such dreams. I had, however, one opportunity in connection with the 'Times,' to

which I was for some years an outside contributor, not on the regular staff. Now and then the editor, instead of asking me to write upon a subject named by him, would say, 'Can you find yourself a subject?' and thus occurred the chance, in September, 1899, of getting a leading article on church bells published in the 'Times.' It was afterwards reproduced, with some correspondence arising out of it, in Sir Arthur Hepwood's 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging' (1914), a book that one could wish were better known to church architects, no less than to bishops, clergy and churchwardens, and all who are responsible for the use made and the care taken of our church bells.

Let me end these random recollections with one personal anecdote. Some years ago, on a visit to the parish of Adderbury in Oxfordshire, where there is a fine church built by William of Wykeham, the founder and architect of New College, Oxford, the then Vicar took me into the belfry, and gave me permission to try one of the bells. I raised one of the lighter bells, and had pulled her off two or three times, when he said, 'Why, that's the fire bell!' and hurried out to warn people that it was a false alarm. A volunteer fire brigade had lately been started in the parish, the members of which were anxious to justify their existence; and the Vicar was barely in time to prevent the men leaving work, and hurrying to the appointed rendezvous. That story, I believe, is still told in the neighbourhood.

I was asked for personal reminiscences, which are of necessity egotistical. But I may be forgiven for dwelling too much upon matters that have been of great interest to me for half a lifetime, and in which I have tried to be of service to others.

T. L. PAPILLON.

St. Leonards-on-Sea.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Trinity Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Chapman 1, J. Blake 2, K. Pattenden 3, S. Irving 4, G. Talbot 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, H. M. Batehup 8. Ringers of 3rd and 4th are from Rye, Sussex, the rest local. S. Irving's first quarter-peal.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: W. J. Burrow 1, K. G. Godfrey 2, J. Hine 3, H. Stuckey 4, J. H. Godfrey 5, L. A. Wilson 6, W. G. Burrow (conductor) 7, J. Loreing 8.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in ten different callings, in 43 mins.: S. Bray (first-quarter) 1, H. Balaam (conductor) 2, Miss S. Disney (first away from treble) 3, N. Scott 4, J. Scott 5.

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As was briefly mentioned in our last issue, the handsome volume, containing the names, regiment and association of the 1,100 ringers who fell in the war, has now been deposited in the Library at St. Paul's Cathedral. In order that ringers may know the conditions under which the book will remain in the library, we give below the correspondence between the Central Council's Librarian and Dean Inge.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn wrote:—

'Dear Mr. Deans,—

“Church Bell Ringers' Memorial Book.”

'At the meeting of the Central Council of Bell Ringers on Whitsun Tuesday, I informed the Council of our having corresponded on the matter, and I made the proposition that the Memorial Book should be entrusted to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral for custody in the Library, with the proviso that it should be on view to any visitor who might ask to see it. A further proviso was suggested, namely, that the Council should have the right to take the Book out from time to time on making proper application to the Cathedral Authorities. With this proviso my proposition was carried unanimously and heartily.

'I should like to make it clear that it would seldom be more than once in the year that the Book would be asked for, and that would be the occasion of the annual meeting of the Council, when ringers are present who represent all parts of the country.

'I would also like to suggest that the application be recognised by the Dean and Chapter, if coming from either the President, Secretary, or Librarian of the Council, that the Book be always personally called for and returned, and that a receipt for the same be left with the Custodian when the Book is delivered over, and handed back when it is returned.

'It was left with me to make satisfactory arrangements with you with regard to the Book, so I shall be very glad if you will let me know if there is anything in the foregoing to which you take exception, or if there is any further suggestion you would like to make.

'There are one or two slight corrections to be made in the Book, so it may be a few weeks before it is ready to hand over to you.

'For your information I give the name of the President and Secretary of the Council:

'President: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Crowthorne Vicarage, Berks.

'Secretary: E. A. Young, Esq., 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.'

Writing from St. Paul's Deanery, Dean Inge replied: 'We are quite willing to accept the conditions about the Bell Ringers' Memorial Book.'

SHOULD OFFICIALS BE PAID?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Anent your leading article on the above, it is pleasant to note you do not condemn the proposal for payment to officials. There is much to be said in its favour; many ideas are introduced by individual talent that do not receive the appreciation by the general bodies of members; at least, frequently, credit is not passed to those to whom it is due.

There is much pioneering work done that does not meet with a response in the shape of thanks. It is invariably something or somebody that is responsible for a well-managed organisation. Not only are the actual duties performed a labour of love, but much time and hard thinking, not to mention the sacrifice he makes when a day is set apart for festivities, are required.

Is not the secretaryship, to this we might add the office of treasurer, equivalent to the position of a Managing Director, where a few individuals have more or less to look to for the well-being of their organisation?

The basis of payment should be made in accordance with the position of the association, such as you suggest. Very largely it depends upon the wealth and funds at their disposal. Certainly, a large organisation should be qualified to deal liberally with their officers. In the event of small units let there be a small honorarium according to their limits.

The writer has never aspired to any official position, or ever been approached to offer his name for election, so that he has no axe to grind.

If carried into effect the suggestion, I believe, might induce others to take up a position, especially if the office is permitted to lapse at the expiration of three years, either for re-election, or should the officer desire to retire. At the present he is often reluctant to take that step where he has quite good reasons to ask for his release, which proves that he has his heart in the right place.

Every year brings its increased burdens; let us, therefore, recognise these efforts by a reward that is long overdue.

MIDLANDER.

AN ISLAND RINGER.

THE LATE WILLIAM RAYNER, OF NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

By W. H. FUSSELL.

'Skilled in the Mystery of the pleasing Peal,'
'Which few can know and fewer still reveal.'

Born near Newport in 1750, this remarkable man possessed a deep love for church bells and bell ringing during the whole of his life, and it is only within the last few years that any details have come to light showing all that William Rayner did for the art of change ringing in Hampshire more than a century ago. My first news of him came with the purchase of a book for ninnence, at a London second-hand shop, 'The Isle of Wight,' by W. H. Davenport Adams, 1884, wherein was a view of Arreton Church, and a copy of the verse engraved upon a brass plate rivetted to the Rayner's tomb. This purchase was made before the war, and my first opportunity of making researches into his past only began in 1921, since which date an astonishing amount of matter has been collected by Newport ringers on suggestions which I was fortunately able to offer them.

The Rayners appear to have been a well-to-do family in Arreton, as testified by the many costly tombstones (of what appears to be an extinct race locally) now standing in the N.W. corner of the churchyard. The son William, the subject of this contribution, began his art probably by watching the ringers of Arreton tower (where they ring on the ground floor often with an open west door) when a boy, and then pulling one of the five bells. He was early put to a trade, as was customary in those days, and served a long apprenticeship at Newport, where he followed his beat with the local ringers of Newport and Carisbrooke whilst still in his teens. Here he made the acquaintance of Samuel Waggett, the 'father' of change ringing, on the island, and the first man to call a peal with a band of islanders in 1774, which turned out to be untrue, and was scored again correctly in 1777. Rayner probably heard both performances, and at the age of 17 years was spurred on to emulate the old hand, soon mastering Minor, Triples and Major at the respective towers.

FOUNDATION OF THE UNION SOCIETY.

Guy Fawkes' ringing, November 5th, 1770, was an eventful day in Newport, when, no doubt, the meeting for the morrow was discussed in the belfry. At this meeting on November 6th, the first official business domgs of the United Society of Newport and Carisbrooke took place, and we now find Rayner's name conspicuous in the old official records so recently recovered. As some account of the history of this society will have to follow, I propose only to touch upon Rayner's share in it now, but I may here say that the ringing fever of the islandman had been brought up to blood heat by the College Youths peal (No. 139) of Bob Major, at Carisbrooke, Oct. 1st, 1770, conducted by George Meakins only a few weeks prior to this first meeting.

William Rayner presented to the Union Society three leather bound volumes for peal records, which were lost, stayed or stolen, for some 80 to 90 years after his death, and quite forgotten. They are well worth examining to-day, if only for the quaint notes attached to the entries, and for the beautiful penmanship.

No. 1 volume, January 30th, 1771, to December 26th, 1788. — The copy peal book.

No. 2 volume, January 6th, 1789, to March 17th, 1791.—Continuation of above.

No. 3, Nov. 6th, 1770, to July 15th, 1808.—Society records.

Rayner was an original subscriber to, and helped to found a handbell club, November 6th, 1770, the peal of twelve handbells being on the island to-day, but their whereabouts is unknown. There were twelve members, originally, governed by a severe set of rules, but by January 4th, 1805, only three survived, including Rayner, who, as early as 1771, took part in the first double-handed course of Caters and 'Sinks' ever rung on the island.

Marrying young, and eventually settling down to the business of a turner and wood worker, his shop and residence in St. James' Street was pointed out to me by the late Mr. Pinhorne, and here the whole family, it may be assumed, ended their days. Like Barham, of Leeds, and Lawrence, of Shifnal, two noted English ringers of about the same period, Rayner left no surviving children to whom to hand on his books and panors, and who would appreciate and preserved them for posterity. This misfortune makes one wonder what has become of James Washbrook's manuscripts since Mrs. Washbrook's recent death. Is anyone looking after them un Manchester way?

A CURIOUS CONTRIBUTION.

As a church bell ringer, a burgess of the borough, and tradesman, Rayner was present at the public meeting held on April 19th, 1808, to consider the addition of two new trebles for Newport Parish Church. The proposal was carried unanimously, and the meeting wisely decided not to destroy the four old bells, 1674-5, from the ancient Chertsey bell foundry. In a printed list of subscribers (preserved in the church) it is shown that the eight ringers gave a guinea

each—William Rayner, and his son Joseph, then 18 years of age, giving the same amount. The former also promised, for some curious reason we may never know, to contribute a halfpenny a day for 22 years—£16 14s. 7d., which accumulation was duly paid over to the bells' fund. At the time of the promise, 22 years added to the age of the father and son would make their respective ages 80 and 40 years, had they been spared.

Newport church bells were looked upon and valued greatly as public property by the Mayor and Corporation, who aided the scheme by personal help, and a grant from the borough funds; and generous donations were bestowed by the late Prince Consort and Queen Victoria to complete the octave.

The Union Society celebrated its existence in July, 1791, by a coming-of-age and a three days' owing to the Mainland, to take part in the opening of the celebrated ring of eight at Romsey Abbey on the 18th July. Going on the 17th, and returning on the 19th, they had ringing on the way at Holyrood Church, Southampton, and I am wondering where they put up for two nights. At the Abbey they rang a fine touch of Grandsire Triples (504), conducted by Wm. Rayner, with John 'Leyford' (a Londoner, named Lyford) on the 7th. On this occasion the College Youths rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, conducted by Blakemore, and being the first peal on the bells. It was listened to by a goodly number of ringers from all parts of the country. This three days' outing to Romsey Abbey was repeated by the Union Society on 1st June, 1801, when the company went to compete for a splendid cup presented by the town for the best 'peal' ringing. It was a handsome piece of plate, reputed to be silver, and was awarded to the island team, who rang 4,680 changes of Bob Major in 3 hrs. 2 mins. They intended to ring a 5,040, but by the 'misfortune of a rope breaking,' only 360 changes short, the peal was lost (tenor 25 cwt.).

THE HISTORY OF THE CUP.

The cup was kept at the house of John Kiddle, at the sign of the Red Lion in the Market Place, Newport, for some years, and was well used at practices by the handbell club, and on 'feast nights.' One of the team that won it made a suitable stand to place it on, when not in use, with eight pieces of different kind of wood cleverly let into and spaced around the base with the name of a ringer carved upon each piece, thus considerably adding to the value of the trophy.

This prize cup business was usually treated as a mystery, and of the present-day ringers scarcely anyone credited that it ever existed. Having spent a pleasant morning with Mr. Moody—one of the old school, who resides a few miles out of the town—a twelvemonth ago, I was able to get some further particulars. Mr. Moody, foreman of Newport tower for many years, was connected with that belfry for 55 years, and retired (owing to his living so far away) during the war. The last known of the Romsey cup was that it had got into the possession of Mr. Mew-Langton, sometime Mayor of the town, a well-known brewer, possibly through his ownership of the meeting-house where the cup was stored, or as chairman of the ringers' annual dinner. At his death it passed into the hands of his sister, who married a Mr. Catt and went to live at Brighton, and it is quite possible the cup is there to-day. Should this reach the eye of any descendants of the above-named family, I trust they will follow generously the kind example of the Countess of Portsmouth, who returned to Newport in 1921, one of the peal books referred to (No. 1) which had then been discovered among the volumes of the late Earl's library, he having purchased it with several others many years ago. Mr. Moody, in his younger days, asked Mr. Mew-Langton for a photograph of the cup, and also tried to interest the then Vicar in having it returned to the Newport company, but nothing came of the proposals.

'Whether with little Bells or Bell sublime,'

'To split a Moment to the truth of Time.'

Of the numerous trips to distant towers, including the Lymington opening, 1786, it is unnecessary to go into now. That Rayner was the leading spirit is evident by the records and his conducting. How his ringing ended we can never know, for the last pages of the records have been sadly mutilated. Under date 22nd May, 1808, we find him on the 4th bell to a half-peal of Grandsire Triples at Newport, conducted by Mr. Wood.

On the south side of Rayner's tomb at Arreton, on the oval raised panel of stone, is carved this mournful eulogy on the loss of his son—in words peculiar to the period—which, even to-day will be read by all church bell ringers with a pang of regret for the sorrowing father, who himself died the following year, aged 73 years.

'A Youth of Superior Attainments,

who yielded, after a short conflict, like the tender bud to the vernal blast, his immortal spirit into the hands of his Creator in the 23rd year of his age, leaving his disconsolate parents to lament the early departure of an only affectionate and dutiful son, his friends an amiable and instructive companion and the public a valuable member of society.'

RAYNER'S UNSPARING LABOURS.

Had the son lived to carry on the work of his father there is no knowing how great would have been the advancement of method ringing in the island. This dual loss must have been a heavy blow to the Union Society, who appear to have broken up soon afterwards, and the handbells, the prize cup, the peal books and the ringers' chair were all scattered and lost for half a century. I am of opinion that Rayner's tomb was erected during his lifetime—at his son's death—his own name being added a year later. Four children and the wife are in the same vault. The brass plate has been added after the death of Wm. Rayner by his fellow members of the Union Society, who were careful to see that their 'tribute' should long preserve his fame, as it has done, when the stone is now longer readable.

For upwards of 50 years Rayner spared neither his time nor his purse in promoting the quaint old English art of change ringing; he endeavoured by means of the club (private) and the society outings and records to maintain the good character of the men of the belfry, a character which has been variously assailed from the pulpit by modern clergymen, who conveniently ignore the dissipated habits of the more educated and wealthy man of that period.

'Time so oft truly beat, at length o'ercame,'

'Yet shall this Tribute long preserve his Name.'

This account does not pretend to be complete, and if some courteous reader can send me any information or reference to old prints or newspapers of interest, to the ringers on the island, such matter will be included in historical sketch of the Union Society to follow this article.

It is gratifying to know that William Rayner was not quite forgotten, and ringers all over England were glad to see recorded in the columns of the 'Ringing World,' a peal rung at Newport, by kind consent of the authorities, on May 23rd, 1923, in memory of this veteran, conducted by Mr. George Williams, of Southampton. Visiting ringers also during the same week rang handbells at the graveside at Arreton, accompanied by Mr. Alexander Young, the hon. secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers for the British Isles, so that the centenary of his death was fittingly observed.

To the Isle of Wight belongs a distinction worth noting here. It is the home of the oldest and youngest formation of church ringers in the Diocese of Winchester, viz., the Union Society of Newport and Carisbrooke, 1770, and (after an interval of 150 years) the Isle of Wight Branch of the Diocesan Guild, which is now trying to raise funds for restoring Rayner's tomb owing to its dilapidated condition.

AFTER 20 YEARS' SILENCE.

REOPENING OF A RING OF SIX AT LONG COMPTON,
WARWICKSHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon, August 1st, the pretty little village of Long Compton was enlivened by the bells, which had been unringable for over 20 years, but have now been rehung in steel headstocks and quarter-turned, and the 3rd and 5th bells, which were badly cracked, have been recast. The work of rehanging and recasting was carried out by Mr. Thos. Bond, of the Burford foundry, to whom much credit is due for the capable way in which he has done the work.

At the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. W. Manton), the honour of opening the bells was given to Ilmington band of the Four Shires Guild; 'midst a belfry full of interested onlookers, many who had never seen a bell rung, or heard these bells ring, these veterans raised the bells faultlessly, and without setting, went into changes, ringing several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Various touches were rung during the afternoon. Afterwards the ringers were entertained by the Rector, who expressed his great pleasure of hearing his bells ringing in peal for the first time. After tea further ringing was indulged in.

The bells are a nice ring of six, with a 13 cwt. tenor, and bears the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—James Walker, Anthony Rowlin, 1652, R.K.

2nd.—Thomas Sheppard, Richard Buller, C.W., I.K., 1652.

3rd.—Henry Bagley made me, 1731. James Tapin, Benefactor. Recast by Bond and Son, Burford.

4th.—John Fowler and William Taylor, C.W., William and J. Taylor, Founders, Oxford, 1823.

5th.—Anthony Newman. John Walker, Churchwardens. James Tapin, Benefactor, 1731, H.B. Recast by Bond and Son, Burford.

Tenor.—James Compton, Earl of Northampton, Elizabeth Compton, Countess Northampton. Edward Sheldon, Esq., John Brown Vickor, Benefactors. Henry Bagley made me 1731.

RE-DEDICATION OF BELLS

AT BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.

Saturday, July 26th, was a notable day in the history of that fine old church, St. Andrew's, Brigstock, the ring of five bells being re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Oakham, the Ven. A. J. Greaves. The well-attended service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Hooper), assisted by the Rev. C. G. Hodgson, R.D., of Aldwincle, and the Rev. F. H. Lang, of Twywell.

Immediately following the dedication 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Messrs. R. C. Loveday and J. M. Nickerson (Thrapston), A. Smart (Woollaston), R. G. Black (Geddington), and F. Wilford (Northampton).

After the service, the tower was open for ringing, and representatives from various towers took part in the ringing.

The bells have been rehung in a new oak frame, which was made at Brigstock by Messrs. Braybrook Bros., builders, under the instruction of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who rehung, quarter-turned and tuned all the bells.

The 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

The inscriptions of the bells is as follows:—

Treble.—Thos. Fayre, Campanarius, Fecit. Wm. Brawn and Wm. Viccars, Heirphylacabus, 1758. Diameter 3½ ins. Weight 6 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

2nd.—Thomas Norris made me 1647. Diameter 3½ ins. Weight 7 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

3rd.—John Barton gave me, worship God in trinitie, 1647. Diameter 37 ins. Weight 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

4th.—Thomas Norris, 1647. Diameter 40 ins. Weight 10 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb.

Tenor.—Robert and R. Harris gave x pounge toward this bell, 1647. Diameter 44 ins. Weight 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

Total weight of peal 46 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

WILLIAM RAYNER'S TOMB.

A special meeting of the Isle of Wight district was held at Arreton on Saturday last. The old Norman tower contains a ring of five bells, which are badly in need of attention from a bell hanger.

The meeting was the outcome of a recent decision by the Guild to raise funds to repair the tomb of William Rayner, which is situated in the north-west corner of the churchyard, and is in a very bad state of decay.

The sub-committee, comprising the Rev. C. E. Matthews, and Messrs. Barton, Upton, Williams and Pullinger, were present, together with the Rev. Orr, Dr. Williamson and Messrs. W. H. Fussell, F. Rogers, W. R. Ward, and ringers from many of the island towers.

The service was conducted by the Rector of Arreton, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews gave an address. The service touch was a six-score of Grandsire by the following: W. Upton 1, G. Williams 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. H. Fussell 4, A. R. Ward 5.

A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung around the tomb by the following: W. H. Fussell 1—2, B. Williamson 3—4, G. Williams 5—6, H. Barton 7—8.

At the business meeting it was decided to remove the iron railings which are at present around the tomb, and to have it rebuilt on a concrete foundation. The work is estimated to cost about £16 to £20.

A subscription list has been opened, and the committee appeal for funds. This appeal is made not only to members of the Winchester Guild, but to ringers generally, as the position that the Exercise enjoys to-day is due in a great measure to pioneers of the type of William Rayner, and there is a duty to do to his memory, as embodied in the last line of the verse on the tomb, 'Yet shall this tribute long preserve his name.'

Mr. W. H. Fussell has written a very interesting account of the history of William Rayner (who was the pioneer of change ringing in the Diocese of Winchester, and who died 17/v./1823) after a great deal of time spent in searching old records, and this will be published in the 'Ringing World' in the near future.

The following subscriptions are acknowledged: Winchester Diocesan Guild, £2 2s.; collection at Farnham, £1 7s. 1½d.; Rev. C. E. Matthews, £1 1s.; Dr. Bruce Williamson, 10s.; Mr. G. Pullinger, 10s.; Mr. B. Barton, 5s.; Mr. F. Rogers, 5s.; Mr. W. Upton, 5s.; Rev. Coombes, 2s. 6d.; Rev. Orr, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. H. Fussell, 2s. 6d.; Mr. H. A. Phillips, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. Scott, senr., 2s. 6d.; Mr. Bailey, 2s.; Mr. H. Roberts, 2s.; Mr. Snow, 2s.; Mr. A. R. Ward, 2s.; total, £7 5s. 7½d.

Subscriptions should be sent to G. Pullinger, Upham, Southampton, and will be acknowledged in the 'Ringing World.'

TEN BELL TOWERS.

BEDDINGTON'S JUBILEE.

By CHARLES W. GORDON.

Tuesday, July 1st last was the 55th anniversary of the dedication and opening of the back eight of the present peal of ten bells at St. Mary's Church, Beddington, Surrey. The church, which dates from the 14th century, consists of chancel, nave, north and south aisles, and an embattled tower at the west end, containing formerly a ringing peal of five, which were cast in a field close to the church. A restoration took place in 1831, when the five bells were cleared out and a chime of three fixed.



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[F. E. Dawe.

THE TOWER OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BEDDINGTON.

When the late Canon Bridges took possession of the living he had a complete restoration of the church carried out, including the installation of a new peal of bells. The tenor was cast in 1867, it being originally intended for Woburn, Beds, and the largest bell of the old three was retained, and six new bells added in 1869. Two trebles were added in 1877, forming the present ten. The tenor is 20 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble and 2nd.—Mears and Stainbank, London, Founders, 1877.

On waist 'Te Deum Laudamus.'

3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th.—Mears and Stainbank, London, Founders, 1869.

On waist 'Te Deum Laudamus.'

8th.—T. Mears of London, fecit, 1831.

Cut in on waist x SIT x NOMEN x DOMINI x BENEDICTUM x Tenor.—Mears and Stainbank, London, Founders, 1867.

Cut in on waist x VIVOS x VOCO x MORTUOS x PLANGO x

St. Mary's Society was formed at the opening of the bells, and has continued uninterruptedly to the present day.

There has been a great number of peals rung on the bells (triples, Caters, Major and Royal), including the 7,777 Stedman Caters in 1913, which was conducted by Mr. Francis E. Dawe.

To celebrate the 55th anniversary of the opening (July 1st, 1869) a peal of Grandsire Triples was, as already recorded, rung on July 1st last.

In connection with the above information supplied by Mr. Gordon, it is interesting to note that he is the only survivor of the band that opened the bells fifty years ago.

In Stahlenschmidt's 'Church Bells of Surrey,' which was published in 1884, and is the standard history of the church bells of that county, the information concerning Beddington bells is meagre: 'A peal of ten bells by Mears, stated to be dated 1868; access to belfry refused.'

In the church inventory of the reign of Edward VI. there is the entry:

Item a sacris bell.

Item v belles in the steeple.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 26th. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening.

Service, with an address by the Rector (the Rev. Canon J. E. Dawson), was held in the church. This was followed by a splendid tea in the Village Hall, kindly supplied by the Rector and churchwardens.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. Five new members were elected, and the election of two members previous to peals confirmed. SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, was chosen as the place of next meeting.

The district representative on the general committee (Mr. W. J. Jeffries) read a report of the committee meeting held at Sevenoaks on Whit Monday.—This was adopted.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address and presiding at the meeting, the Rector and churchwardens for their generosity in supplying the tea, and to the organist for his services—this was carried with applause.—The Rector and Mr. Evan Edwards (churchwarden) responded.

The members then returned to the tower for further ringing. This concluded an enjoyable and successful meeting.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION IN BUCKS.

On Saturday, July 19th, a meeting of the South and West District was held at Denham, with its beautiful surroundings, and the fine peal of eight bells (tenor 24 cwt.). Messrs. Cecil Mayne and R. Turner, and others from Bucks, there enjoyed the scenery in the old churchyard, and rang touches on the handbells while awaiting the arrival of the main contingent. The Ringing Master's order for the day was 'short touches,' and thus were fulfilled. At 3.20 the bells were pealing forth Stedman Triples, and scarcely had they ceased when the Rev. H. C. Carter arrived, and offered, on behalf of the Rector (who was on holiday) and himself, a most hearty welcome to the association. He said that while listening to the ringing of the bells he was reminded of the days, previous to his sailing to a foreign land, where he had spent 15 years without being able to hear the music he had heard there that day.

Following the clergy's welcome, Mr. W. H. Fussell, as a Bucks man, welcomed the visitors, and likewise thanked them for the great service he considered they were rendering by visiting Denham, and he would be pleased to welcome them to his church further in Bucks should they at any time make it convenient to go there.

The hon. secretary accepted, and likewise acknowledged, on behalf of the association, the warm welcome that had been given, but as Mr. Mayne was the instigator of the meeting, the thanks were due to him, as it was pleasure to the association to be allowed to pay the visit.

Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich preceded tea, in the hostess's garden, beside the old village stream, and 38 sat down.

A ringers' service was afterwards held, conducted by the Rev. E. C. Carter (Rector-in-charge), with Miss D. G. Feltham presiding at the organ. The preacher's address on the ministry of the ringers, and the message of the bells, was listened to with great interest. Further ringing followed, Cambridge and London Surprise being practised, after which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector (the Rev. H. G. Battiscombe), the Rev. H. C. Carter, the organist, Messrs. W. H. Fussell and C. Mayne, and the local ringers. The Ringing Master, and all ringing members and friends who had helped to make the Denham meeting such a success.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evensong, 742 Grandsire Triples: E. T. Sneller 1, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 2, G. Cleave 3, C. Sheppard 4, J. Hiscock 5, W. Hibbert 6, O. W. Porter, junr., 7, R. Ailum 8. After service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: E. T. Sneller 1, W. Wicks 2, W. Hibbert 3, C. Sheppard 4, R. T. Hibbert 5, J. Hiscock 6, G. Cleave (conductor) 7, D. Ailum 8.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Sunday, August 3rd, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, R. Park 2, G. W. Park 3, W. N. Park (conductor) 4, F. W. Lupsom 5, W. H. Porter 6.

ASECHURCH.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, 720 of Single Oxford Minor was rung by the following: E. Cole 1, T. Harris 2, F. Smith 3, J. Attwood 4, F. Harris 5, O. Attwood (conductor) 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, for morning service, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Warrington 1, W. Welch 2, R. Lathbury, W. Ibbett 4, J. Woolley 5, A. G. Rivers (conductor) 6, E. G. Hibbins 7, T. R. Dennis 8.

STAMFORD HILL.—On Sunday, July 20th, at St. Ann's Church, for morning service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Ringrose 1, T. Deal 2, A. Howell 3, F. Ringrose 4, W. Ringrose 5, A. Putland (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by ringers of 1st and 5th.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday morning, July 20th (St. Margaret's Day), at St. Margaret's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 54 mins.: L. Johnson 1, F. Sharmian 2, A. Ballard 3, F. Wilford (Northampton) 4, G. S. Morris 5, E. Morris (conductor) 6, J. Morris 7, A. Cat-tell 8, E. Whitehead 9, J. Grant 10. Composed by R. F. Deal.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On Sunday morning, July 20th, in 49 minutes, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss F. Hooton 1, A. Marsh 2, F. Barks 3, F. M. Mitchell 4, H. Lewin 5, S. Pinder 6, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 7, W. Kinton 8. First quarter-peal by all except 4 and 7, and first as conductor. F. M. Mitchell hails from Gravesend, Kent.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), in 40 mins., being 720 of Plain Bob and 540 of Grandsire: Miss E. Higgs (first quarter-peal) 1, R. C. Underwood 2, J. Higgins 3, J. H. Clare 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5. Arranged for Mr. J. Higgins, a former member of the company.—On Sunday, June 8th, for 8 a.m. Communion service, 720 St. Simon's Doubles: J. H. Clare 1, R. C. Underwood 2, A. E. Hanks 3, G. Guest 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5.—On Sunday, June 15th, for morning service, 720 of Doubles (360 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire).

KENSINGTON.—On Whit-Sunday, June 8th, at St. Mary Abbots, for evening service, 1,275 Stedman Caters: A. V. Sinkins 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, A. Cutmore 3, H. Dyas 4, C. W. Roberts 5, E. G. Locke 6, P. A. Clark 7, P. H. Miles 8, H. G. Miles 9, B. Goyel (Wisbech) 10.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. S. Butler 1, W. Butler 2, T. Barker (Stebbing) 3, W. Mellin 4, E. Bright (conductor) 5, H. Dorking 6. Also 360 Double Court: V. Glass 1, A. Chalk 2, W. Mellin 3, T. Barker 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Butler 1, W. Mellin 2, T. Barker 3, H. Dorking 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6.

WEDNESBURY.—At the Parish Church, on Whit Sunday, a quarter-peal of Darlston Bob Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., by the following: C. Mounsey 1, T. Hughes 2, T. Burkett 3, W. E. Britten 4, T. Palfreyman 5, H. Smith 6, A. Mincher (conductor) 7, H. Hubble 8. First quarter of Darlston for all the band, and first quarter as conductor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Whit Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, 252 Stedman Triples: W. Mead 1, F. Stanton 2, J. Mead 3, E. Marks 4, H. Norris 5, H. Sear 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Whitehead 8. This is the last touch on the bells before they are removed to Loughborough Foundry for tuning. A new frame with all the latest fittings is to be erected.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins., for evening service: J. W. Perry (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, G. Warner 2, T. Perry 3, H. E. Booth 4, J. Walford 5, A. G. Hunt 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, E. Sneake 8. Rung for Etnire Day celebration, and also for the annual Rogation Sunday open-air service.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, July 31st, for practice, a spliced 720 'Surfleet' and 'Beverley,' followed by courses of 'Cambridge,' 'Southwell,' 'Coldstream,' 'Allendale' and 'Westminster': James Fernley, junr., 1, J. P. Fidler 2, W. Fernley 3, W. W. Wolstencraft 4, J. Fernley (conductor) 5, J. W. Hartley 6. The above methods are Surprise, and will be found in the C.C. Collection.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal of Double Norwich in Wales was rung at Rhyi on August 15th, 1883.

On August 12th, 1776, a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters was rung at Leicester.

Among the peals rung by John Holt was a 5,040 Bob Triples at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on August 8th, 1749, in which year he was Master of the Union Scholars.

The peal of Stedman Triples Mr. T. H. T. Hender called on Whit Monday, June 9th, at Shiplake, Oxon, was his 200th peal as conductor, and also his 100th peal of Stedman Triples he had conducted.

Hampshire is to have a ringing week in September (about 8th to 13th), Mr. George Pullinger having kindly volunteered to fix up towers, etc. The Ringing Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild will be glad to hear from members and friends who would like to take part in the tour.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Stephen's, Bristol, was rung as a wedding compliment to (1) the son of W. A. Cave (July 12th), (2) son of J. A. Burford (July 12th), (3) daughter of J. Gould (August 2nd), and (4) the organist of St. Stephen's, Mr. Rowland S. Shiles (July 22nd). After such an epidemic of marriages at St. Stephen's, the question naturally asked is, 'Who'll be the next?' but there is no prize for a correct answer. Owing to an accident to his foot, which is now well on the way to recovery, Mr. Burford was unable to take part.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

NOTTINGHAM RINGERS' LONG TRIP.

On Saturday, July 12th, ringers of St. Peter's, Nottingham, and friends, had their annual outing, in delightful weather. The party, numbering 26 in all, left at 8.30 a.m. by charabanc, for Loughborough, where they were shown round the bell foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Co. The inspection proved to be most interesting, and among the features of special note was a new bell, for Bristol University, weighing 12 tons, the second largest to be made by the firm. The ringers then visited the foundry tower, on Mr. P. Taylor's invitation to raise the ten in peal. Touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Major, were rung. The party then headed for Melton Mowbray, a wayside halt being called while skirting Charnwood Forest. At Melton Mowbray luncheon was partaken of at the Fox Hotel, and afterwards the handbells were again brought into use. It was a great disappointment to all that they had to leave without visiting the tower, but owing to flying time, and the distance before them, this was found necessary. After a run through glorious country, the tall spire of Grantham was sighted at four o'clock. After climbing the countless steps to the ringing chamber, the ringers set the bells going to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Royal. Tea was served at the Angel and Royal Hotel, where Mr. Cobin welcomed Mr. Proctor, of the local band; also Mr. Coppock, vice-president of the M.C.A., and expressed his satisfaction at the smooth working of the excellent arrangements made by Mr. G. West. The beautiful Parish Church at Bottisford was the final calling place, when the Lincoln men were met, and touches of Stedman Triples and a course of London Surprise finished the ringing of a most enjoyable day, Nottingham being reached at 11 p.m. The ringers wish to thank all the clergy for so readily granting permission to ring, the ringers, who gave them so warm a welcome, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the most enjoyable visit to the foundry, as well as their own secretary, Mr. G. West, for making the outing so enjoyable.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OUTING OF THE EVERCREECH RINGERS.

On Saturday, July 19th, the Evercreech ringers, wives and friends, went to Bournemouth by charabanc for their annual outing. The party was under the leadership of the captain, Mr. R. Whitehead, and the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Ll. Williams) also accompanied the party. The first halt was at Blandford. The ringers made their way to the belfry of the beautiful parish church.—The Vicar of Blandford, a keen lover of bells, visited the tower, and commended the ringers on their splendid manipulation of the bells.

After an hour's pull, which was much appreciated by all the townsfolk, the journey was continued. Bournemouth Pier was reached at mid-day. Arriving at Swanage lunch was enjoyed, after which the belfry was visited, where the visitors received a hearty welcome from the Vicar of Swanage, and a member of the ringing band. The 'go' of these bells was perfect, and a good ring of Grandsire Triples was thoroughly enjoyed.

On the return journey tea was served at Bournemouth, and home was reached about 10.30 p.m., after a thoroughly enjoyable outing.

DEBENHAM MEN'S TRIP.

The Debenham ringers spent an interesting and enjoyable day among the towers of South Norfolk on July 14th. Leaving home at 7.15 a.m., the first call was made at Diss, where touches of Cambridge Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were brought round. Mr. John Souter joined the party here, and took part in most of the ringing during the day. Kenninghall was reached at 10 o'clock, and courses of Yorkshire, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise were tapped off. Quidenham was the next place visited, and Double Norwich and Superlative the methods rung. At Wymondham, Mr. Peggall was waiting to welcome the band. The fine old Abbey Church was much admired, and some good touches rung on the splendid peal of eight that hang in the lofty tower. Mr. Peggall joined the visitors at dinner, after which a move was made for Saxlingham. Alburgh was also on the list, touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Duffield being rung at these two places. The party then proceeded to Pulham St. Mary, where Mr. Souter had to take leave of them in order to catch a train for Diss. Tea was obtained at the King's Head Inn, and afterwards Stedman Triples and Yorkshire were rung on the church bells. Pulham Market was then visited, when Cambridge, Yorkshire and Stedman were the methods rung here, and home was reached at 10.45. The visitors wish to thank the various incumbents and those local men who met them and helped to make the outing a success.

HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON RINGERS' SOCIETY.

On Monday, July 28th, the members of the above society had their annual outing. Starting from Halesworth at 9 a.m., by charabanc, the party made their first call at Wrentham, where several touches were rung on the six bells. The Rector (the Rev. F. R. Bonsey) and Mr. E. Chatten joined the ringers. St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, was reached about 11.30, and here Mr. R. T. Woodley, the Lowestoft instructor, with Mr. A. Walker, of Pontefract, Yorks, received the visitors. Ringing was indulged in on this musical new peal of eight until 1.30, when a capital lunch was partaken of at the Crown Hotel. —A hearty vote of thanks was here accorded to all the clergy, tower keepers and ringing friends, who helped to make the outing a success. —Mr. Woodley responded, and expressed his pleasure in meeting them in Lowestoft, and assured them of a hearty welcome whenever they came to St. Margaret's. Accompanied by their Yorkshire friend, Somerleyton tower was next visited, and several touches were brought round on this pretty peal of six, in which the veteran Somerleyton ringer, Mr. J. Orford, took part. Tea was partaken of at Beccles. Mr. E. Goate, the conductor of the Beccles company, met the party at the church, and an hour's ringing on this beautiful peal of ten, with several members of the local band, was enjoyed. The kindness of the Beccles ringers in giving up their practice night for the visitors was much appreciated. —Mr. A. Harwin, of Gospel Oak, and Highgate, London, who was present, congratulated them on their excellent ringing.

During the day the following methods were rung: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Minor. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters. Home was reached at 9.30, one and all having spent a most enjoyable day.

LYDNEY SALMON SUPPER.

AN ENJOYABLE WEEK-END.

The annual salmon and green pea supper, held on Saturday last at Lydney, proved, as usual, a very pleasant and social gathering. Ringers from Berkeley, Cardiff, Gloucester, Lydney, Newport, Ruardean and St. Briavels put in an appearance. The bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon, and good use made of them until 6 o'clock, when a move was made to headquarters, the Queen's Head Hotel, where fresh Severn salmon and home-grown green peas were in evidence galore.

Following the supper, the best thanks of the company were accorded to the organisers, and to the hotel proprietor and his good wife for the excellent repast. Then followed a social evening, consisting of songs, handbell ringing, etc., and when time arrived to get to bed all were instructed to be punctual in the morning at nine o'clock for a drive through the Forest of Dean to St. Briavels Church, where hangs a good ring of eight, on which touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung for the 11 a.m. service.

The hospitality of Mr. Coates, the local enthusiast, was then much enjoyed, he having arranged early lunch at the local hotel. The drive was then continued to Newland Church, known as the Cathedral of the Forest of Dean, where hangs a heavy ring of six. Permission to ring having been obtained from the genial Vicar, who accompanied the ringers to the ringing chamber, the bells were raised, touches rung, and the bells lowered in peal. Congratulations were showered on the visitors by the locals, who had not heard their bells rung in changes for some time.

A return was then made for Lydney, through the charming forest, and for evening service touches were rung, including a 672 of Triples.

The weather was delightful until the close of the week-end, when the usual downpour reappeared. It is hoped to repeat the arrangements next year.

BECCELES RINGERS' TOUR.

On Saturday, July 26th, the Beccles ringers, with friends from Bungay and Loddon, held their annual outing. Journeying by motor charabanc to Keeppham and Salle, they were met by Mr. W. Duncan, who had the bells ready for them. After touches at both towers, a short run brought them to Aylsham, where dinner awaited them at the Black Boys Hotel. After dinner more ringing was done at Marsham and Aylsham, and then a long run brought the party to Great Yarmouth, where, after a tea, they were met at St. Nicholas' Church by Mr. D. Hayward, who had the bells ready for them, and some good ringing was done. The best thanks of the ringers are due to Messrs. Duncan and Hayward for making arrangements, and the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells.

VISIT TO MANY TOWERS.

On Saturday, July 5th, the Wrentham company had their annual outing by motor-cars. A start was made about 8.15 a.m. for Kelsale, where Mr. Fenton Thompson met the party, and touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob Major was rung. A move was then made for Earl Soham. Here Mr. W. G. Crickmer welcomed the visitors, and touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise were rung.

After lunch, at the Falcon Inn, Framsdon was visited, and the steeplekeeper being away from home with the belfry key, the Rector kindly fetched a ladder from the Rectory, and the belfry was reached by getting over the tower screen. Touches of Treble Bob Major and Bob Major were successfully brought round. The next stopping-place was Otley, where Double Oxford and Double Court were rung. A move was then made for Hasketon, and Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob were tapped off. As the party were loading up, Mr. H. Burch arrived, but only just had time to shake hands with some of his old friends whom he had not seen for years. At the Lion at Ufford dinner was served, and Mrs. Ward was thanked for the excellent way in which she had catered for the party. Ringing at Ufford tower had to be omitted from the programme, owing to a wedding being in progress, and a peal attempt fixed to take place immediately after by a mixed band of 'Charles.' The party, therefore, made for Pettistree, where they were joined by Mr. F. Fisher, who took part in a touch of Cambridge, and accompanied them to Wickham Market, where touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent and Norwich Surprise were brought round. At Benhall, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court were rung, and tea was partaken of at Saxmundham. Mr. F. Watling arrived on the scene, and accompanied the party to Sweffling, taking part there in touches of Kent, Double Court, and Cambridge. The next and last place of call was Rendham, and here touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round. The party then made for home, which was reached at 9.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' all the Rectors for the use of their respective bells, Mr. C. E. Fisher, and Mr. F. Watling for their help in the arrangements, and especially the Rector of Wrentham (the Rev. F. R. Bonsey); Mr. W. C. Walker and Mr. E. Mortimer for the use of their cars, the two former gentlemen accompanying the party, and acting as chauffeurs; Mr. A. E. Austin, of Cambridge, being on holiday at Lowestoft, also had the pleasure of joining the party.

HARWICH RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On the occasion of the annual outing of the St. Nicholas' Guild, Harwich, on July 19th, a visit was paid to Lavenham, and Hadleigh, Suffolk. The party, numbering 20, had a splendid ride via Bergholt, Ipswich and Hadleigh, and Lavenham was reached at 4.15 p.m. On arrival the visitors were met by Mr. A. Symonds, who had everything in readiness for ringing on the splendid peal of eight, which were soon set going to Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples, with the assistance of the local band. A little difficulty was experienced owing to the ropes running the opposite way. The fine church was inspected before resuming the journey to Hadleigh, where a capital meat tea was awaiting the party at the King's Head Hotel. Selections on the handbells by the tune ringing team and a course of Grandsire Triples, double-handed, were then very much appreciated, and afterwards the company adjourned to the tower of St. Mary's Church, and touches of Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples were brought round on this fine peal of eight. The return was made via Bergholt, Manningtree and Great Oakley, Harwich being reached at 11.15, the company having spent a most enjoyable time. The ringers wish, through the medium of the 'Ringing World,' to thank the respective incumbents for the use of the bells, and Mr. Read (Hadleigh) and Mr. A. Symonds (Lavenham) for having the bells in readiness, and all others who assisted to make the trip a success.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Aug. 12th; Southwark Cathedral on Aug. 19th; St. Magnus on Aug. 21st; *St. Michael's Cornhill on Aug. 26th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Aug. 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. —William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eastington on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (6) available from noon. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parochial Hall at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. P. Powls, Eastington, not later than Aug. 14th. For further details see circular. All ringers heartily welcomed.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Tea in the Schoolroom, near church, at 5, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Will those requiring same please notify Mr. C. Fowler, North Cliff Road, Conisborough, by Wednesday, the 13th? —F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, when the Vicar will kindly entertain members who notify me by the 12th. Also a mid-week meeting at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on Wednesday, August 6th. Ringing 7.30 till 9.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Keevil, on Saturday August 16th. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5, short meeting directly after tea. F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Norton Canon on Saturday, August 16th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45. Intending visitors please advise me by August 11th.—J. P. Hyatt, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay, Hereford.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch. —A combined Practice will be held at Barkham and Arborfield on Saturday, August 16th. Barkham from 4 till 6 p.m. and Arborfield from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, August 16th. Bells 3 p.m. A Church Service will be arranged, followed by tea and business meeting.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch. —A meeting will be held at Shepton Beauchamp on Saturday, August 16th (8 bells). Tea at 5 o'clock can only be supplied to those who give notice on or before Tuesday, August 12th, to F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District. —A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Yateley on Saturday, August 23rd. Bell available from 3 p.m. Short Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and a business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The August meeting will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday the 23rd. Ringing to commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Woodbridge, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tea 1s. (for all sending word by Aug. 19th) at the Cafe (next the church) at 5 p.m. Woodbridge bells (8), Ufford (8) available from 2 p.m.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Benenden, near Cranbrook, on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service at the Bull Hotel, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Aug. 19th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. —W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting, tea and social will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 23rd. The bells (10) will be available from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Parish School. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Social 7 p.m. Tickets 1/6 each. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers and friends. The bells of Holy Trinity and St. Michael's will also be also be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Will all those who intend being present for tea please send in their names to W. E. Wilson, 22, Brantfel Road, Blackburn, not later than Tuesday, the 19th?—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South-Western Division) and the MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (N.E. District).—A joint meeting for practice and social intercourse will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head will be arranged at 5.30 p.m. for all those who advise either of the undersigned by Tuesday, August 19th. Members and friends of above associations cordially welcomed. Trains from Liverpool Street at 2.48 and 3.8, from Stratford at 3.30.—W. Theobald, 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15; C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, August 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5, if it can be arranged. All ringers welcome, as a good meeting is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Kempsford Road, Sandy.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Crich on Saturday, August 16th. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/- each, to those who notify Mr W. Pigginn, Church Street, Crich, Matlock, by Thursday morning, August 14th.—H. G. Fretwell, Secretary.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Roxton and Great Barford on Saturday, July 26th. The attendance at Roxton was very small. After tea the small company journeyed to Great Barford, being joined by two more Bedford ringers, and one from Turvey, and several of the local company. The bells were got going, and a touch of Stedman Doubles was rung. During the afternoon and evening, though the company was small, some good touches were rung, viz., Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, New Doubles and Stedman Doubles. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Biggleswade on Saturday, August 16th, when the secretary wishes all towers in the district to be represented. Any unpleasantness which has arisen at the conduct of the opening of Tempsford bells can then be explained, and amicably settled, for the sake of the association. A good meeting is hoped for.

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