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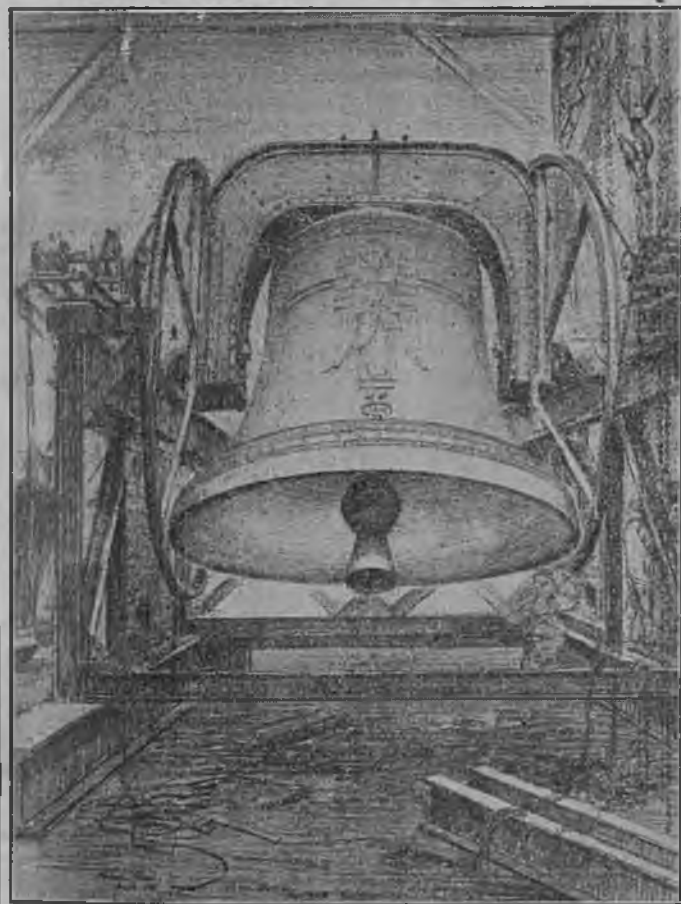
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The bibliography of bells has received a significant addition in the new volume just published under the title of 'Bells through the Ages.' Few people realise fully the manysidedness of the subject of bells; but this book touches every phase and is a perfect storehouse of information. All the authorities have been drawn upon for material, and interesting details on all sorts of matters relating to bells have been gleaned from hitherto unsuspected quarters. Until this volume made its appearance the public have had to go to a variety of sources, if they would learn the story of the bells, their history, traditions and associations; their uses and their legends; their making and their breaking. But now in this new work the author, Mr. J. R. Nichols, of Stamford, has brought together all the threads, and the uninitiated reader can gain an insight into the subject such as was not previously possible except to those who had special facilities or an unlimited purse. What will strike everyone who reads this volume is the enormous labour that must have been expended in collecting the materials which have been so well arranged and laid before the public. It must have meant years of careful and assiduous garnering of information, and we know that as far as has been possible the details have been checked so that the desire of the publishers to make it a standard work of reference may be achieved.

It was the original intention, we understand, to add as an appendix a directory of the towers with rings of bells in this country, but various considerations, not least the collection of the information, rendered it necessary to leave this over for either a second edition or a supplement. Shipway introduced such a list into his 'Campanology,' in which he enumerated the rings of six bells and upward that were known to him. The most exhaustive list of the kind, however, was that prepared about thirty years ago under the authority of the Central Council. In that case information as to the condition of the bells was elaborated, but it served little purpose, inasmuch as it was published in instalments over a long period, and much of the early part was out of date before the end appeared. However, a supplement giving a complete list of the rings of bells in the British Isles would add interest, at any rate for ringers, to Mr. Nichols' excellent volume. In the meantime the ringing fraternity owes a debt of gratitude to the author, who is himself a ringer, for his admirable handling of the subject. We hope that some day someone will give us that history of the Exercise itself for which we are waiting and which the Exercise deserves. To ringers it would be of unequalled interest.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER Treble	HENRY B. TAYLOR 6
*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 2	*JAMES C. GRAY 7
JOHN ANDERSON 3	*ARTHUR TUGWOOD 8
HARRY HOSKINS 4	ADAM DEAS 9
JAMES E. SCOTT 5	EDWARD A. HERN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HOLMES. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER

* First peal of Royal. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Henry Tay-
lor, who is leaving the district for Bradford.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK JENNINGS Treble	ALFRED J. TRAFFITT 6
FRANK E. DARBY 2	JAMES BENNETT 7
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JAMES GEORGE 8
FREDERICK E. COLLINS 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

*JESSE W. HARRISON Treble	FRANK BOREHAM 5
†WILLIAM S. GUTTERIDGE 2	†FRANK CORKE 6
RICHARD BUCKLAND 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
ARTHUR MARTIN 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by G. MARTIN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Superlative.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

HERBERT W. ELSE Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
CHARLES HARE 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	EDWARD V. DUFFIELD 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal to
the Rector, Rev. L. B. Ashby.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED W. WRIGHT Treble	JOHN W. JONES 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	JOHN PHILLIPS 6
HARRY BOYCE 3	DAVID R. JAMES 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	ALBERT J. PITMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the association.
Also the first peal in the method rung in Wales. This composition is
now rung for the first time.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

E. HARRY STONELEY... ..Treble	ALFRED BALLARD... .. 5
GEORGE THOMPSON 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES 7
*LEONARD E. TOWERS... .. 4	RONALD RUSSELLTenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Miriam Baum, of Stoney Stanton.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES PARRTreble	ARTHUR LORD 5
ALBERT YATES 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 3	JOHN HIRST 7
JOSEPH WOODS 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

The conductor's 100th peal.

PENDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*RAYMOND JOHNSONTreble	THOMAS H. JONES 5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE 2	WILLIAM EDWARDS 6
†SAMUEL GREENHALGH 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
ALLEN F. BAILEY 4	HERBERT GREENHALGH ...Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

REVELSTOKE (NOSS MAYO), DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

*HAROLD E. RYDERTreble	THOMAS G. MYERS 5
WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT... .. 2	ERNEST W. MARSH 6
WILLIAM B. RICHARDS 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES... .. 7
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE... .. 4	ALFRED T. WESTCOTT... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Arranged for Mr. W. J. Jeffries, of Deptford, London.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EDWARD CAUNCETreble	G. RONALD EDWARDS... .. 5
*JOHN BREEZE 2	THOMAS HAMMOND 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	LESTER L. GREY 7
*†RALPH G. EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* Elected member of the association prior to the peal. † First peal in the method. Arranged and rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown, of Manchester. Mr. Brown is an old and esteemed member of the Lancashire Association.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT WOOD... ..Treble	FRANK BLONDELL 5
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 2	FRANK CORKE 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
*HORACE BELCHER 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

* First peal with inside bell in the method. First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the bells.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*RICHARD A. POSTTreble	JACK HONEY 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
*EDMUND A. PASSAM 3	JOHN NOBES 7
HARRY NEVILL 4	GORDON CADDWELLTenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by G. CADDWELL.

* First in the method.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH SHARPTreble	HENRY STAPLETON 5
WILLIAM SHARP 2	JOHN T. NEWINGTON 6
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. 7
WILLIAM STOCK 4	CHARLES W. CLARKETenor

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN COLLISON... ..Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
THOMAS E. SONE... .. 3	ERNEST LEIGH 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	GEORGE MAYLAN... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Birthday peal for Mr. Harry Baker.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD AND
DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JESSE J. MOSSTreble	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS 5
JOHN FLINT 2	EDWARD ROBBINS 6
CHARLES MASON... .. 3	LESLIE WM. BACON 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL... .. 4	HAROLD KENTTenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First attempt for a peal by the ringers of 5th and 7th, who belong to Creswell. Great credit is due to them for the way they rang throughout. It was the birthday of G. Chambers.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE PYE... .. Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
WILLIAM GOULD 2	THOMAS GRIMSHAW 6
ERNEST LEATHERBARROW ... 3	*JAMES ORME 7
WILLIAM HAMPSON 4	WILLIAM LEATHERBARROW Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW

* First peal in the method.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 2 qr. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
*ERNEST BENNETT 2	TOM WILDE 6
†JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 3	†JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 7
†HARRY LANGLEY 4	†JOHN W. HARTLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Superlative. First peal of Superlative on the bells. The ringer of the 2nd, aged 16, is believed to be the youngest ringer in the Guild to ring a peal in a Surprise method.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART, REVERSED.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR J. HOING Treble	CECIL SMITH... .. 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM... .. 6
JAMES W. WILKINS 3	FRANK W. BOXELL 7
RALPH COLES 4	ALFRED E. BUTLER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WYLAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tuesday, August 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb.

JAMES E. SCOTT Treble	HENRY B. TAYLOR 4
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5
EDWARD A. HERN 3	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently arranged 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*SIDNEY HOWARD Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	ROBERT HOWARD... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

* First peal of Minor, and elected a member of the association previous to the peal.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, three of Kent and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 4
WILLIAM PIKE 2	GEORGE POPPELL 5
PERCY JONES... .. 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Minor on the bells. The band were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory after the peal by the Rector, the Rev. Gilbert Thomas.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

CHARLES W. COOK Treble	FRED C. GINN 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
BERRY WAYMAN... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. W. COOK.

BRAUNSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JAMES M. HANCOCK Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE 4
*GEORGE H. HANCOCK 2	JAMES H. RAPER... .. 5
ALFRED E. BACON 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

* First 720 of Minor. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for his kindly interest in the peal and his generosity at the finish of the ringing.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, August 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. D. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5-6
JAMES HEMMING 3-4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7-8
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson, the band being related to her as follows: Aunt, grandfather, father, uncle, and grandfather. Also as a birthday compliment to Miss N. Johnson, and her 50th peal. Mr. R. G. Knowles heard the opening courses of the peal.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	GEORGE WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7-8

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

Umpire: WALTER ARNOLD.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, August 23rd, at St. John's Church. 8 quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 50 mins.: Miss D. Richards 1, J. W. Jones 2, W. Pike 3, W. Richards 4, E. Hunt 5, W. Heath 6, W. Simmonds, Reading, 7, A. Parnell 8, J. Phillips (first quarter-peal of Caters as conductor) 9, C. Greedy 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Richards.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

I have at present in my possession a parcel of manuscript notes of more than ordinary interest. They are the property of the Central Council and are part of the papers left by the late Sir Arthur Heywood. They consist chiefly of letters sent to him by men with whose help he was trying to solve those problems in the science of ringing which were interesting him forty years or so ago. The reason I have got them is that I was asked by the Council to report (among other things) as to their value. I must admit that I have taken an excessive amount of time to make up my mind on the matter. Indeed, it is not so very easy, and, if I had, this would hardly be the proper place to express my conclusions. But I mention them because they serve me as a text for saying something about a man who was one of the principal contributors to the collection; a man who was pretty well known to the older generation of ringers, but who, to the younger men, is little more than a name, if so much.

The closing years of the last century witnessed a most remarkable revival of ringing. After a period in which the Exercise had sunk to its very lowest ebb, a time came when there was improvement in every branch of the science and art, an improvement which has gone on steadily to the present day. Only those whose memories go back for half a century fully realise how great that improvement has been. The status of ringers has been immensely raised; towers and belfries are in far better condition; better bells are cast and hung with better fittings; method ringing has been widely extended, the Exercise has been properly organised; and the mathematical science on which ringing is based has been explored.

All this was the work of comparatively few men. We to-day are reaping the harvest of their work and it is only right that we should now and then acknowledge what we owe to them. Not the least among them was the man of whom I am going to give a short sketch.

Henry Earle Bulwer came of an old Norfolk county family. His father, the Rev. A. E. L. Bulwer, was Rector of Cawston, a village twelve miles north of Norwich, and his cousin was lord of the manor and the principal landowner, and there at the Rectory on March 23rd, 1841, Henry Bulwer was born. The church is a noble building with a lofty and massive tower and six bells. The living is one of the richest in the county. It is in the gift of Pembroke College, Cambridge, of which both father and son were members, and it was generally understood in later years that when a vacancy occurred Henry Bulwer would have the offer of it. Only it so happened that the clergyman who succeeded to the older Bulwer lived to an exceeding old age and outlived the son.

Henry Earle Bulwer was educated at King Edward VI. Grammar School at Bury St. Edmunds, from which he went to Pembroke College, Cambridge. After taking his degree he was at Wells Theological College and was ordained deacon in 1864 and priest in 1865 by Bishop Harold Brown of Ely. He took his M.A. degree in 1866. Between 1864 and 1884 he held curacies in seven different parishes, chiefly in Norfolk. In 1884 he was appointed to the Rectory of Stanhoe-with-Barwich, in the extreme north-west corner of Norfolk, and there he died on May 5th, 1902, and was buried in the churchyard.

It is very remarkable that all through his life he lived and worked in parishes which, with one exception, were not only without bells, but which were remote from any ringing activity. The exception was the village of Needham, which is about a couple of miles from Harleston on the south border of Norfolk. He was curate-in-charge there from 1879 to 1882, and there he came in contact with Mr. Gervase Holmes, Captain A. P. Moore and the Rev. N. Bolingbroke. These men had recently taken the leading part in the founding of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and Mr. Bolingbroke was for some years its secretary. Redenhall, which is the parish church of Harleston, had long had a good band, and the district contained then and still contains a large number of skilled ringers. It was at Redenhall that the first peal by the Norwich Association was rung—a peal of Super-

lative Surprise Major, then a very notable performance indeed. About that time Gervase Holmes and Captain Moore, in conjunction with a Mr. Mackenzie, an engineer, started a bell foundry at Harleston. One of their jobs was a new peal of six at Weybread, just over the border in the county of Suffolk. The Vicar of that parish was also Vicar of Needham, where Mr. Bulwer was curate-in-charge, and this it was which brought the latter into contact with ringers and ringing.

His first peal was rung at Redenhall on May 3rd, 1881, and was one of Double Oxford Bob Major. The following are the particulars from 'The Bell News' of June, 1881:—

Norwich Diocesan Association. Redenhall. On Tuesday, May 3rd, 1881, the following members of the Redenhall branch of this association (being also members of the Society of Royal Cumberlands, London) rang a peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, 5040 changes, at St. Mary's in 3 hrs. 8 mts.: E. Smith (conductor) 1, G. Prime 2, Rev. N. Bolingbroke 3, G. Candler, Esq., 4, Rev. H. E. Bulwer (first peal) 5, G. Mobbs 6, G. Holmes, Esq., 7, Captain Moore 8. Tenor 24 cwt. in D. This peal is a variation of one of Annable's productions by the Rev. H. E. Bulwer.

This was the second peal of Double Oxford ever rung. On six bells the method dates back to the early years of the eighteenth century, and was, as its name shows, first practised in the city of Oxford. As a Minor method it had deservedly a large measure of popularity, but unlike other popular six-bell methods, no attempt seems to have been made to extend it to eight bells till Shipway's time. With his usual system and thoroughness, he not only gave Double Oxford Major, but the single, reverse and double variations on all numbers, odd and even from six to twelve, except that on ten and twelve bells he left his readers to infer the double variations from the single and reverse. The Exercise, however, did not take kindly to these extensions. One peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, a 6,000, was rung by the Norwich Scholars at St. Giles' in that city in 1832, as I have already related in these notes, and then the method was dropped until this peal at Redenhall.

Some few years after, Sir Arthur Heywood made an attempt to popularise it, and rang and called several peals at his tower at Duffield, including a 10,000. Since that time a few peals have been rung here and there, including one (or two) of Royal, but the method has not been practised so much as it deserves. It is quite an interesting method to ring, well within the capacity of any ordinarily proficient band, and it has this advantage: that since every pair of bells works together for a considerable time, mistakes are easily put right and peals, therefore, are quite easy to get. Oxford Bob Triples, the single variation on seven bells, was popularised some years ago by Mr. J. J. Parker, and is a most excellent method.

In 1881 and 1882 Mr. Bulwer took part in five peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, which was then and for many years before and after the standard method of the Eastern Counties. The three years from 1879 to 1882 comprised almost the whole of Mr. Bulwer's connection with practical ringing. In the latter year he moved to Hunstanton, and the rest of his life was spent in a district where there were few bells and no ringers. His total list of peals numbered only eight, but though cut off from practically all actual ringing, he found other means to serve the Exercise. In the early part of 1890 he became honorary secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and held that post till his death, and much of the prosperity of that society was due to his work. His task was one of no little difficulty. The Norwich Diocese then comprised the whole of the large county of Norfolk, seventy miles from end to end and half the county of Suffolk. He lived at the extreme end of the district, the furthest possible from ringing centres, and at a place where railway facilities were so scanty as almost to be non-existent. In those days there were no motor-cars. It was, therefore, impossible for him to attend more than the annual general meetings, and the great bulk of his work had to be done by correspondence.

So far as ringing was concerned the district was extraordinarily varied. In the extreme south, at Ipswich, there was one of the finest, perhaps the finest twelve-bell band in the country. Throughout East Suffolk there were excellent bands, at Eye and Debenham. Helmingham, Kelsale, Leiston, and many six-bell towers. In South Norfolk, at Kenninghall, Diss, Redenhall, and other places there were good bands. At Norwich there was a revival of ringing, and at Aylsham a tradition of a couple of centuries still survived. But all West Norfolk and most of Central and North Norfolk was, for ringing purposes, a dreary wilderness. The art which, at one time, was common to all those villages had utterly declined. I fear it is little better now. In those parts of the diocese where ringing did flourish the great majority of the peals were Oxford Treble Bob Major. One thing those ringers could do, and that was to strike their bells. At no time and in no place has the standard of good striking been higher than among the Oxford Treble Bob ringers of East Suffolk of thirty years ago.

Mr. Bulwer's last peal was rung in 1894. The following is the record of it from the Norwich Diocesan Association report of that year: 'SSS. Peter and Paul, Eye. On Tuesday, April 10th, 1894, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mts. Tenor 24 cwt. Frederick Day 1, Rev. J. H. Pilkington 2, George Archer 3, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer 4, Charles Webster 5, William Ireland 6, W. G. Crickmer 7, John Souter tenor. Composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. Conducted by J. Souter.' (To be continued.)

DORSET DAYS.

A TOUR OF 'ALL SUCCESSES.'

The successful visit of a party of church bellringers to the county of Dorset during mid-August resulted in a 'possible' for those taking part in a most happy excursion, when all the peals attempted were made good. The veteran of three score years and one (Mr. George Williams, of Southampton), stood the mental and physical strain of the tour right well, and to him the ringers are indebted for planning all the arrangements for the visitors. No matter how clever the attainments of the ringer personally, all are as 'dead water' if the kindness and courtesy of the clergy, Guild secretaries and tower-keepers are withheld. Towers were visited off the beaten track of railways, and recourse was had to the silent car, and four of these from Somerset, Wiltshire, Dorset and Essex respectively did yeoman service. The party, though united in brotherhood, were divided in quarters, half putting up at the Crown—good omen—Wimborne, and the others at the Masons' Arms, Swaythling—are you a Mason? We did not see the famous Dorset 'Fuddling Cup,' 1743. This is a group of six stoneware cups in triangular form, surrounded by twisted bands on the outside and three handles. Each cup has a connection at the base with the others, so that when filled a long draught from one would empty the whole. Our tower appointments and the methods rung in them were 'unfuddled,' and proceedings went as smoothly as the proverbial marriage bell, without 'hectoring' or bickering or a car being 'dyked.'

At Dibden we appreciated the peaceful Sunday surroundings of the countryside. One felt a longing to leave the bell rope and wander across the fields to listen to the music of the bells. A feature of the Vicarage is its roomy hall, where a long trestle table was erected and tea laid ready for us by the Rector and his wife. Their personal kindness made us all resemble children of the Rectory, instead of grown-up men of the Church, and all regretted leaving the parish and its church and the village preacher's modest mansion.

ST. GILES' CHURCH.

Permission to ring at Wimborne St. Giles' tower on Monday was a great favour. A new octave by Taylor and Co. was opened quite recently and fully described in these columns. The tower, at the west end of the nave of the church, forms a porch at its base, and is the principal entrance to the building, which was dedicated by Bishop Wordsworth on St. Giles' Day in 1910. It is the third church erected on the site, and rather larger than its predecessor on the north side, which was destroyed by a fire that broke out in the roof of the tower at midnight on September 30th, 1908. The external walls, now showing a classical style of architecture, are practically those of the 1732 church built by the fourth Earl of Shaftesbury, the tower much resembling St. Olave's, Hart Street, London (now demolished), and Bewdley, Worcestershire.

The earliest church here was probably Norman, and there are traces of Roman occupation in the locality, but the first Rector of the parish is recorded by name, John de Fissa, 1207, and in 1291 the church was called the 'Chapel of St. Giles,' quite a small building. There are two monuments in the church restored after the fire, and originally in the older building. One is that of the Crusader, thought to be Sir John de Plecty, who died in 1313. The large altar tomb now in the Lady Chapel is to Sir Antony Ashley and his wife, who built and endowed the almshouses adjoining the church, and died in 1627. The little figure kneeling by the side of her parents' tomb is that of Miss Ashley, who married Sir John Cooper, of Rockbourne, and became the mother of the first Earl of Shaftesbury. The church was remodelled and beautified in 1852. In 1887 the interior was restored by the Countess of Shaftesbury, and in 1900 the east end was enriched under the direction of Mr. Bodley, but it all disappeared in the fire, only to rise again more beautiful than ever, as may be seen to-day.

Rudhall, bellfounder of Gloucester, supplied a peal of six bells for St. Giles' in 1737, with tenor 38in. diameter, note A, with the usual brief texts on each bell and his trade mark. A Sanctus bell, 15½in. diameter, is of much interest, as it was the gift of, and named as, the Ashley-Cooper bell, and forms a personal reminder of the first earl, whilst the new bells, as an octave, coincide with the eight descendants of the family in the male line.

On arrival at St. Giles' we were welcomed by the Vicar, and after the peal congratulated in the belfry by the present earl, who is a practical ringer and president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and went on our way rejoicing. There was a brief run through quiet lanes to Camborne Church, where a solemn old mixed ring of eight, specimens from four bellfounders, awaited us. The 7th bell mentions that certain bells were recast 'in the reign of Queen Victoria, A.D. 1841,' and the tenor that 'Clement Tosier cast me in the 12th year of Q. Ann rain, 1713.' It is 45in. diameter, weight uncertain, and note F. In the peal we rang here we discovered that Sam's two 'boys,' the brothers Andrews, were not wanting in 'mettle.' On tour for the first time they took the treble and tenor, the former now scoring his first peal, and the latter his 50th on the Wednesday. I have forgotten the name of the house where we had tea before parting for the night. Perhaps in a century hence it will be known as the 'Fire Dunlops' or the 'Carburettor Inn.' On our own cars these attachments answered well so far.

DOBSON'S BELLS AT POOLE.

On the third day we journeyed to Poole and rang at St. James', Mr. Thompson having all in readiness for the first Surprise peal here.

A light comfortable ringing room, with large windows and good ventilation, instead of the noisy 'den' above it, which formerly answered for a 'room' when Mr. Thompson, an old Cheltonian, first came to Poole. An interesting group of the old Painswick ringers, taken in 1860, hangs on the walls. Some of the long-peal men of a century ago may be seen in this photo print. The bells are a very interesting peal, tenor 48in. diameter, 19½ cwt., cast by William Dobson, of Downham, in 1821. They found their way here by sea from King's Lynn via the Straits of Dover, and were opened on June 14th. The treble bears the inscription: 'Long live King George the Fourth.' Thus for the third time we found expressions of loyalty to the throne impressed on the bells we rang, a premonition of the royal peal that was to follow for our present well-beloved queen.

Fordingbridge had been arranged for the afternoon, and here we found the bells were 'barricaded.' Some workmen, a week behind time, had fixed planks through bell frame and wheels to carry a platform outside the windows in order to repair and renew the dial of the church clock. Nothing was doing here under those circumstances, and as we were about to leave the Vicar came along and expressed his regret, explaining that the men had only started that very morning, and he was unable to let us know of it. Mr. Williams, as Ringing Master of Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, wisely retains a list of 'emergency' towers, and we were soon pealing forth touches at Sherfield English, as Englishmen only can do. An early tea followed, so that the Wimborne division could return to practice at the Minster and prepare for the morrow.

Wednesday the appointment was Wimborne Minster at 11 o'clock for Stedman. Mr. E. Hart and others met us, and a prompt start and finish of the peal effected. The Swaythling 'half' included Mrs. G. Williams, who had come to see the Queen. They visited Ferndown on the way to see Mr. and Mrs. Martin-Stewart and their bonny family. The high road from Romsey to Wimborne affords some splendid scenery; the Isle of Wight on the left and the Dorset Hills to the right, vast stretches of moorland strewn with patches of purple heather in the sunshine of what proved to be a royal day. Needless to say, we found time to visit 'Rufus Stone,' that marks the spot where King William II. was shot with an arrow accidentally by Sir Walter Tyrrell. He was buried at Winchester in August of the year 1100.

A ROYAL LISTENER.

The Crown Hotel at Wimborne received us with open arms at 3 p.m. for tea, and the 'residents' kindly offered their distant or better-half team a free cup. But we were all up and away by 3.30 for St. Giles' Church. The Vicar and Mr. Coe, churchwarden, received us here. Preparation for the word 'go' Norwich was soon made, and we were off into changes at 4.30, in fulfilment of Lord Shaftesbury's wish to welcome Her Majesty to St. Giles' House by a special performance upon the new bells.

I may just mention that the church and park adjoin each other, the church tower standing only a few yards from the main entrance, so that the bells were heard to advantage as the royal party drove by. Locked in the belfry we knew little of the procedure, and the conductor could not be 'presented.' But on signing our names after the peal we found Her Majesty's signature on a special page of the visitors' book. It afterwards transpired that the Queen arrived soon after five o'clock, and after a cup of tea graciously expressed a wish to hear the bells again, walking through the park, with the earl and countess in attendance, to the church.

Of the Minster bells, it is well known that the present ring of ten are an excellent work by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, tenor a little under 30 cwt. It is more than 40 years ago since I climbed the stairs up to the old octave, whilst staying at Weymouth on a holiday with my father, and found them in keeping with the ancient tower, the tenor then reputed to be 36 cwt. and measuring 55in. diameter. The fifth, the oldest bell, was inscribed: 'Praise thou the Lord, O.L., A.D. 1598, I.W.' It is said that several of these bells came from Kingston Lacy, the seat of the Bankes family, near Wimborne. The initials T.B. on the 3rd and 4th bells, dated 1688, are those of Sir Thomas Bankes.

On Thursday we crossed the Solent from Southampton for Cowes, and rang a first peal in an old method in Newport. Mr. William Upton, looking well, greeted us, and was glad we met with success. The Lynton-Yarmouth contingent had a hurried life to keep their tryst. However, lunch and tea in the capital and centre of the Island were squeezed in—to time, I mean, and we all reported in before closing hours at our quarters.

The fine physique of two of our two 'backenders' is well known around Bristol and Trowbridge. All their friends—who are well aware that they are had sailors—will be glad to hear that during the crossing neither caved in.

A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH.

Friday saw the end of the 'Dorset days,' and the last peal was rung at Kingston, Isle of Purbeck, a most appropriate place to do so after the Queen's peal. It involved the longest ride of the tour. We travelled via Ringwood, Wareham, Corfe, and its castle, the latter an historical ruin, the counterpart of Bamburgh in the north, but without its rocky sea coast. Mr. Bastable, a relative of the noted 'Harry' of Birmingham, met us, and I understand there's only half a dozen of this name left.

This, a beautiful new stone church, erected on cruciform plan, with central tower by Dorey and Son, is built entirely of local materials (except oak, which came from the Gloucester estates), under the

superintendence of Street, who designed the well-proportioned Early English Gothic characteristics of the building. The interior, though small, forms practically a miniature cathedral, its nave supported by black Purbeck marble, with smaller shafts clustered round each, and richly carved capitals. The exterior reminds one of St. Saviour's, Arklow, surrounded by evergreens and trees, and the absence of graves in the churchyard.

Like Arklow, its only interment was that of the Vicar after 40 years' residence in 1921. The church was opened on St. James' Day—its patron saint—on July 25th, 1880, and cost approximately £60,000. Two-thirds of this amount was bequeathed by Lady Louisa Scott, and when expended there was still the roof and tower to complete, Lord Eldon, her brother, finding the balance. Formerly a private chapel on an estate of 28,000 acres—in ancient maps called Kingston field—it was, shortly before his lordship's decease, handed over with its grounds and vicarage and endowments to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for care and maintenance. On a plain wooden cross on the south side of the church are the words: 'John, 3rd Earl of Eldon, 1845-1926.'

Like most legal luminaries, he was rather dogmatic, but a real good master, brimming over with kindness, and above all a staunch churchman. When his heir married a Roman Catholic lady and embraced her faith, Lord Eldon immediately handed over the valuable buildings. There is no Vicar appointed at present.

Now for the bells. They are remarkable for one reason. There is not a letter or figure on either, and future antiquarians will be disappointed at their search. Cast as an octave by Taylor and Co. in 1880, the tenor weighs 28 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in key D flat, with 53½ in. diameter, but recently they were sent away to the Loughborough Foundry to be softened in tone and harmonised upon the modern system. The whole of the fittings were overhauled, so that we not only had the privilege of attempting a peal but enjoyed real bell music and easy-going bells in a modern, well-planned belfry.

It was nice to have Martin Stewart in the band with us, breaking a long rest, after his serious operation, and, better still, to sit at tea in the village inn as his welcome guests, toasting prosperity to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild before dispersing for home.

Swanage ringers report that a team of College Youths opened these bells and tried twice for Bob Major, but failed, as the treble man was handicapped with eye troubles. He wore an eyeshade, and at once Isaac Shade came to mind. It is surmised that Lord Eldon was disappointed, because he never again consented to a peal attempt here, giving as his reason, 'I do not believe in the bells being rung for exhibition purposes.'

Half a mile away the old village church stands in its simple glory, covered with its weather-stained mantle of centuries that no money

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EIGHT BELLS FOR BISHOPS WALTHAM.

RECTOR'S STATEMENT AT PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT MEETING.

A very successful bye-meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Bishop's Waltham last Saturday, when nearly 30 members were present from Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Shedfield, Swanmore and Wickham, together with the Master (Mr. G. Williams), and visitors from Haslemere, King's Somborne, Ringwood, Winchester and Mr. O. J. Hunt (Coventry).

The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and were fully used. The Rector (Canon H. Sharpe) paid a visit to the belfry, and gave a brief survey of the position regarding the provision of two new trebles and overhauling the present six to increase the peal to eight. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, had estimated to complete the job for £174, and it had been decided to issue circulars at once in the parish in order to raise the necessary amount. As several substantial promises had been made, including £25 from the churchwardens, which amount covered the overhauling of the present six, the Rector saw no reason why the remainder should not be forthcoming. It was his intention, he said, to complete this job before he resigned next March.

A very enjoyable tea was served in the Abbey Tea Rooms, after which the members returned to the tower for further ringing until 8 p.m. During the day the ringing consisted of Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Single, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

LADY RINGER WEDDED.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Peterborough, on Saturday, when Miss A. M. Dale, one of the local lady ringers, was married to Mr. E. Wakling, of Somersham, who has assisted St. Mary's band for about eighteen months.

The bells rang merrily as the happy couple left the church, and a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was rung in the evening by S. Thompson 1, Mrs. Northern 2, E. Tilley 3, J. J. Jutson 4, W. H. Waldron 5, F. Rowlinson (conductor) 6.

On the previous Sunday morning the bride was presented with a salad bowl with silver servers, the gift of the local ringers, with their best wishes for the future happiness of both.

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can purchase. Gazing at it from the top of the new tower and across to the town of Swanage and Studland Bay, I pondered over the strange chance that led to so much wealth being poured out upon such a secluded site. 'Man proposeth; God disposeth.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council, who has undergone two serious operations at Duncedin Nursing Home, Bath Road, Reading, is, we are pleased to state, progressing satisfactorily. The bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, will be broadcast on Sunday at 7.50 p.m.

Owing to ill-health, the Vicar of Harwich (Rev. A. E. Mells, R.D.), is retiring. His departure will be a great loss to the town, and especially to St. Nicholas' Ringers' Guild, in which he has taken a great interest.

The many friends of Mr. Sidney Dawe (ex-sergeant-major) will regret to learn that he is lying dangerously ill at his residence, 23, Lower Cathedral Road, Cardiff.

The Rev. J. F. Amies, who was hon. secretary of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society in 1922, and is now Rector of Edgcote, Aylesbury, has become secretary of a newly-formed branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, called the Central Bucks branch. Although there are only three bells at Mr Amies' tower, there are a number of five and six bell towers round about him which offer ample scope for useful work.

The first ten-bell peal in Scotland was rung at St. Mary's Cathedral on August 31st, 1886, when Mr. F. E. Dawe conducted a peal of Grandsire Caters.

To-day is the anniversary of the handbell record, when five members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild sat for 9hrs. 32mins. in Holy Trinity belfry, Guildford, in which time they rang 19,738 Stedman Caters.

Bishop's Stortford bells, which have just been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, had the first peal rung on them on September 2nd, 1820, by a band of the Junior Society of College Youths. It was a peal of Grandsire Caters.

Twenty years ago next Thursday, at Anstey, Leicestershire, members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 10,192 Bob Major.

Who got the wrong hats at the Loughborough District meeting last Saturday, and are they satisfied with the exchange?

THE NEW DEFINITION OF A PEAL OF MINOR.

LIMITATIONS LAID DOWN BY THE RESOLUTION.

The object of the new definition of a peal of Minor adopted by the Central Council at Hereford was, writes the proposer, to give recognition to compositions (such as the Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge Surprise Minor), which comprise seven true 720's although 'rounds' may appear elsewhere than at the end of them. The former definition excluded the use of independent 360's in the make-up of a 5,040, and the new definition does not go back on that rule.

Whatever Mr. Atkins may think about it, this point was quite clear in the minds of the majority of the members when they voted on the resolution.

There appears to be no objection to splicing two 720's together, assuming that one true and complete 720 is bracketed into another true and complete 720, but if Mr. Atkins' view is that the new definition was intended to cover any arrangement so long as all the changes are rung seven times in the peal, he is mistaken. There does not seem to be much room for doubt in the wording of the resolution: 'That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, rung without interval and without rounds or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720. . .'

Mr. J. W. Parker also writes: Referring to Mr. Atkins' letter on this subject, if your report of the proceedings at the Central Council is a full one, I am under no misapprehension. In my opinion, the new definition clearly shuts out peals which do not consist of seven successive blocks (not necessarily ending in rounds), each containing the 720 true changes.

While the bald statement by Mr. James may have been sufficient to remove the doubts of Mr. Atkins, this is no reason for implying that it should also change my opinion.

RINGER'S PRESENTATION AT WHITCHURCH.

An interesting little ceremony took place at the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Whitchurch (Glam.), on Tuesday evening, August 14th, when a presentation was made to Mr. F. J. Bailey to mark the completion of 20 years' service as leader of St. Mary's bellringers. The present, which took the form of a pipe and tobacco, together with a silver bell pendant (inscribed on the obverse side, 'St. Mary's bellringers,' and on the reverse side, 'To F. J. Bailey, 1908-1928, in appreciation of 20 years' service as leader of St. Mary's band'), was made by Mr. T. Middleton, and seconded by the present leader, Mr. L. Wright. Mr. A. E. Ray spoke on behalf of the visiting ringers who had subscribed.

Mr. Bailey suitably acknowledged the gift, and begged all to give the same help, attention and respect to the present leader as he had enjoyed.

A short course, consisting of 20 changes each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, rung consecutively, was afterwards brought round to specially mark the occasion by the following: H. Cozens 1, A. Watkins 2, A. E. Ray 3, L. Wright 4, Evan Coles 5, F. Wright 6.

WALSALL TO HAVE A PEAL OF TWELVE. RAPID GROWTH OF RINGS.

Walsall Parish Church is to have a ring of twelve bells to replace the present poor-toned peal of ten. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have been entrusted with the order, and the new bells will have a tenor of 26 cwt. When completed, this will bring the number of twelve-bell peals hung for ringing to 46, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. will have achieved the distinction of having hung 18 of them, nine within six years.

At the moment, the Loughborough Foundry is employed upon five peals of twelve, four of them at cathedrals, viz., St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Worcester Cathedral, Lincoln Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne Cathedral and Walsall Parish Church. At St. Paul's Cathedral they are overhauling the heavy ring, including the rehanging of the eleventh with new fittings and cast-iron headstock. It is exactly fifty years ago this year that St. Paul's bells were erected by Messrs. Taylor and Co.



WALSALL PARISH CHURCH.

In addition to the above, two other rings of twelve are receiving attention. St. Martin's, Birmingham, are being recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are also recasting the four trebles for Saffron Walden.

The bells at St. Matthew's, Walsall, were installed as a peal of eight in 1775, and two trebles were added by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1863. For the last ten years no ringing has been done upon them, owing to the dilapidated condition of the frame, and on Sunday they were chimed for the last time. When the bells are taken out of the tower, it is proposed to put them in the churchyard for a few days to enable the parishioners to take a farewell view of them.

A generous response, we understand, has been made to the appeal of the Mayor and the Vicar for funds to carry out the work.

The rapid growth of rings of twelve in recent years is remarkable, some fourteen or fifteen peals having been made up to this number in the last quarter of a century. In Shipway's day, a little over a hundred years ago, there were 13 peals of twelve, seven of them being in London (one of which, Spitalfields, has since disappeared), and six in the provinces, namely, at Birmingham, Cambridge, Cirencester, Liverpool, Norwich and Shrewsbury.

The present list is as follows:—

	Tenor (approx.). cwt.		Tenor (approx.). cwt.
London:		Leeds	36
St. Paul's	62	Leicester	33
St. Bride's	28	Lincoln	24
St. Giles', Cripplegate	36	Liverpool	42
St. Leonard's, Shoreditch	39	Macclesfield	26
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields	20	Newcastle	38
St. Michael's, Cornhill	41	Norwich	38
St. Saviour's, Southwark	50	Oldham	35
Bow, Cheapside	53	Oxford	31
Ashton-under-Lyne	26	Painswick	26
Birmingham	36	Quex Park	15
Bristol	51	Saffron Walden	24
Buckfast Abbey	40	Sheffield	40
Cambridge	28	Shrewsbury	40
Canterbury	30	Taunton	30
Chelmsford	35	Wakefield	31
Cheltenham	23	Walsall	26
Cirencester	28	Waltham Abbey	39
Dublin	45	West Bromwich	23
Exeter	72	Winchester	30
Great Yarmouth	30	Wolverhampton	33
Halifax	25	Worcester	50
High Wycombe	31	York	60
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BURTON RINGERS' REUNION. ANOTHER HAPPY GATHERING.

On Saturday last there was another happy gathering of past and present members of St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent. Among those who were present were Mr. W. W. Worthington (Lichfield), Mr. J. H. Benstead (London), Mr. J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton, Bath), Mr. A. Harrison (Arlingham, Glos), Mr. J. Austin (Gloucester), Mr. W. J. Smith (Coventry), Mr. J. Griffin (Elford, Tamworth), Mr. J. Ashmole (Northwich), Mr. G. Bull (London), Mr. J. Jagger (Oldbury), Messrs. John and Morris Swinfield, Mr. E. I. Stone and other locals, and ex-Sergeant Williams (Newent, Glos). All looking well and in the pink of condition, the party met at St. Paul's Church, and after the camera man had been satisfied a tour of several villages was begun by a visit to Hoarcross, where everything is splendour. The church is magnificent, and there are six heavy bells. Grandsire, Stedman and Minor were rung till all had had a turn, and the bells were then lowered in peal. A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was tapped off in the roadway. Not many motors travel this way, so the ringers were only disturbed once.

The next place was Alrewas, with a very pretty and good-going peal of eight, where everyone had a turn either in Double Norwich, Grandsire, Stedman or Kent Treble Bob. Loading up again, the party left Staffordshire, and passed through a little bit of Derbyshire to reach Lullington in Leicestershire, with its six bells, and then to Netherseal, with its ring of eight. Returning to St. Paul's, Burton, an hour was spent in ringing, and then the happy company gathered round a well-stocked table and enjoyed a sumptuous meal. A telegram was handed to the chairman (Mr. W. W. Worthington), who read: 'Best wishes for pleasant evening, from Fred Wallis, Rhyl.' It may be mentioned here that Mr. Wallis was one who started in St. Paul's in 1877, and it was exactly 49 years ago to the very day that a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, Mr. Wallis being, of course, one of the band, to celebrate his coming-of-age. On Saturday, therefore, he reached his 70th year, and all were sorry he could not be with them. The chairman, however, proposed 'Many happy returns of the day,' which toast was drunk with acclamation.

'There's naught so sweet as when friends meet, and hearts and hands unite.' Quite a lot of old-time doings were discussed, and the time passed pleasantly with tunes and changes on the handbells.

The best thanks of all present was proposed by Mr. Jagger, seconded by Mr. Dyke, and accorded with musical honours, to Mr. W. W. Worthington for all his kindness, and to Mr. Swinfield for making such splendid arrangements for such an enjoyable reunion.

On Sunday morning, at St. Paul's and the Parish Church, Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, and a touch of Grandsire for a few novices were rung, while a few went on to Rolleston-on-Dove for the evening service.

ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD.

Members of St. Mary Abbots' Guild, Kensington, had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, August 18th. A party of 22 left the church at 2 p.m. for Hughenden and West Wycombe, Bucks, by motor coach. The weather was delightful, and the country looking lovely. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Double Norwich were rung at both places. The view from West Wycombe Church, built on top of a hill, must be seen to be believed, and the unusual design and history of the church make it most interesting. A happy but tired party arrived home about 11 p.m., and they wish to thank the Vicars of both churches for the use of the bells, also to Messrs. Biggs, Borham and Hoing for their help, which made the outing such a success. The Guild were glad to have with them their friend and treasurer, Mr. Reginald Carter, also Mr. J. Hawkins (Master of the College Youths), and Mr. R. A. Daniell.

“BELLS THROUGH THE AGES.”

A NEW AND COMPREHENSIVE VOLUME.

A new and valuable addition to bell literature has been published by Messrs. Chapman and Hall. ‘Bells through the ages’ is a comprehensive survey of every phase of campanology, using the term in its widest sense, which includes the study of bells and their history, the founders’ craft and the ringers’ art. The author is Mr. J. R. Nichols, of Stamford, who is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and other ringing associations, and he and the publisher have alike done their work well. The aim throughout the book has been to produce an authoritative work, which will become a standard of reference, and, judged by the pains which have obviously been bestowed upon its preparation, it deserves to occupy a foremost place in this respect. Mr. Nichols has searched deeply among the authorities upon the early history and development of bells, and has drawn together all the salient facts; he has had the assistance of the leading bellfounders and technical experts in dealing with that side of the question which relates to bell founding and bell hanging, so that readers are able to compare with accuracy the old and the new methods. There are interesting chapters on English bellfounders and their work; an explanation of the elements of change ringing is given; and there is a representative selection of those old belfry rules, in doggerel verse, which have been handed down for centuries in a number of belfries. Carillons, chimes and mechanical appliances for ringing bells are described, and the sacred and secular uses of church bells are extensively dealt with; while the loss of church bells, and lore and legends make up other readable as well as informative chapters.

The book is intended, of course, primarily for the general public, but ringers who like to study the historical, archaeological and technical side of bells will find this volume both educative and of immense interest. The chapter on bell founding, hanging and tuning is particularly instructive, and that on the English bellfounders brings the history of the craft in this country into a compact review of the men who have given us our church bells. There is also a full and very useful index.

The author deplures the attitude of the general public towards ringing, which, he says, in the main is apathetic. ‘If the bells are ringing—well, they are! If not, no one bothers very much, apparently—otherwise there would not be the number of “rings” hanging unused that there are to-day. This is to be deplored, since (apart from the fact that change ringing, dating back, as it does, some 300 years, is somewhat in the nature of an English institution, and is therefore worthy of encouragement) in such cases the bells and frames, costly items in the first instance, are often allowed to fall into disrepair or decay. . . . Apart from apathy, there is among the public a general ignorance of bell matters; the misleading statements which appear in the press from time to time confirm this. This is not to be wondered at, for often even church officials—other than the ringers—know very little about the belfry, and perhaps have not seen the bells. . . . Obviously, it is to the younger generation that we must look for our ringers of the future, and anything that can be done to stimulate their interest in the campanological art will be well worth while.’ All of which sentiments the Exercise will fully endorse.

Mr. Nichols makes a plea for the preservation of ancient bells, and remarks that where the old bell or bells cannot be utilised in the new peal it should not be a difficult matter to cover the increased expenditure, providing those in authority realise the value of their possession and duly impress the facts on the parishioners generally.

In his chapter on the church uses of bells, Mr. Nichols gives us the following on the authority of Smith’s ‘Law of Churchwardens and Sidesmen.’ ‘In the first place, it must be borne in mind that the incumbent has full control over the ringing of the bells. Not even the churchwardens have the legal right to break into the belfry and ring the bells without the consent of the incumbent. Anyone going against the incumbent in this matter would be guilty of an ecclesiastical offence, but, strangely enough, a person may remove the bells from the steeple without fear of being sued in an ecclesiastical court; he would, however, be liable to be proceeded against for trespass under common law.’ And, we should have thought, for larceny also.

There is so much of interest in ‘Bells through the ages’ that it is difficult to know which to commend most, for both in thoroughness and variety it has never, we think, been excelled. Mention must, however, be made of the illustrations. There are over a hundred and twenty of them, mostly on art paper, the frontispiece being the great 18½ ton bell recently cast at Croydon. The pictures have been admirably selected, are all beautifully reproduced, and add greatly to the value of the book. Among ringers there will be great gratification that John Carter and his ringing machine find both illustration and description in this excellent volume, and there are reproductions of diagrams made by the ‘Campanomutophone.’ Our only regret is that the circulation of the book among the general body of ringers may be limited by its price. It is published at 21s. It is well worth it, but the pocket of the average ringer, we are afraid, can hardly meet it.

* ‘Bells through the ages,’ by J. R. Nichols. Chapman and Hall. Price 21s.

‘EXTENSION.’

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The word means that something has been extended; it does not mean cutting off the upper portion of anything and grafting something foreign in between the upper and lower portions; but this was what ‘Shipway’ did to produce his Royal method.

Copernicus elaborated a theory; Galileo proved that Copernicus was right.

George Baker discovered Round Blocks and Transpositions; ‘Minor-mania’ and others have proved that these are incontrovertible facts. Time will prove who is the obscurantist, and whether Rev. H. L. James is right in his assertions, which he makes no attempt to prove, or yours truly,
‘OWEN KAY.’

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT BANSTEAD.

The meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Banstead on Saturday proved a great attraction. The bells are a fine ring of eight, with tenor of 21 cwt., cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and they ‘go’ like the proverbial tops. Light and commodious, the ringing chamber on the ground floor is open to the church, and ringing is carried on under the best conditions. During the afternoon and evening touches in methods ranging from Grand-sire to London and Bristol Surprise were rung.

The Guild’s service was conducted, in the absence of the Vicar (Rev. A. Hopkinson) by his curate, the Rev. R. H. Babington, who gave a short address, in which he dwelt upon the essentials for retaining one’s youth throughout life—activity in body, mind, heart and soul.

A company of fifty sat down to tea, an overflow ‘sitting’ in the garden of the tea house being necessary to accommodate those who had not notified their intention of being present. Among the party were the Rev. R. H. Babington, Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Lt.-Col. T. F. Parkinson, Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Wilford, Mr. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), Mr. S. H. Green (Kent Association), Messrs. A. W. Coles, J. E. Davis and E. F. Pike (Middlesex Association), and others, while Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the College Youths) also looked in.

An al fresco business meeting was held, with the Rev. R. H. Babington in the chair. Lt.-Col. Parkinson was elected a ringing member, attached to Banstead band, on the motion of the district secretary (Mr. F. G. Woodiss).

A vacancy having occurred in the representation of the district through the removal of the Rev. C. F. Carver, Mr. A. H. Winch was elected to the executive committee until the next annual meeting.

Mr. R. Whittington, one of the Central Council representatives, gave a short report of the meeting at Hereford, and the hon. general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) invited an expression of opinion on the question of adopting a Guild badge. On a vote being taken, there was a small majority in favour.

The General Secretary welcomed the visitors to the Guild’s meeting, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. R. H. Babington for conducting the service, for his address and for presiding at the meeting; to Mr. Rogers for his services as organist; to the organ blower; and to the steeplekeeper (Mr. George) for having the bells in readiness.—The Master seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation and acknowledged by the chairman.

Further ringing completed an enjoyable gathering.

HARWICH RINGERS VISIT SUFFOLK.

In glorious weather St. Nicholas’ Guild, Harwich, had their annual outing on Saturday, August 18th. The party, with their friends, numbering 19 in all, visited Eye, Debenham, and Hasketon, Suffolk. On arriving at Eye at 12 noon, the 95 steps to the belfry were climbed, and the bells set going to Kent Treble Bob Major and Grand-sire Triples. After inspecting the interior of the church, with its fine carvings, etc., dinner was enjoyed at Mrs. Tricker’s, Church Street. The handbells were then brought out, and courses of Grand-sire Triples and Caters were tapped off. A few tunes were also rung and greatly appreciated. On resuming the journey, tracks were made for Debenham, which was reached at 3.15. The visitors were met at the church by Mr. Rumsey, who had the bells in readiness for touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Grand-sire Triples on this fine peal of eight. Going on to Hasketon, the home of the captain (Mr. G. Thompson), tea was waiting the party. It had been prepared on the lawn under a cluster of apple trees by Mrs. Thompson and her daughters, and was enjoyed by all. A few speeches of thanks to those who had assisted in various ways were made. The handbells were then brought out and set going to Grand-sire and Kent Treble Bob Major, also the tune programme was repeated. Afterwards the tower was visited for a few touches of Treble Bob Minor on this nice ring of six. The homeward journey was made via Ipswich and Bergholt, Harwich being reached at 11.30 p.m. The ringers wish, through ‘The Ringing World,’ to thank the incumbents of the towers visited for the use of the bells, also Mr. H. Day and Mr. Rumsey, of Eye and Debenham, for having the bells in readiness, and everyone who helped to make this outing a record success.

FROM TRURO TO EXETER.

A KENTISH INVASION OF DEVON AND CORNWALL.

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Wednesday morning opened with a visit to the chemist's for lotion, etc., for tender hands and feet. Then, after an early lunch, out to Bovey Tracey on the edge of Dartmoor. Here a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was polished off. This method was chosen for the benefit of a gentleman who wished to show what he could do in the conducting line, but, having an exaggerated notion of safety first, he farked it at the last moment, so the 'old firm' had to step into the breach. Yet how near it was to a catastrophe we were startlingly made aware when the treble rope broke at the very first stroke when being pulled down immediately after the peal. The luck was certainly still in, as whilst the peal was in progress (the ringing was from the ground floor and the door was left open to appease the 'fresh-air fiend') a lady insisted on standing in the doorway in spite of the efforts of Bob, who was left on guard, to persuade her to desist. A wasp also took it into its head to investigate the proceedings. These little troubles, however, did not have any effect on the appetite at the subsequent high tea. Probably the invigorating Dartmoor air had something to say in the matter. At any rate, enquiries are going around as to who it was who swallowed the plum stones with his tart (two helpings) and washed them down with the remains in the slop basin, there being nothing else left. Aubrey Bennett, of Buckfast, another local enthusiast, who put the treble through its paces in excellent form, parted with us at Newton Abbot on the homeward journey, whither the Shepherd had already preceded us on his faithful steed, which accompanied him everywhere.

Thursday was a day of varied experiences, not soon to be forgotten. Berry Pomeroy was on the original programme, but as this was cancelled at the last moment E.W.M. had the happy thought of communicating with Mrs. Gover, who with right goodwill promptly obtained the use of the bells of St. Mary's, Torquay. It was therefore decided to train to Totnes and try for a pull on another grand peal, which we were successful in doing. As we were only seven (Bob acquiring a severe attack of home sickness overnight and taking his departure in the morning, being the only one with a 100 per cent. score), it became imperative to find a local man, if only to drum the tenor. As luck would have it, Charlie Player, who as usual was scouring the town for a picture postcard of the church, had the brain wave to ask the first chap he came across if he were a bellringer, and 'the boy guessed right the very first time,' so he brought his prize along in triumph. He turned out to be the stoniest of 'stone' ringers, and could only ring the 6th, so it had perforce to be a touch only of Stedman Doubles with 7.6.8 covering. Alas, pride had its fall that day if never before. Instead of the open-mouthed admiration which was expected our stoney friend remarked, 'You should hear us do our 78's and 80's, and see old Tom ring the big bell and call it all at the same time.' We all felt duly humbled, although it would be difficult to diagnose E.W.M.'s emotions from the contortions on his face. To add to our discomfiture, when we were slinking away by a back street to the Paignton omnibus a navvy popped his head up from a drain and cheerfully called out, 'Not so bad, but if you want to hear something good you ought to hear our men rise and fall in peal.' Change ringing in Totnes is certainly not making much headway.

On to Torquay by bus and tram, and a start for Stedman Triples soon after two o'clock. The band was completed by Mr. F. Hayes, of High Wycombe, who was on holiday in the town. After an hour and twenty minutes of varied striking, interspersed with two or three trips, a mix-up occurred in the slow work, which defied even our super-conductor's efforts to unravel, and as there was a service at six another start could not be made. Strange to say, no one seemed particularly upset about it, as they had evidently come out for a day at the seaside, and were fully compensated by a visit to Babbacombe and the subsequent Devonshire cream for tea. In fact, Mrs. Gover took the failure to heart most, and it was really a piece of ingratitude to her after the trouble she had taken in making all arrangements. A call was made at Paignton Parish Church, it being the weekly practice night, for touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Grandsire, and then back to Plymouth. Bob missed the day of his life.

Friday morning and afternoon were devoted to a visit to yet another beauty spot, namely, the valley and estuary of the river Yealm, the bus ride itself being worth the journey. The first call was at Revelstoke through Yealton to the new church built by a former member of the well-known financial family of Baring. Here again a local 'stone' man was pressed into service, and this time he was induced to try his hand at the tenor to Stedman Triples, and he made quite a fair job of it on the whole. Another 'first' scored, and no doubt he will boast of his feat to his pals for many a day. By ferry to Newton Ferrers on the opposite side of the estuary for Cambridge Minor and Grandsire Doubles, with the Rector on the treble, and subsequently a recruit to the Devon Guild (with the accompanying honorary member's subscription). E.W.M. heretofore was feeling very pleased with himself and things in general, which he needed as a salvo for the following and last day, about which more anon. In the evening a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Plympton St. Morice in exactly three hours, where two more 'firsts'

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CLITHEROE BELLS REDEDICATED.

A THANKSGIVING PEAL.

Clitheroe Parish Church bells, which have been silent since last December, were again heard and welcomed after their rededication on Tuesday, August 21st. The former peal of eight, erected in 1844, was pronounced by experts to be unsafe in December, 1927, and a meeting of the congregation of the church was called to discuss the raising of over £600 to meet the cost of recasting and rehanging the bells on modern lines.

During that discussion a letter was handed to the Vicar from Mr. Samuel Green, an honoured member of the church and school, who was recovering from a severe illness, offering to defray the entire cost of the scheme as a thanksgiving for his restoration to health. Mr. Green made two stipulations: (1) That the work be carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the noted bellfounders of Croydon, and (2) that it should be completed before August 21st, his 83rd birthday.

These provisos were unanimously accepted. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have carried out their work with every satisfaction, producing a fine musical ring of bells, rehung in steel frames, with all modern improvements, and they were first rung in commemoration of Mr. Green's natal day.

The church was crowded at the special dedication service, at which the donor called upon Canon Wrigley (Vicar) and the wardens to accept the bells, and asked the former to dedicate them. This having been done, Mr. Green tolled a bell as a signal for them to be rung.

Subsequently, Canon Elsee (Bolton), president of the Lancashire Association, gave an admirable address on the history and use of bells in the church and social life.

At the close of the service, touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and other methods were rung until a late hour. The many ringers present expressed high approval of the bells to the firm's representatives, Messrs. Roper and Dyer. The tenor is 18 cwt. 13 lb., and bears a special inscription relative to the gift.

The inscriptions on the old eight bells have been reproduced with the addition on each: 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1928.' On the tenor is cast: 'The gift of Miss Aspinall and Miss Jane Aspinall Standen. G. and C. Mears, Founders, London, 1844. To the glory of God and as a thankoffering for his restoration to health, this peal of eight bells was recast and rehung by Samuel Green, Esq., of Clitheroe, August 21st, 1928. Percy Mark Herbert, D.D., First Bishop of Blackburn. Canon Wrigley, M.A., Vicar. Alice Hyde Wrigley. Fred Duxbury Kay, Francis Vevers, Wardens.'

A FRIENDLY MEETING.

At All Saints' Church, Epping Upland, Essex, on Saturday evening, August 18th, three ringers from Harlow Common, one from Roydon, and three from Epping met four members of the local band and rang a 720 of Bob Minor: F. Swarder 1, L. Cordell 2, S. Clark 3, W. Wedlock 4, B. Burton 5, W. Wheeler (conductor) 6. This was followed by 240 Grandsire Doubles (Pitman's arrangement).

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were scored, and this was probably the best struck peal of the tour, the part ends coming up every nine minutes exactly to the second. Here all arrangements were made by Mr. W. A. Wonnacott, a young man as keen as mustard, and who stood out at the last moment to let his father ring his first peal, although he could not refrain from keeping within earshot of the bells and ticking off every part end.

Over Saturday it were better to draw a veil. In fact, the weather did so over the countryside in the shape of fog and drizzle. St. Austell was the venue, and all seemed to be going well when, punctually at 2 p.m., son-in-law F.I.H. turned up from Falmouth and A. T. Westcott arrived on his motor-cycle, and after pulling up the tenor with two other bells at the same time in order that it should not be mistaken for the fire bell, a start was made for Double Norwich. After less than five minutes' ringing (before the end of the first course was reached, in fact), persistent hammering on the outside door compelled a stop, and it was urgently requested that no further ringing should taken place on account of serious illness just outside the church. Consternation! But on investigation it was, unfortunately, found to be only too true, so there was nothing for it but to pack up and depart. F.B. here said good-bye, as he was going on to Falmouth for the remainder of his holiday, two remained to see some Cornish wrestling, an experience new to both of them, and the rest caught the first train back to Plymouth, E.W.M. having the mortification of being held up outside North Road Station to allow the train his wife was on to take its departure for Exmouth. H.D.H. was 'Shepherded' as far as Taunton on Sunday morning on the homeward journey, and the Kent contingent took their departure later in the day. Although they were not impressed at first, they admitted with pleasure in the end that Devon and Cornwall had the Kent scenery beaten to a frazzle. And so ended a very enjoyable week—no records broken, nor even any very 'posh' peal ringing, but, as the object of the tour was partly in the nature of propaganda, it is to be hoped the local stalwarts of the Devon Guild will have received an incentive in their endeavour to make headway against the insidious efforts from other quarters to discourage the art of change ringing in every way.

H. D. H.

KENT SURPRISE.

BY ARTHUR CRAVEN.

In introducing this new method to the Exercise, I should like to explain that it is the result of an attempt of mine to produce a method containing the same musical positions as Superlative and at the same time to possess a plain coursing order, where every bell comes through to lead in the treble lead. The work behind is solely double dodging, with a five-pull dodge only occurring when a bob is called.

The extensions to Royal and Maximus contain the same features as the Major, inasmuch as the 5-6 places in Major become 7-8 places in Royal and 9-10 places in Maximus, which produces the full possible variations of the hindmost three bells, viz., in Major, 678, 687, 768, 786, 876, 867.

The work in front is all single dodging in proper coursing order. There is no 2nd's place made when treble leads, or 7th's when she lies her blows behind, and when it is considered that all peals of Treble Bob with the tenors together will answer for this method, it has strong claims upon the patronage of Surprise ringers.

Major.	Royal.	Maximus.
12345678	1234567890	1234567890et
21346587	2134658709	2134658709te
12345678	1234567890	1234567890et
21346587	2134658709	2134658709te
24163578	241635790	241635790et
42615387	4261837509	4261837509te
24165837	2416387059	2416387059te
42618573	4261830795	4261830579e7
46281537	4628103759	4628103759te
64825173	6482017395	6482017395te
68421537	6842103759	6842103759te
86245173	8624017395	8624017395te
68425713	6820471935	6820471935te
86247531	8602749153	8602749153te
86274513	8062471935	8062471935te
28765431	0826749153	0826749153te
27856341	8062794513	8027694513te
72583614	0826975431	0826975431te
75238641	0289674513	0289674513te
57326814	2098765431	2098765431te
75236184	2907856341	02829674513
57321648	9270583614	02829674513
53726184	9270583614	12069974513
35271648	7952803614	21e098765431
32517684	9725830164	2e2907856341
23156748	7952381046	e29170583614
32516478	7592830164	e92710856341
23154687	5729381046	9e7207583614
21345678	7523918406	e92705138164
12346587	5732194860	9e7250361846
21435678	5372918406	97e205138164
12436587	3527194860	792e50361846
14263857	3251749806	9725e3014486
4th's place bob.	2315478960	79523e104168
False course in Major,	3251748690	7592e3014486
32546	2315476809	57293e104168
46253	2134567890	752391e406t8
All compositions of	1234658709	573219e608t
Treble Bob with	2143567890	537291e406t8
tenors together will	1243658709	352719e608t
run true to this	1426385079	3251749806t8
method, which con-		231547890e8t
tains the same musi-		3251749808et
cal positions as Su-		2315476980te
perlative, with the		2134567890et
maximum amount of		1234658709te
double dodging in		2143567890et
7-8, etc., and no		1243658709te
work longer than a		
single dodge in		
front.		1426385079e

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Tuesday, August 21st, in 22 mins., a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. H. Kilby 1, E. C. S. Turner 2, T. Lock 3, J. Armiger Trollope 4, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 5, H. Kilby 6. Rung in honour of the 78th birthday of Mr. R. Kilby.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on August 21st, 720 College Exercise Treble Bob Minor: *A. Wood 1, G. Copley 2, *P. Massam 3, *A. Wormald 4, S. Stacey 5, T. W. Strange-way (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method. First 720 in method as conductor.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The first of a series of united practices in the Northern Division took place on Thursday, August 23rd, at Felsted. Twenty members were present from Great Bardfield, Braintree, Felsted, Rayne and Stebbing. The methods rung were Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION AT SOUTH WEALD.

The meeting of the South-Western Division at South Weald on Saturday, August 25th, was not quite so well attended as usual, no doubt owing to no less than five affiliated bands having decided to hold their annual outing on this particular day. Nevertheless, over 30 members and friends attended from Brentwood, Shenfield, Leigh-on-Sea, Romford, Bentley, Woodford, Leytonstone, Barking and South Weald. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept going in various methods till tea time, several young members enjoying their first touches in new methods. After tea the usual business meeting was held, at which one new member was elected, and Leyton decided upon as the venue for the next meeting, the district annual, on November 10th or 17th.—The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks.

Steps were again made to the tower by some, whilst others took a stroll to view the beautiful scenery, of which there is ample in this out-of-the-way Essex spot. During the evening a party, accompanied by a well-known member of the Leytonstone band, set out for a walk across Weald Park to the neighbouring village of Bentley, with the intention of having a pull on the five bells at the pretty church in this village, but the aforesaid member, not being able to go the pace, Bentley was not reached till 9 p.m., too late for ringing. Tracks were therefore made across Navestock Green to a well-known hostel, but owing to the last bus for Romford leaving at 9.30 p.m., no time could be wasted, and soon all were aboard bound for home, the individual mentioned being last seen ploughing his lonely way inside a 'General,' en route for Stratford, doubtless with happy visions of a visit to Bentley in the near future.

During the afternoon touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Ipswich, London and Spliced Surprise Minor were rung.

MR. E. BARNETT, JUN.'S 300 PEALS.

Rung. Conducted.

Maximus:		
Cambridge Surprise	...	2
Kent Treble Bob	...	3
Plain Bob	...	1
Little Bob	...	1
Cinquies: Stedman	...	16
Royal:		
Cambridge Surprise	...	5
Double Norwich	...	1
Duffield	...	1
Forward	...	2
Kent Treble Bob	...	4
Granta Treble Bob	...	2
Plain Bob	...	1
Caters: Stedman	...	13
Major:		
London Surprise	...	8
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Oxford Treble Bob	...	1
Granta Treble Bob	...	1
Plain Bob	...	12
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Crayford Little Bob	...	1
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Kent College	...	1
Spliced:		
Kent and Oxford Treble Bob	...	2
Double Norwich and Plain Bob	...	1
Double Norwich and Double Oxford	...	1
Double Oxford and Plain Bob	...	1
Canterbury and Plain Bob	...	1
Plain Bob and Stedman Triples	...	1
Triples:		
Stedman	...	37
Erin	...	1
Union	...	4
Grandsire	...	18
Total	...	300

SUPERLATIVE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will the Rev. Law James answer my question: If Shipway had extended Superlative Maximus in the way it is now rung, would he have been right or wrong; or, otherwise, would he have been 100 years too soon? He cannot answer it, and he knows it. Might I remind the reverend gentleman that one ounce of experience is worth a ton of theory. What about the extension of Stedman? His theory again. He has said, so rumour goes, that two six-bell bands who could ring Cambridge Minor could ring Cambridge Maximus. His theory, but not that of

‘B SHARP.’

THEORY GOVERNED BY FACTS.

Dear Sir,—Has not the Rev. H. Law James given away his own case on the subject of the extension of Superlative Surprise? He says, in your last issue, that scientific theory ‘is only a system of classifying all the facts known at the time, and as soon as a new fact comes to light which does not agree with the theory, it is the theory which has to be discarded.’ Shipway had a theory that he had discovered the correct extension of Superlative Major to Royal. A hundred years afterwards a new fact came to light—Superlative Surprise Maximus. Therefore Shipway’s theory, which Mr. Law James is so anxious to establish, must, according to Mr. Law James, be discarded.—Yours, etc.,

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary’s Church on August 26th, for morning service, 360 Cambridge Surprise and 360 of Double Court: H. C. Young 1, J. T. Barker 2, F. Harrington 3, H. Emery 4, E. Claydon 5, J. Jennings 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob: H. Emery 1, J. T. Barker 2, F. Harrington 3, J. Wood 4, E. Claydon 5, J. Jennings 6. Conducted by J. Jennings.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 19th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Johnson (first 720 in the method) 1, W. Wilkinson 2, F. Dewey 3, H. Harper 4, S. Lovell 5, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—At St. Peter’s Church, on Sunday evening, August 19th, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: F. Dodson 1, J. Loveridge 2, H. Batty 3, H. Barber 4, F. Hawthorne (longest length as conductor) 5, A. Woodrow 6, J. Gill 7, W. Mills 8.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: H. J. Luck 1, H. A. Holden 2, W. Watchorn (Woolwich) 3, L. J. Cullum 4, F. H. Ballard (Tunbridge Wells) 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun., (conductor) 7, W. C. Darke 8.

EASTBOURNE.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 41 mins.: W. D. Smith 1, E. Gower 2, A. Gower 3, H. Dyas 4, Mrs. R. A. Fardon 5, G. W. Stokes 6, Robert Fardon (conductor) 7, B. Hobbs 8.

NOTICE.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Lustleigh (bells 6), on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Moretonhampstead bells (8) available by appointment. Please advise me early.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church St., Paignton.

NOTICES.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Bosham, on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea kindly provided at Anchor Inn, 4.45. Bus service from Chichester every 15 minutes. Chichester bells will probably be available in the evening.—A. W. Groves, Divisional Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Yattendon on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 1/- each at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting takes place at Staines St. Peter’s on Saturday, September 1st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Cheap fares on the Southern and G.W. Railways from London downwards. Everybody welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice at Waltham St. Lawrence (6 bells) on Saturday, September 1st, 6 till 9. Shottesbrook bells at 3 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Wellingore (6) Saturday, September 1st. Tower opens 2 p.m. Train leaves Lincoln (G.N.) 2.10 p.m. and 2.48 p.m., returns 6.58 p.m. and 8.41 p.m. ‘Silver Queen’ leaves Lincoln (St. Mark’s) 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., returns 6.15 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone, Saturday, September 1st. Cup Committee are earnestly requested to be present. Members requiring tea please notify Mr. S. Harrison, Bank View, Hope Street, Stocksbridge. A good attendance will be appreciated.—R. Harrison, Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Oxted on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open at 3 o’clock. Service at 5.15. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen’s Road, Horley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Coleman’s Hatch on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open 2.30.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Hawkshead on Saturday, Sept. 1st, at 4 p.m. Bells (6) may be rung from 1 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting to follow tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Colaton Raleigh on September 1st. Service 4 p.m. followed by tea at 1/- each. Ringing at Colaton Raleigh, East Budleigh and Otterton.—T. J. Stokes, Exeter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Otlands Road, Edenfield.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Neath on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for September: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m.; Mondays, the 10th and 24th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 4th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Sept. 4th; Southwark Cathedral on the 6th; St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 18th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern on Nov. 10th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Chorley St. Mary's R.C. Church, on Saturday, September 8th. Business: Election of branch officers. Tea at 1/6 a head to all who notify Mr. J. Smith, 85, Anderton Street, Chorley, not later than Thursday, September 5th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Railway Hotel (1/6 per head) 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Will all ringers requiring tea please inform me by Wednesday, the 5th, at latest?—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Sept. 8th, a meeting at Quainton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, 5 p.m. Please send notice to the secretary, Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury, before Tuesday, the 4th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Desford on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. All ringers and friends are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Pentre, Rhondda Valley, on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) recently overhauled, available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. It is absolutely essential that all who require tea should notify me by the Thursday previous. All ringers and friends heartily welcomed.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Whaddon (bells 6) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Service 3.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present notify me so that arrangements for tea can be made.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Election of officers.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsthorpe on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 4th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual Shield Contest will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Sept. 8th. The draw takes place at 2.40 in the School Room. First band to commence 3 p.m. prompt. Tea will be provided for those who apply early to Mr. F. Tinker, Penistone. All ringers welcome.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Ripon on Saturday, September 15th. The Cathedral bells (10) will be available from noon until 4.30 and from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sharrow bells (8) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/9 per head and application for same must reach Mr. F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon, not later than first post Wednesday, September 12th. Members are reminded that subscriptions should be paid without delay.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 15th, jointly with the general meeting. Applications for tea (1s. 9d. per head) must reach Mr. F. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon, not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—J. W. Addison, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Please take notice. The next bye-meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 10d. per head, at the Anchor Hotel, Littlebourne, at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, Sept. 13th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight (joint meeting with Wirral Branch) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea provided at the Bridge Inn for those who notify me before Tuesday, the 11th. A large attendance is desired.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hemyock on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea 1s. each. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 11th?—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand.—The annual outing will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15th, to Horsham and Warnham. Book cheap day return from Victoria, fare 4s. 9d., travel by 1.30 p.m. train to Horsham. Ringing at Horsham in afternoon and Warnham in evening. Members desiring to attend must hand in names by Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, September 22nd. Application for tickets, for which a charge of 5/6 each will be made, should reach Mr. S. Sadler, 16, Greenhow Place, Burley, Leeds, not later than first post, September 18th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.—Practice nights, Mondays, 8-9.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Judd.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Mr. W. Evetts, jun., hon. secretary and treasurer, has removed to Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

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