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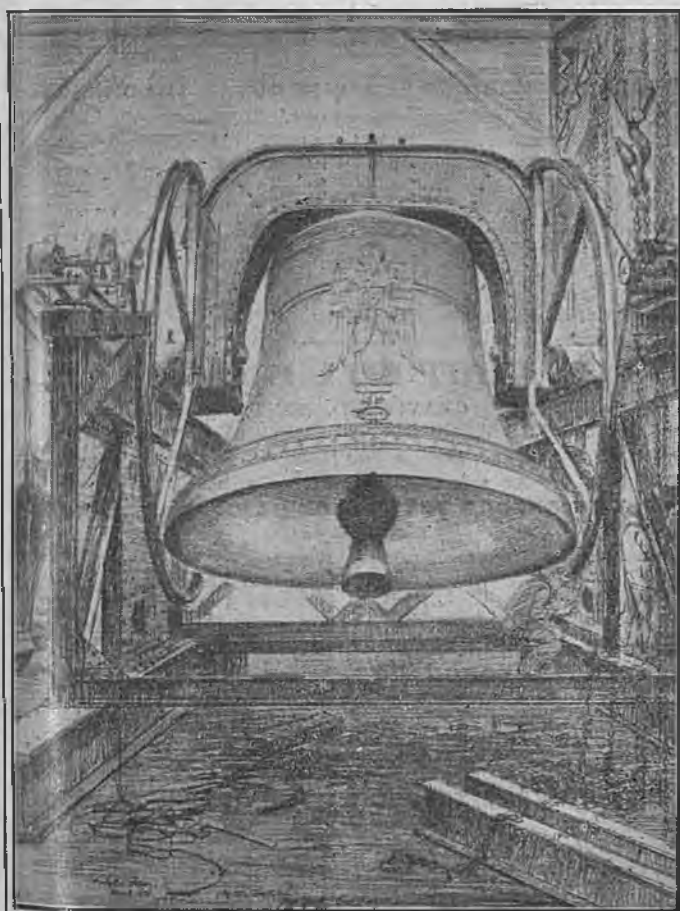
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### A NEW TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

The successful attempt made on the twelve bell record at Ashton-under-Lyne on Monday will rank in ringing history as one of the greatest achievements in the annals of the Exercise. In point of view of time occupied and number of changes rung the peal was well ahead of any previous twelve-bell performance, but apart from the physical demands made upon the ringers, the outstanding merit of the accomplishment is the method which they rang. Cambridge Surprise Maximus is the zenith of twelve-bell ringing as practised at the present day—we do not think that even Superlative on twelve can be put into a higher category—and a peal of such length, in such a method, whatever the future may have in store, will ever remain a landmark.

As a feat of physical endurance the peal is one of the finest that has even been rung. The bare fact of standing for eleven and a half hours, and ringing without pause or refreshment is in itself a great feat, which makes enormous demands upon the stamina of every one of the band. To the back-enders one naturally turns first with admiration, but particularly in a peal in which the tenor is a working bell, the men at the light end must not be forgotten, for in ringing to twelve-bell time they are bound to have their bells upon their hands to some extent. But, as we have already said, it is not alone from the physical side that this peal becomes a memorable one. As a feat of collective concentration it stands as high, if not higher, than any other ever accomplished on tower bells. Cambridge Surprise Maximus is not a method in which a ringer can relax his attention, much less 'go to sleep,' if success is to come to the peal. From start to finish every man of the twelve has to be 'on his toes,' to use a sporting phrase, or the consequences are fatal, unless someone else comes speedily to the rescue. In some methods one can carry on for a time in a somewhat automatic way, but in methods like Cambridge Maximus there is no such relief. It is a case of sticking closely to the method all the way.

There is another feature which in our opinion makes this peal a remarkable one. Usually records are associated with youth, but the band at Ashton-under-Lyne was, as a company, anything but youthful. Some are approaching, and others well past fifty; one or two are nearer sixty years of age. They have, of course, the advantage of experience, but one hardly looks for record making among men who have passed the meridian of life. In other pursuits it would be well nigh impossible, but it illustrates very vividly the fact that bell ringing stands almost alone in the unlimited age at which a man

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may still actively engage in it, not only as a mild occupation, but in the greater performances which are from time to time undertaken. To that wonderful ringer and conductor, Mr. William Pye, who was the mainspring in this gigantic undertaking, and to his equally wonderful companions in triumph, the Exercise will extend the heartiest congratulations upon a marvellous achievement.

### TWELVE BELL RECORD PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Eleven Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 15,312 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 10
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES, Conducted by WILLIAM PYE  
Longest peal on twelve bells and longest Surprise peal yet rung.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK... .. Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 8
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... .. 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 9
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WM. A. CAVE  
First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in the county, and by the Guild, also by the ringers of 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th. Mr. Hector's 100th peal for the Salisbury Guild.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

### A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Treble	*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 5
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE E. WILSON ... .. 3	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 7
*WILLIAM A. MARTIN... .. 4	*FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN  
\* First peal in the method.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE BURROWS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 5
*HARRY CARNWELL ... .. 2	CHARLES SMITH ... .. 6
GEORGE R. LEWIS ... .. 3	THOMAS HORD ... .. 7
FRANK OLIVER ... .. 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.  
\* First peal of Major. This peal was rung as a thanksgiving for the recovery of His Majesty King George.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. CLODE ... .. 5
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 3	ALAN K. PINK ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Jelley, an old member of the Cathedral band, on the occasion of the coming of age of his son, Mr. L. R. Jelley.

## ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TEN-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 5
SAMUEL PINDER ... .. 2	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 6
JOHN P. TARTYON ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 4	JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This was J. Bailey's 100th peal. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. E. C. Gobey for procuring the use of the bells at a day's notice.

## BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, OXTON,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

JOHN BAGLEY ... .. Treble	JOHN COOKE ... .. 5
WALTER J. BATTLE ... .. 2	JOHN BRESE ... .. 6
LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 3	THOMAS ROGERS ... .. 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung to mark the occasion of the Boy Scouts' jamboree at Arrowe Park. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. A. H. Heal, for so kindly providing tea after the peal.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

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

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

This composition contains the sixth the extent home at twelve course ends, and is now rung for the first time. First peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HERBERT FOLCHER ... .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, June 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Major, 1,280 changes: W. Smith (conductor) 1, F. Leeks 2, W. Hollamby 3, F. Scutcher 4, F. King 5, T. Flint 6, O. Gilbey 7, W. Rawlings 8. First in the method by all the band.

## BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM G. THORPE ... .. Treble	ERNEST BARTRAM ... .. 5
JOHN R. BARTRAM ... .. 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 6
ARTHUR W. WARD ... .. 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 7
ERNEST NIDD ... .. 4	THOMAS HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

First peal in the method on the bells for over 25 years.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 5
*REGINALD POSTON ... .. 2	†ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 6
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 3	†EDWIN H. FOSTER ... .. 7
WALTER A. POSTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First of Major inside. † Fiftieth peal. ‡ First peal of Major.

## CALNE, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DIXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 26 cwt.

LOUIS A. WILSON ... .. Treble	*LESLIE BOX ... .. 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 6
GEORGE POPPELL ... .. 3	FRED LAMBETH ... .. 7
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. MERRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

\* First peal in the method. This peal was rung, by courtesy of the Ven. Archdeacon Coulter, and as a compliment to Mr. H. Burry, who had everything in readiness for the attempt.

## CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. Treble	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... .. 5
ERNEST TRUMAN ... .. 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 6
THOMAS DAVISON ... .. 3	LOUIS A. WILSON ... .. 7
*GEORGE POPPELL ... .. 4	FRED LAMBETH ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS.

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

\* First peal inside, in this method. Messrs. Poppell and Williams were elected life members of the association before starting for the peal.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY ... .. Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 6
*ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

\* First peal in the method.

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ROYDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

H. SHUTTLEWOOD ... .. Treble	*C. SAMS ... .. 4
*F. KENN ... .. 2	B. G. BURTON ... .. 5
W. LITTLECHILDS ... .. 3	*W. SAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. BORTON.

\* First peal.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JACK E. LAVER ... .. Treble	†RONALD J. BATSON ... .. 4
†ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY ... .. 2	†PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... .. 5
†SELWYN F. WADMAN ... .. 3	†ARTHUR W. MILVERTON ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. The ringer of the 2nd is only 13 years of age. The average age of the band is 16 years. All are Sunday service ringers at above church.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven trills, different and complete 720's.

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

THOMAS ROGERS ... .. Treble	HARRY ROGERS ... .. 4
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. 2	JOHN BRESE ... .. 5
JAMES F. SMITH ... .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band and on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Kent. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK ROWLINSON ... .. Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON ... .. 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... .. 2	HORACE M. DAY ... .. 5
WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 3	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob (rung alternately) and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 27½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ... .. Treble	†FREDERICK J. RUSSELL ... 4
*ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First of Minor. † First of Minor in more than one method. This is only the second peal that has been rung on these bells (which date back to 1800), the previous one being Bob Minor. Rung specially as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell, M.A.), who is chairman of the branch.

**BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.**—On July 29th, 720 of Double Oxford: H. Bowers 1, W. Bradley 2, H. Devenish 3, E. Clark 4, E. Clark 5, H. Bradley (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 in the method by all except H. Bowers. Believed to be the first 720 in the method on the bells.

HILPERTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 1½ cwt.

JAMES BILBY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... .. 4
WILLIAM LOUD ... .. 2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... .. 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Andrews.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, April Day, and Canterbury Pleasure, and 2,880 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DENNIS J. SHARPLES ... Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 4
WILLIAM EVANS ... .. 2	*HENRY T. CHANDLER ... .. 5
G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 3	*JOHN JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal in four methods.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHIEF FIRE STATION, WESTGATE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 3-4	ROBERT ANDERSON ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

**LAVENHAM RINGERS IN ESSEX AND HERTS.**

On Saturday, July 27th, the members of the SS. Peter and Paul's Society, Lavenham, held their annual outing. Travelling by charabanc, a start was made at 7.30 a.m. from the church, and Felsted was the first church visited, where Mr. Farrow and the local Ringer Master received the visitors. After ringing courses of Grandsire and Stedman, Kent and Superlative, a move was made for Great Dunmow, where the fine peal of eight, already raised, were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob, Mr. W. H. Smith and another local ringer taking part. The next call was at Bishop's Stortford. Here the party were greeted by the genial Vicar and Messrs. Beeston and Springham, the last-named proving a very interesting companion. A very nice ringing room and peal of ten were found at this place. Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Kent Royal were rung here. At the Black Lion, the party did justice to an enjoyable and much-needed lunch, which was followed by handbell ringing, and the arrival of 'F.G.' from De Beauvoir Town, N.I. It is hoped that the ringing at Bishop's Stortford proved an additional item of interest to the party of Rhodesians visiting there that day. At the next place, Sawbridgeworth, the party were 'all ears open' for had not 'Dame Rumour' many times said, 'Here is a peal as good, if not better than the eight at Lavenham!' A course of Bob Major was sufficient for 'Tympanium' to pronounce the verdict, 'They're a long way behind Lavenham lot.' Other methods rung were Grandsire Triples and Stedman.

Good-bye was said to Mr. Tarling, and a short run made to Harlow Parish Church, where the local men were ringing the back six for the benefit of a learner. The party were met by Messrs. Small, Cordell, Wheeler and Rochester, also Mr. C. Button, a native 'Sudfolk.' These friends joined with the visitors in courses of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. Before departing, the party encountered one of the representatives of J. Wall of 'Stop me' fame, who, not being in the slow, soon changed several 'singles' into 'bobs'! At Harlow Common, the party had tea, and were welcomed by Messrs. Geo. Dent and I. Cavill. Courses of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were rung on this merry little eight. Two attempts at Superlative came to grief owing to one of the band trying to make a 5.6 dodge in 3.4! After more good-byes and a run through part of Epping Forest, the homeward trail was struck, passing through Ongar, the last resting-place of Jane Taylor, Lavenham's poetess (1783-1824), Chelmsford and Braintree, home being reached after a pleasant tour of fifteen and a half hours' duration. Votes of thanks were accorded the clergy of the churches visited, the ringers who met the party, and the hon. secretary of SS. Peter and Paul's band.



## INVERNESS CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was much interested in the recent remarks on the above, the most northerly peal in existence, and until recently, I believe, the only ringing peal in the Highlands. Having been married at Inverness Cathedral in 1919 by Rev. A. J. Maclean, Bishop of Moray, one may, perhaps, claim a not unnatural sentimental interest in the matter.

A few years since I spent a very interesting hour with Provost Mackenzie in the tower of the Cathedral, and I remember well his interest in the bells, and his strong desire that they should be rung. I had a good look round the fittings, and raised several of the bells, and, except for a lack of oil on the bearings, I noted particularly that everything seemed to be in very fair condition; and I am pretty sure that Provost Mackenzie, something of a ringer himself, would be the last person to allow neglect.

One is particularly interested to note that there is at last some prospect of the bells being rung, and in wishing Provost Mackenzie every success in what must be a very uphill task, one ventures to express the hope that if there are any ringers visiting this beautiful burgh they will not fail to make themselves known, and to offer a little help and advice.

It may not be generally known that the peal is a fine ring of ten, tenor about 26 cwt., but that the two trebles are hung 'dead.' The bells are made frequent use of, being chimed, I believe, for all services, several times each day, and very effective they sound across the water.

A more ideal setting for a fine ring of bells it would be hard to imagine than this beautiful Cathedral, with its twin towers rising close to the banks of the broad and swift-flowing Ness, with the castle and the royal burgh of Inverness rising in terraces from the opposite bank, where the music of the bells is mellowed and reflected, and the whole scene, redolent of Scottish history, from Macbeth, through Cromwell and Culloden, to the less romantic times of Lloyd George and his Cabinet meeting in 1921, is one of beauty unsurpassed in this country.—Yours faithfully,

Leamwood, Dore.

J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

## THE 'JAMBOREE.'

The gathering of Boy Scouts from all parts of the world at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, gave some Wirral ringers an opportunity on Saturday, August 3rd, of ringing a peal on the splendid bells at St. Saviour's Church, Oxtou, which is about a couple of miles from the venue of the jamboree. This was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, and was the first peal of Surprise on the bells, and also the first peal rung here since 1919. The changes followed one another with almost clockwork precision, and any ringing experts who may have been in the vicinity would have had great difficulty in finding the slightest fault with the striking. Many expressions of regret that these bells were not more often available for peal ringing were made.

After the peal, the ringers were entertained to an excellent tea at Oxtou Hall, kindly provided by Mr. A. H. Heal, a sidesman of the church, who takes a keen interest in the church and ringers. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, it was unfortunately impossible for the ringers to avail themselves of the facilities for bowling on the lawn, but an inspection of the gardens and greenhouses was much appreciated, especially by the horticulturist of the party!

The ringers would like to take this opportunity of expressing their most sincere thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Sayer, M.A.) for so kindly allowing the use of the bells, to Mr. A. H. Heal for his kindly and thoughtful action in providing a much appreciated tea, and lastly, but by no means least, to Mr. H. S. Brocklebank, the genial towerkeeper and branch secretary of the Guild, for having everything in readiness for the visitors.

At St. Saviour's Church, Oxtou, on August 1st, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. Brocklebank 1, J. Cook 2, W. Hughes 3, T. Rogers 4, R. G. Edwards 5, J. C. E. Simpson 6, S. Mostin 7, J. Breese (longest length as conductor) 8. This quarter-peal was rung on the occasion of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' visit to the world jamboree. The Prince passed close to the church en route from Birkenhead to Arrowe Park, while the ringing was proceeding.

## THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I should like, through your columns, to thank the many ringers who have so readily responded to our call for the second edition of 'The Ringers' Directory.'

Many have sent messages of good wishes, and I am sure the committee will very much appreciate the thought.

I would like to add that it would greatly facilitate the work of the Directory Committee if subscribers would send their forms in at the earliest.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. THOMAS,

Chairman,  
Bristol United Ringing Guild.

## ST. MARGARET'S RINGERS VISIT KENT.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, took place on July 13th, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Leaving Kennington, just opposite the Oval station, soon after nine o'clock, a most delightful ride via Farnham, Wrotham and Maidstone brought the party to Headcorn, the first ringing call of the tour. Here the party were met with a request, owing to illness in close proximity, not to ring long. They complied with a course of Cambridge Surprise and a short touch of Stedman Triples, which enabled all to have a pull. The ringing room is on the ground floor, and the 'go' and the bells are certainly good. The chief item of interest on the day's programme was call No. 2, St. Mildred's, Ten-Terden. The visitors had all previously heard of the fame of these bells, and as they stood admiring the beauty and nobility of this lovely tower, the news was gently broken to them that they could not ring owing to the clerk to the justices being buried that morning. The party were, of course, very disappointed, so much so that the verger, noting the looks of 'deep depression,' suggested asking the relatives if they would care to have the clappers muffled for a short ring in the afternoon. This was readily agreed to, and while the verger was gone to make the suggestion and get permission the company partook of an excellent dinner at the Woolpack Hotel. As they were nearing the last Bob in this course, the verger returned, saying they could ring the bells muffled. The local captain then arrived with the news that he could not find the muffers, but after a diligent search Miss Harcastle found the missing articles, and Bob Grimwood, Charlie Roberts, and 'the Governor' were quickly aloft fixing things up. Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were very soon pouring forth from this grand left-handed peal, and the high opinion all had heard of these bells was certainly upheld. Amidst more beautiful scenery, and past many more churches, at which some of the company had rung many years ago, by some local cricket matches, at which they sometimes stopped to look, the party reached Cranbrook, the third tower on the list. Here the local captain informed the visitors that 'they were not like Ten-Terden.' 'They want some pulling,' he said; in fact, he didn't believe they could ring them. However, a start was made, the next method on the list being London: Miss Harcastle 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, Miss F. Orr 3, A. W. Coles 4, W. H. Hewitt 5, G. M. Kirby 6, C. W. Roberts 7, R. Sanders 8. The outstanding feature of this visit was the look of utter bewilderment on the face of the local captain when Reuben said, 'That's all' and 'Stand' two rounds after. It was not the ringing of the course of London Surprise on this lumpy, heavy-going peal that won his admiration, but all stopping when the conductor said 'Stand.' 'I have to give five minutes' notice to my chaps,' he said, 'to get them all to stop by the time the service starts.' A short touch of Grandire Triples was next rung, and then the party said farewell to Cranbrook. Continuing the journey, the company arrived at Brenchley, where tea had been arranged. This was not quite ready, so a visit was made to the tower. Here courses of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative were rung, with Mr. Jack Wheeldon standing in, all of which were much enjoyed. After tea an exciting billiards match took place between Camberwell and Brixton, the latter eventually winning easily. The last place of call for ringing was Hadlow, reached about half an hour before the arrival of a party from Crawley. Upon this quaint octave, which is exactly like the front eight of a peal of twelve, the Londoners commenced with a perfect course of Kent Treble Bob Major, then a touch of Stedman Triples (A.W.C.'s variation), a course of Cambridge Surprise, and so finished the day's ringing.

Dry lips were again moistened, and a start was then made for home, via Tonbridge and Sevenoaks, and upon arriving at the Oval station another most delightful and happy outing passed into the realm of memories, with the others that have gone before. Best thanks are extended to all those who granted permission to ring, and to the towerkeepers for all they did to make the day the great success it undoubtedly was.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## CANTERBURY DISTRICT WELCOMES 92-YEAR-OLD RINGER.

By the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Peter Lambert, a by-meeting was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Sturry, on July 27th. The meeting proved to be a very successful one, and was comparatively well attended, there being twenty members present. The re-hanging of the six bells has just been completed by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, and are now in good ringing order.

Some very good ringing was accomplished, the methods being Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandire.

The Vicar kindly officiated at a service, at which he gave a very appropriate and much-appreciated address.

Afterwards, the ringers adjourned to the Leopard's Head, where a very delightful tea had been provided on the lawn. The Vicar presided over the meal, and took the chair at the subsequent meeting, at which a very hearty vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to the Vicar for his kind welcome and for the service, and to the organist, Mr. Cross, for the musical arrangements.

During the afternoon the ringers welcomed to the tower Mr. Slingsby, who, although 92 years of age, very ably rang the treble in a touch of Plain Bob.

## LONDONDERRY CATHEDRAL BELLS.

## IRISH CITY'S REJOICINGS AT DEDICATION.

With a solemn and impressive service and great rejoicing the new peal of bells, thirteen in all, erected at Londonderry Cathedral, were dedicated by the Lord Primate of Ireland on July 25th. The bells have been cast and installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, ten of them being hung for ringing, and the other three, which are semi-tones, for tune playing. The weight of the tenor is 31 cwt., and the total weight of the ring is over seven tons.

St. Columb's Cathedral, Derry, was completed in 1633, and it was recorded on the tenor bell of the old peal of eight, which were recast of 1812, that 'the five larger bells were presented to the City of Londonderry by King Charles I. in 1638.' Another was given by the citizens of the town in 1671, and two by the Honourable the Irish Society in 1630. When the bells were recast in the early 19th century the old inscriptions were not preserved on them, but these are being restored on the new ring of ten. The recast tenor bears the inscription: 'Glory to God in the Highest. The Honourable the Irish Society of London, Founders of this Cathedral and Donors of its two most ancient bells, gave me A.D. 1928. Colonel Sir Louis A. Newton, Bart., Alderman, Governor, Frederick Whittingham, C.C., Deputy Governor, Leslie C. Landragin, Secretary.'

The dedication service was unique in the history of the Cathedral in many ways, and it was the first to be broadcast from Derry. The congregation was the largest which had ever followed a service in Londonderry, for by means of amplifiers the service was transmitted to a congregation outside several times larger than that inside, which numbered about 1,200. The service itself, says 'The Londonderry Sentinel,' was simple, solemn, and impressive, but the note was one of gladsome triumph on the part of the donors, who had assembled to witness the consummation of a scheme as dear to their hearts as to those of the Dean, Chapter, and Vestry of the Cathedral. All the music spoke of that triumph, first sounded in the processional hymn, 'Lifted safe within the tower,' and continued in the hymn 'Thou art coming, O my Saviour,' the Te Deum, and the Recessional, 'Ring forth, holy bells.' The object of the bells was dwelt upon by the Lord Bishop in the course of the dedication, and by the Lord Primate in his address, while the solemn nature of the message which they at times will tell was conveyed by the impressive words of the beautiful hymn, 'O Strength and Stay,' sung to the majestic music of the Londonderry Air. The congregation, which was perhaps the most representative that ever sat in the Cathedral, included amongst many other notable people, Major Ronald Ross, M.P., Mr. M. S. Moore, H.M.L. for the City of Derry; Mr. M. M. McCausland, H.M.L. for the county; and Mrs. James Corscadden, a direct descendant of one of the 'Immortal Thirteen.'

The 'Immortal Thirteen,' who are commemorated on the thirteenth bell, presented in memory of Capt. Browning by the Browning Club of Apprentice Boys, were, it is interesting to recall, 'the Brave Thirteen Apprentice Boys who shut the gates in 1688 and saved Derry.'

## FIRST BELL IN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP.

The bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Londonderry, and the address was given by the Primate of All Ireland. In the course of his address, the Primate, who spoke from the words, 'Glory to God in the Highest' (St. Luke ii. 14), said: 'Here in Derry the bells have a significance which is inseparable from the heroic history of the place. This Cathedral, together with the old walls of the city, form an enduring monument of one of the most wonderful stories in the records of mankind. Within the walls of this Cathedral the heroic people of the city met for prayer, to the God in whom they trusted, day after day, during the awful period of the siege. For this high and holy purpose the members of our Church and those of the Presbyterian Church resorted here continually, observing their own ways of worship, but all united in the same great resolve and the same faith in God. The tower of the Cathedral was the station from which the besieged made their observations and from which they signalled. And on every occasion of victory or success the bells pealed forth their message of gladness. And when the final relief came, and the long and terrible struggle was over, they called the victors to the great service of thanksgiving to God for the deliverance He had granted. The City of Derry has a long and notable history. The ancient Irish Church was very remarkable for the number of great Christian missionaries whom it sent forth to evangelise regions where the old pagan faiths still survived. The missionary spirit of St. Patrick blazed up with wonderful power in the souls of many of those who were nourished in the centres of Christian faith which were formed as the result of his labours. These centres became famous also as centres of learning at a time when Europe was sinking into barbarism. This ancient Irish Church was notable also for its independence, and it is of interest that the first mention of a bell in connection with a Christian service is to be found in an ancient life of St. Columba, where the sounding of a bell appears as the means of calling to prayer in the church. Thus your newly-restored and augmented ring of bells may be truly said to carry on a long tradition, beginning in the sixth century and most gloriously and wonderfully emphasised in the great deliverance of 1689. Connected with this latter event, our service to-day has been associated in a special way with the memory of two of the heroes of the siege. The collection which will be made is to be for

a tablet to commemorate the courage and devotion of two brave men—Colonel Henry Baker, one of the governors of the city, who nobly discharging his difficult and dangerous duties, and worn out with labour and disease, died when the siege had lasted 73 days, and was buried in the north aisle of this Cathedral; and the gallant Captain Browning, of the Mountjoy, leader of the relieving ships, who was killed in the moment of victory at the Breaking of the Boom.'

The Primate then spoke of the message of the bells, and concluded: 'Listen to their voice; come when they call; receive their messages into your heart; and you will be able to join in the eternal Song of Praise, "Glory to God in the Highest."'

The Primate's appeal for a generous offering towards the provision of a memorial to Colonel Baker and Captain Browning met with a ready response, the collection realising £86.

Eleven members of St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin, had been invited to Derry to assist in the opening, and the local men having rung the rounds at the moment of dedication in a very creditable manner, the Dublin contingent at the conclusion of the service rang 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Lindoff (conductor) 1, R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., 2, W. H. Wilson 3, T. McMorran 4, R. Lynch 5, J. Atkinson 6, A. Murray 7, W. E. Lynch 8, G. F. Wilmot 9, J. W. Townley 10. A touch of Stedman Triples on the light eight (now spoken of as the old eight), in which Miss Mills, of London, took part, and a touch of Grandsire Triples on the back eight, in which Canon Ridout, of South Africa, took part, concluded the ringing for the day. About twenty-five minutes of the quarter-peal was broadcast.

The ringers were all greatly pleased with the bells, both in 'go' and tone, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston may feel justly proud of Londonderry bells. They are indeed a fine peal. On the Thursday, the ringers present were entertained in the Northern Counties Hotel by Mr. Johnston, a very pleasant evening being spent. Some of the ringers returned to Dublin the next day, but others remained until Saturday to enjoy the hospitality extended to them. Mr. J. C. Orr acted as 'guide, philosopher and friend' during the stay.

## IN THE RINGING ROOM.

The 'Sentinel' published an interesting description of the scene in the belfry:—

'In the ringing room of the tower, up the narrow stairway, its steps worn by the feet of centuries of visitors, a little group stands waiting for the signal to send out the glad message of Derry's historic bells, strengthened and revived. The furniture of the room has still to come. The walls are scarred, where woodwork has been removed in connection with the changes. A good deal of dust is about. Temporary ladders lead up to the bells, two storeys higher up in the tower. The chiming apparatus, enabling tunes to be played, has still to be installed. There is plenty of evidence of the hurrying forward of the arrangements so that not only the most modern but the best-equipped peal in Ireland may be ready for the dedication.'

'The service is closely followed by the little group. The Bishop's voice comes faintly through a louvre, opened for the occasion. The choir's 'Amen' at the close of each prayer are punctuation points. The minutes pass. The little circle of ringers, two young ladies and eight men, members of the Cathedral honorary Guild, stand, ropes in hand, ready for the call. The silence is tense.

'Suddenly, the tinkle of a bell, communicating with the chancel, gives the signal. A second later and the peal is sending out a wave of melody, heard subduedly within the Cathedral, heard with crashing distinctness by the thousands in the churchyard, on the city wall, and for miles around.

'It is something of an ordeal for those privileged thus to broadcast the first message of the bells after almost a year's silence. Until that moment the ringers had never heard the sound of their own bells. Only on the night before had the last of the ropes come down from the eerie chamber overhead. It had then been possible to have a pull with the clappers tied. But the ringer is more comfortable when he hears his bell and knows exactly where it is dropping in. The ordeal is well got over. After the opening round the ringers settle steadily down, and all over Ulster the listening thousands pick up the message.

'The minute allotted to the ringers is over before its passing has been noticed by the busy circle. At a call the bells lapse into silence, and the service proceeds.

'Meantime the team of experienced change ringers from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, occupy the front pews in the gallery, waiting their call to come later. They include a clergyman and his son, a great grandfather and his son, and another father and son—almost a family party of men have come to honour Derry. The service progresses. The music of the choir and the sound of the Primate's voice float into the ringing room.

'Then, while the Recessional hymn is being sung, as the clergy and choir file into the Chapter House, the visiting ringers silently leave the gallery, mount the narrow winding stairway, and instantly on the close of the hymn the Dublin team break out in a 1,200 change peal on ten bells—the first peal of the kind ever rung in Derry. Later, the visitors give a ring on the recast eight bells, and

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**RINGING MEETING AT SUDBURY.**

A joint meeting of the Suffolk Guild and the Essex Association was held at Sudbury on July 20th. After tea, at which 53 were present, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, was elected chairman.

New members were elected, and meetings arranged.

Mr. Leslie A. Allington was elected secretary for the Sudbury Branch. Members were present from Ipswich, Lavenham, Mistley, Ufford, Wormingford, Little Waldingfield, Stebbing, Maldon, Sudbury, London, Hasketon, Foxearth, Clacton-on-Sea, Long Melford, Glemsford, Thorington, Great Cornard, Groton, Siblie Redingham, Colchester, Earls Colne, Grensted Green, Great Bentley, Sproughton, Halstead, Cambridge, Braintree, and other towers. The following methods were rung: Bristol, London, Superlative, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Treble and Plain Bob, Stedman, and Grandsire. The company of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, were also in the town, and joined forces with the other Guilds.

**ICKLETON RINGERS AT YARMOUTH.**

On Saturday, July 20th, the church choir and ringers of Ickleton, Cambs, spent a very enjoyable day at Yarmouth. At first the excursion was arranged as a choir outing, and as several of the ringers are also members of the choir, it was decided to include the ringers and friends as well, so a party of over sixty left Great Chesterford Station at 5.50 a.m., arriving at Yarmouth about 9 a.m. Permission had been kindly given for the ringers to have a ring on St. Nicholas Church bells in the afternoon. Some of the local men very kindly met the visitors and made them welcome. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung; then, with the help of some of the Yarmouth ringers, a course of Grandsire Caters was brought round. Afterwards, a party of sixty-four sat down to a substantial tea. Home was reached soon after midnight.

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this is succeeded by an eight-bell peal, one of the ringers in which is Canon Ridout, of Johannesburg, and another a young London lady, who, when formerly visiting the city, invariably took a bell, whilst a third was Mr. Johnston, a member of the firm of Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the bell founders responsible for the work of recasting the old bells, adding the new ones, and replacing, with metal, the former wooden framework.

The visitors are loud in their praise of the peal, and Mr. Johnston duly receives congratulations on the latest triumph of his world-renowned firm. The ease with which even the heaviest bell—the tenor, presented by the honourable the Irish Society—can be rung, is attributed to the successful introduction of ball bearings. The tone is pronounced excellent and the tune perfect.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****SIX-BELL RINGERS' EIGHT-BELL PRACTICE.**

In delightful weather a very successful meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday week at Wyke Regis, Weymouth. Representatives attended from Abbotsbury, Bere Regis, Bournemouth, Charminster, Corfe Mullen, Dorchester, Fordington, Lytchett Minster, Poole, Wareham, Winchester, Wimborne and Wyke Regis, making a total of 56. The bells were available from 2.30 p.m., and sharp to the moment the Lytchett Minster band (which includes five promising young ladies) were in the ringing chamber, and had the bells in motion. Other ringers followed, and the practice was specially devoted to enable six-bell ringers to extend their knowledge of eight-bell methods. Service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. de B. Thurston), who gave a homely and thoughtful address. He welcomed the members in the name of the church and parish, and concluded by giving a history of the bells.

Tea was partaken of in the Memorial Hall and was followed by a short business meeting. In the absence of the chairman (Mr. R. N. Daves), the Rector was voted to the chair. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the chairman, the Master of the Guild (Rev. R. H. Gundry), the general secretary (Rev. F. Ll. Edwards), hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch (Rev. C. A. Phillips), Ven. Archdeacon W. S. Moule, Messrs. W. J. Simons (Dorchester), E. Hutchings (Abbotsbury), A. Gray (Frampton), W. Hewlett (Puddletown), and R. Bowditch (Sydling).

Messrs. F. White (Cranbrook, Kent) and H. T. Chandler (Lyons-hall, Hereford) were elected life members.

It was decided to accept with thanks the kind invitation of the Vicar of Frampton, near Dorchester (Rev. G. Wynn), to hold the next meeting at his parish.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, to the ladies for their services, the organist and blower, and the local band, were carried with acclamation, and replied to by the Rector.

The tower was then again visited. Most of the members ascended to the top to see the fine view, including the beautiful panorama of Weymouth Bay, and the American fleet in Portland Harbour. Practice was continued until 8.45 p.m.

Wyke Regis Church is a fine structure, exceedingly well placed, and its tower is a prominent object for some distance, especially seawards. It is Perpendicular in style, and was consecrated in 1455. The tower contained four old bells. These were recast by Taylor and augmented into a fine peal of eight, with a tenor of 17 cwt., in 1891.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Rev. E. S. Saleby) has had an unfortunate experience in his first year of office, for the bells of his incumbency, Leonard Stanley, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire (six bells, tenor 14 cwt.), were taken down last week owing to serious decay of the tower. Various attempts have been made to strengthen the tower without success; the foundations have even moved from new supports.

A peal rung at Trowbridge last week marks another step in the history of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. It was the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in Wiltshire, and the first by the Guild. It also coincided with the passing of the famous 'four sevens,' Mr. J. T. Dyke having parted with the 'Chilcompton bus.' He has taken on another vehicle, but it is doubtful if it can prove a better servant than the famous Austin, which has covered so many thousands of miles—many of them for ringing.

The tower at Debenham, Suffolk, where many years ago an Oxford Treble Bob Major record was set up, has recently developed some rather serious cracks, in consequence of which the authorities consider it would be wise if no peals were rung until the trouble has been remedied. The bells, however, will still be available for service ringing and short touches.

Last Monday's great performance at Ashton-under-Lyne recalls the fact the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at Ipswich on August 15th, 1908, so that the 'coming of age' of this method in the realms of practical peal ringing has been marked in a significant manner.

One hundred and eighty years ago next Monday, John Holt called a peal of Bob Triples at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields for the Society of Union Scholars. Holt was also the composer, and the figures are still preserved in Snowden's 'Ropesight.'

The first peal of Double Norwich Major in North Wales was rung at Rhyl on August 13th, 1908.

Non-commissioned, unappointed O.C. 'discomfited D.' is truly sorry to hear that deputy O.C., self-styled, Blues was ~~leaving~~ from 'Ricketts' (sorry Bob, remember Haddenham) when, at the Lane End 'Ambushed.' Should N.C.U., O.C.D., Reds, wish to fortify Winkfield on August 24th, would this become a Warfield? It would be nice if the past O.C.s of Red and Blue Forces could settle this point, as the present N.C.U., O.C.D., 'Reds,' has only an outside knowledge of the discomfiture in the branch prior to his arrival. There would then be nothing left to Bray about (see peal columns).

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—There has been much written as to whether members of the Central Council are 'Representatives' or 'Delegates.' That does not really seem to be the question at issue. It is true, the matter was brought to a head by a remark from the chair on this point. But, after all, what we are to call them is a question of nomenclature. So long as the persons in question are clearly identified, Mr. Davies is quite right in saying it does not really matter which term is used.

What we do want is some way by which the Central Council and the associations can co-operate in the work each has to do. A suggestion was made that diplomas should be issued. The question was referred to the associations. But there is no machinery by which this can be done. Each of us had a different idea of what was meant. The result was that the Gloucester and Bristol Association resented the way in which their proposals were treated, so much so that by a majority at a meeting they have withdrawn from the Central Council.

The Suffolk Guild were, however, treated much worse than the Gloucester and Bristol Association, as your report of our last annual meeting on Easter Monday showed. Yet we have not withdrawn. The matter was discussed, but it was agreed that we could do no good by withdrawing. The result has shown that we were right. Had both societies been represented, we could have joined forces at Chelmsford, and put the matter in train to be remedied. But the G. and B. people were out of it, and could neither help us nor themselves.

I am quite certain that no one wanted to treat us or the other association badly, and that a well thought-out scheme has only to be put before the Central Council to be adopted. But as long as they are content to dispute about empty words, when what we and they really want is to get something done, they are simply standing in their own light.

Has no one any practical suggestions? At Ipswich we put forward the idea of Standing Orders. Let us get on with it.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## THE NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

To commemorate the King's recovery, there was rung at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Ufford, on Tuesday, July 30th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. H. Drake 1, H. W. Smith 2, E. C. Fisher (conductor) 3, F. L. Fisher 4, E. C. Pizzey 5, F. W. Nichols 6. All these are Sunday service ringers at this church, and this is the first 720 which has been so rung since the war.



## NEW TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

15,312 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS RUNG  
AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

Success attended the band which at Ashton-under-Lyne on Monday attempted a new twelve-bell record. Under the auspices of the Lancashire Association and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society a mixed company started for 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and this was brought to a triumphant conclusion after eleven and a half hours' ringing, characterised throughout by good

striking. The composition was the Rev. H. Law James' 29 courses. The customary details will be found in our peal columns.

### A MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE AND AN AMAZING WELCOME.

In December, 1925, the first long peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at Bow, Cheapside, this being a 7,392. Since that date the thought of ringing the extent has been in the minds of some of the band, but the main difficulty lay in getting the use of a peal of bells on which to make the attempt. Two or three likely places were thought of, but it was not until Mr. Gabriel Lindoff aroused the sympathies of the Ashton-under-Lyne ringers that prospects became at all bright. Mr. Sam Wood very kindly obtained the consent of the Rector (Canon Thompson) and the churchwardens, and preparations for the peal went on. A new set of ropes, well stretched, were put on, and everything done that Mr. Ben Thorpe, the towerkeeper, could think of.

In the meantime Mr. William Pye made up his band, and eventually got together twelve good men, determined to see it through. The weakness of the band seemed to lay in its mixture, several being almost unknown, as ringers, to the others. However, it was decided to meet at Ashton on the day previous to the peal attempt, to have a trial trip. This proved very useful in getting the band 'fitted in,' and it was arranged to stand in exactly the same order in the peal.

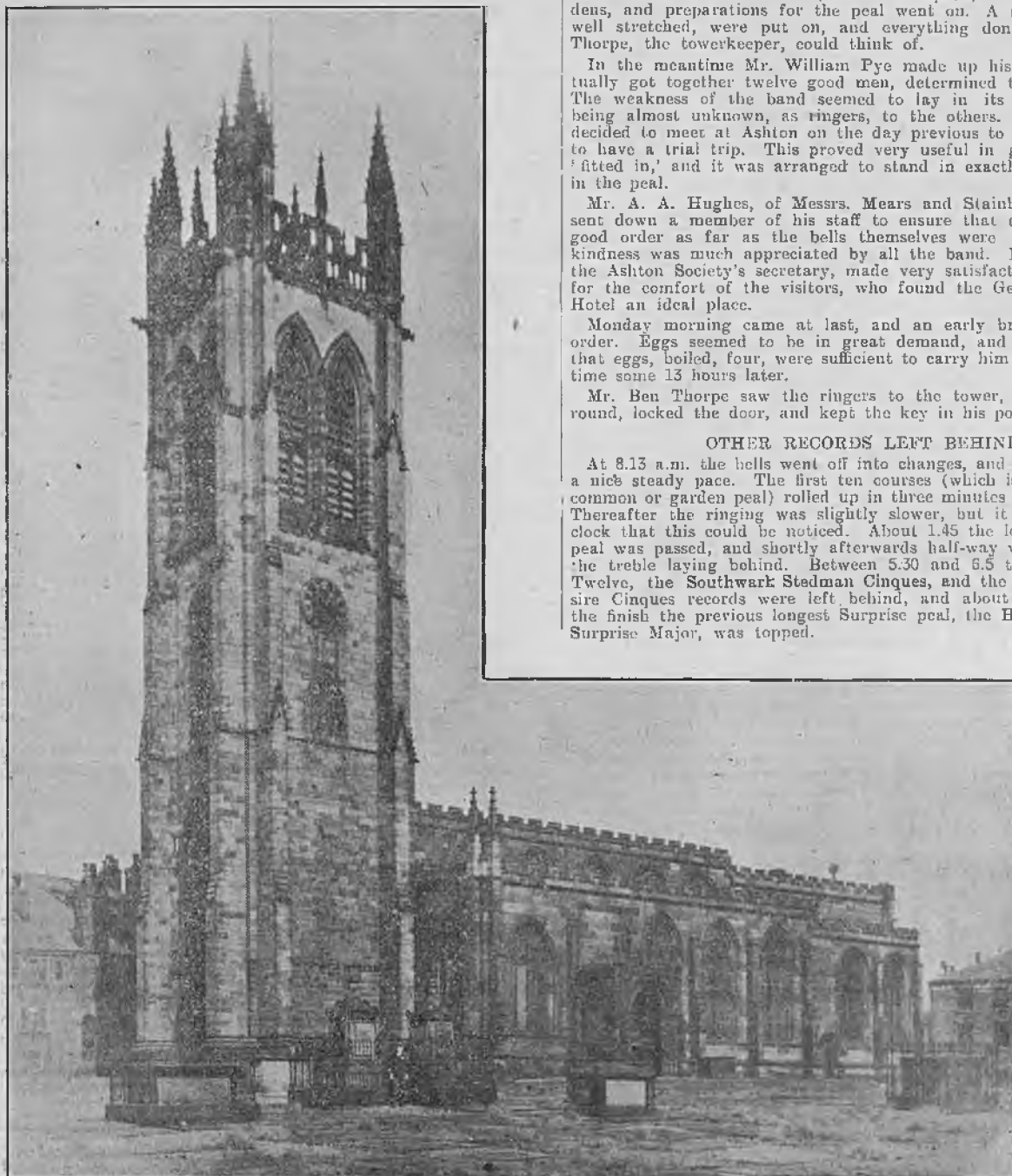
Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, very kindly sent down a member of his staff to ensure that everything was in good order as far as the bells themselves were concerned, which kindness was much appreciated by all the band. Mr. S. Thompson, the Ashton Society's secretary, made very satisfactory arrangements for the comfort of the visitors, who found the George and Dragon Hotel an ideal place.

Monday morning came at last, and an early breakfast was the order. Eggs seemed to be in great demand, and the writer found that eggs, boiled, four, were sufficient to carry him over until supper time some 13 hours later.

Mr. Ben Thorpe saw the ringers to the tower, had a last look round, locked the door, and kept the key in his pocket.

### OTHER RECORDS LEFT BEHIND.

At 8.13 a.m. the bells went off into changes, and settled down into a nice steady pace. The first ten courses (which is the length of a common or garden peal) rolled up in three minutes under four hours. Thereafter the ringing was slightly slower, but it was only by the clock that this could be noticed. About 1.45 the length of the Bow peal was passed, and shortly afterwards half-way was reached, with the treble laying behind. Between 5.30 and 6.5 the Ashton Treble Twelve, the Southwark Stedman Cinques, and the Painswick Grand-sire Cinques records were left behind, and about a minute before the finish the previous longest Surprise peal, the Hornchurch Bristol Surprise Major, was topped.



The Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, where the new record was made.

At 7.46 the welcome 'That's all' was heard, and a mighty cheer went up from the immense crowd gathered in the vicinity of the church.

The honours of the peal were with the conductor, William Pye, who knew his job all through. He was ably helped by the other backenders, and the middle men stood firm. Does the 5th man know how to make a mistake? The treble man is well known in the North. He is now well known to some ringers from the South. He was always where he should be. The 'unknown quantity' on the second showed that his previous experience of long lengths enabled him to finish as fresh as when he started. A very useful man to have in a band! But something nice could be said about all the band.

The striking throughout was good, and very few trips occurred. Mr. Ben Thorpe was in the belfry before stand was called, and was the first to congratulate the conductor on his fine performance.

On arriving in the porch, the ringers found the Rector awaiting them. Canon Thompson, after congratulating each ringer individually, spoke of the great honour they had done to Ashton by ringing such a fine peal on the bells. The ringing history of the tower had been gloriously added to.

It fell to the writer to thank Canon Thompson for his very generous words, and for his great kindness in giving his permission for the peal to be rung. The Rector also saw to it that the where-withal was provided to obtain very necessary refreshment, for which he was cordially thanked.

#### ASHTON RINGERS' SPORTING SPIRIT.

On opening the church door, the storm burst. William Pye was in great demand, and hands were nearly shaken off. It seemed as if half the population of Ashton were present. An attempt to get a photo taken for the press was only partially successful, as two of the band were carried off by the crowd. At last a passage was made, and William was followed to the hotel by an admiring crowd.

Later in the evening a gathering of ringers took place, and congratulations came afresh. The veteran Sam Wood, Ben Thorpe and others who were in the Treble Twelve record were sincerest in their praises, and one member of the southern contingent took occasion to voice the deep appreciation of the band for all that had been done. A more 'sporty' spirit could not be found anywhere, than to invite somebody to come along, and beat your own record, and make it easy for them to do it! Mention was also made of the whole-hearted welcome of the hundreds of people who gathered to hear the peal finished. At some places it is more likely that it would have been a welcome with brickbats.

All good things come to an end, and the evening passed much too quickly. Half the band made their way home, and half stayed at Ashton to go on to Liverpool the next day for an ordinary length peal at St. Nicholas' Church. This was in response to an invitation given by Mr. G. R. Newton and the Liverpool ringers to 'bring as many as you like and ring just what you like.' And what could be more welcome?

It would be out of place to finish this short account of the ringing of this peal without once again thanking all those who contributed to the success, notably those great men at Ashton-under-Lyne, Messrs. Sam Wood, Ben Thorpe, S. Thompson and company.

A word for the bells. They are a delight to listen to, and a treat to ring. There were no complaints anywhere, not even at the end. They were completely restored and rehung two years ago by Messrs. Mears and Staibank. The bells were removed to the Whitechapel Foundry, where they were sand-blasted and retuned, and then returned to the tower to be rehung on ball bearings in an entirely new frame and fittings, and with iron headstocks. In addition, a flat treble was added to make a light peal of eight. Both in tone and 'go' the bells are a real credit to the firm.

C. T. C.

#### OTHER GREAT PERFORMANCES.

The Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, has been the scene of other great performances in the past, and the previous Maximus record was made there when, on April 17th, 1911, Mr. Sam Woods called the 12,240 of Kent Treble Twelve in 8 hrs. 39 mins. At this tower, also, the Treble Bob Royal record (14,000 in 9 hrs. 24 mins.) was rung on April 13th, 1914.

Prior to Monday, the greatest number of changes on twelve bells in one peal was the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques, rung in 8 hrs. 45 mins. at Painswick, by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, on February 14th, 1920, but on Whit Monday, May 21st, 1923, 12,675 Stedman Cinques was rung by the College Youths at Southwark Cathedral, where the tenor is 50 cwt., in 9 hrs. 47 mins. On December 26th, 1901, 11,111 Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 8 hrs. 2 mins. The Treble Bob Maximus record made at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1911, superseded a length of 10,224 set up at Painswick on December 9th, 1833, which peal was composed and conducted by William Estcourt and rung in 6 hrs. 50 mins.

The following is the list of peals of more than 15,000 changes which have been rung on church bells, from which it will be seen that a score of this phenomenal length have been put on record:—

Date.	Length.	Method.	Time. hrs. mins.	Place.
Nov. 25, 1737.	15,120.	Bob Major.	8 40.	West Ham.
Oct. 1, 1793.	15,360.	Bob Major.	9 31.	Aston.
Oct. 24, 1807.	15,120.	Bob Major.	8 46.	Oldham.
Feb. 27, 1816.	15,120.	Minor.	8 27.	Wath-on-Dearne.
Dec. 26, 1831.	15,168.	Kent T.B. Major.	8 43.	Elland.
Apr. 27, 1868.	15,840.	Kent T.B. Major.	9 12.	Bethnal Green.
May 18, 1883.	16,608.	Kent T.B. Major.	9 48.	Mottram.
Dec. 31, 1888.	15,041.	Stedman Caters.	9 16.	Appleton.
Apr. 22, 1889.	15,227.	Grandsire Caters.	9 43.	Cheltenham.
June 6, 1892.	16,608.	Oxford T.B. Major.	10 32.	Debenham.
Apr. 3, 1899.	15,072.	Double Norwich Maj.	9 24.	Erith.
May 22, 1899.	17,024.	Double Norwich Maj.	11 12.	Kidlington.
Dec. 27, 1904.	17,104.	Double Norwich Maj.	10 35.	S. Wigston.
June 8, 1906.	16,800.	Kent T.B. Major.	9 40.	Mottram.
Apr. 12, 1909.	18,027.	Stedman Caters.	12 18.	Loughborough.
May 28, 1912.	15,264.	Bristol Surprise Maj.	9 49.	Hornchurch.
Apr. 22, 1922.	21,363.	Stedman Caters.	12 25.	Appleton.
July 21, 1923.	17,280.	Kent T.B. Major.	10 0.	Over.
Apr. 18, 1927.	17,824.	Oxford T.B. Major.	10 51.	Heptonstall.
Aug. 5, 1929.	15,312.	Cambridge Surprise Maximus.	11 30.	Ashton-under-Lyne.

At the time of going to press, no information had been received with regard to the attempt for the record peal of Minor at Rickingham Superior, Suffolk.

#### PORTUGAL'S HISTORIC CARILLONS.

##### EXTRAVAGANT MONARCH'S DOUBLE SET OF BELLS.

A famous Portuguese carillon has been placed in order, and has now been heard again after a silence of more than forty years. This is one of the two instruments at the great Mafra Monastery, said to be the most gigantic building in Portugal, and one of the ten biggest in Europe. It was built in the eighteenth century by King John V. of Portugal, but has not been inhabited for over a century. The edifice itself covers an area of 40,000 square metres, contains 880 enormous rooms, and has 4,500 doors and windows. Its belfries are 68 metres high, and are supplied with 114 bells of various sizes. The library is one of the attractions there, and is known to all bibliophiles. It contains 30,000 volumes.

At one time the double carillons of Mafra were said to be the finest in the world, each set possessing 47 bells, varying in weight from 30 to 10,000 kilograms. According to the 'Christian Science Monitor,' the existence of duplicate sets is due to the vanity of King John, whose greatest ambition was to vie in acts of extravagant splendour with his cousin Louis XV. of France. Having made up his mind to have the best obtainable chimes to adorn his monstrous fantasy, when their great cost was hesitatingly revealed to him, the sovereign answered with ostentatious carelessness, 'So cheap! I will have two sets made.'

The carillons were inaugurated in 1730, those of the northern tower being constructed by Nicolas Leveche, and the southern by Guillaume Willcock. They became one of the attractions of Portugal for travellers, and for nearly a century and a half were one of the favourite pastimes of kings. The people of the neighbouring countryside also rejoiced in the merry or plaintive strains that could be heard ten miles off. About 40 years ago something went wrong with the intricate centuries-old machinery and clocks. No one could be found in the country who knew how to mend the ancient chimes, and so the rust-covered bells kept silence until their existence was almost forgotten. Great political changes absorbed general attention, and music was a negligible quantity.

Now, however, that a certain stability has been restored and time is found for the great work of restoration, it was resolved that the marvellous carillons of Mafra could not be left in permanent neglect.

Two famous experts, Jef Denyn and Desiré Somers, were called by the Portuguese Government from Belgium, and these men have for the last year worked in the Mafra belfries among the rusty clocks and mighty wireworks. In their opinion these chimes are unique in value and workmanship; but they considered the duplication of the handworked keys and quadruplication of cylinders necessary for the two sets a useless expenditure, so that only the southern tower was restored.

The inauguration concert was attended by the President of the Republic, members of the Government, and diplomatic corps, and a concourse of thousands of people of all classes, who, it is said, were thrilled on hearing the first sonorous vibrations trembling through the air, and sent up a mighty shout after the Portuguese National Anthem had been played.

MARGATE.—On July 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: W. Trusler 1, D. Wright (conductor) 2, W. Joiner 3, H. King 4, W. H. Seabrook 5, A. Saxby 6, F. Reeves 7, F. Gadsden 8. Arranged for ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, who were on holiday in the town.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****MR. E. W. ELWELL'S RESIGNATION AS HON. SECRETARY.**

The 42nd annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Bebington on Saturday, July 27th. There was a moderate attendance, about 85 members and friends being present, and each of the seven branches of the Guild was represented. The proceedings opened officially with a service at 4 p.m., at St. Andrew's, Bebington, the sermon being preached by Rev. Fr. H. E. Boulthbee, Vicar of Bebington.

The meeting itself was held at 4.45 p.m. in the Ormerod Memorial Hall. The business dealt with was of the kind generally found on the agenda of most annual meetings.

The Master (Rev. C. A. Clements) was in the chair. A good deal of discussion was raised by the annual report, and a certain amount of energetic opposition to its publication in its present form was offered. Eventually, however, its adoption was moved, and the motion was carried with one dissident.

The election of officers passed off without incident. The Rev. C. A. Clements was re-elected to the office of Master amidst acclamation, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston to the office of hon. treasurer. The only change was the resignation of the hon. secretary, Mr. E. W. Elwell, owing to his many other business engagements.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft said that he was sure that all the members would be sorry to lose such a valuable and genial secretary as Mr. Elwell had shown himself to be during the last seven years, and that he personally found it a pleasure to attend any meeting at which Mr. Elwell was present.

Mr. J. C. E. Simpson (St. Mary's Vicarage, Manor Road, Wallasey) was elected as the new hon. secretary, and Mr. Elwell was elected as the ringing member representative from the Wirral Branch on the committee in place of Mr. Simpson.

It was decided that in future each branch should advertise its meetings in 'The Ringing World,' such advertisements to be paid for by the Guild. The purchase by the Guild of copies of the Lancashire Association Instruction Book for distribution to members was approved.

An application for a grant from the Guild funds towards rehanging Dodleston bells was confirmed.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Northwich on Easter Monday, 1930. Votes of thanks were passed to the hon. auditors, Messrs. H. and W. Jackson.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the members partook of tea in the Lady Lever Art Gallery, Port Sunlight, during which a vote of thanks was passed to the peal recorder, Mr. J. Cooke, for his valued work which he had put in during the past year.

Tea being finished, a general move was made to the towers, those open for ringing being Rock Ferry (six bells), and Bebington and Port Sunlight (eight bells). Ringing was carried on till about 8.30, and some was also done in the afternoon before service. The ringing was of a varied character, but a good variety of methods was rung, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford, and Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major.

**A FIVE COUNTIES EXPEDITION.**

The annual outing of the Bolsover ringers took place on July 20th, and an ambitious tour extended to 188 miles, in five counties, including ringing for an hour at each of five churches. It seemed rather a tall order in the midst of a heat wave. Irthlingborough was the farthest point, and the whole of the day was planned to a schedule. Leaving Bolsover at 7 a.m., the party travelled via Mansfield to nick up an old and faithful friend, and reached Oakham at 9.15. The fifty miles' journey had been delightful. They were welcomed by Mr. Higgs, and soon had the bells going to various Major methods. Ringing on this grand peal was greatly enjoyed. After a look round this historic town, and lunch at the Crown Hotel, they set off to Tichmarsh, 35 miles away. There they were welcomed by the local company and Mr. W. Perkins, who took them in hand for the day. Tichmarsh bells are a nice peal by Gillett and Johnston. The next call was at Thrapston, where the local band turned up in full force to welcome the party, and Mr. F. Wilford was also there. Thrapston bells are a very nice ring by Taylor and Co., and, incidentally, the back six were cast at the same time as Bolsover back six in 1898. After touches in the usual methods, the party went on to Irthlingborough, and were met by Mr. A. Y. Tyler and others, who gave them a real welcome and joined in tapping off touches in a few Surprise methods. Tea was provided at the Bull Hotel, and afterwards Mr. F. Wilford welcomed the party into the district. Mr. Wilford having been thanked, the party set out for Burton Latimer, where there is a nice light peal by Taylor and Co. Here again the local men met them with P.C. Robinson, late of Bolsover, and Mr. F. Tite. Some of the party, feeling tired, preferred to listen while the enthusiasts did some real good striking. The methods rung during the day included Bob Major, Little Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise, and the company desire to thank the incumbents at each tower, and the local men, especially Messrs. Higgs, Perkins, Tyler and F. Wilford, who spared nothing to make the outing the success it was. Home was reached at 11 p.m.; after 16 hours of enjoyment.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****PRESTON BRANCH DOINGS.**

The annual branch meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Chorley on Saturday. The attendance was rather smaller than usual. The bells at both the Parish Church and St. Mary's R.C. were utilised during the day, ringing commencing about 3.30, and continuing until nearly nine o'clock, with a break for tea and the business meeting, methods from Double Court, to Cambridge Surprise being rung.

The Ringing Master (Mr. Wm. Sharples) presided at the business meeting. The Secretary gave the following report of the doings of the branch: During the year meetings have been held at Penwortham, Eccleston, Whittle-le-Woods, Preston St. Mark's, Croston, Brindle and Tarleton, as well as the annual social at Higher Walton. The meetings have been attended up to the average for the last few years, but the members attending are mostly the same, and I would like to appeal to the chief ringers of the different towers to try to get those members who are not as keen as they might be to try and attend the meetings. The meeting at Eccleston was rather out of the ordinary, coming as it did on the eve of the diamond wedding of the oldest active member, Mr. R. Rigby, to whom the branch took the opportunity to make a presentation in commemoration of the rare event. The attendance at the annual social was slightly under the average, but as usual all present had an enjoyable time. With regard to ringing in the branch, I cannot say there has been much advancement generally, although one is pleased to note that a new and enthusiastic band has been got together at Tarleton, where the efforts of the Rector, and the Croston ringers seem to be bearing fruit. Our peal list is rather smaller than usual, but some of the peals are perhaps more meritorious, notably the peal of Cambridge Surprise at Hoghton, which was the first of Major in the method by the branch, also the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Blackburn Cathedral, which was also the first by the branch, and rung at the first attempt. The conductor was the only ringer in the peal who had rung a peal of Royal in the method before. I would like at this point to thank the Blackburn Branch for their kindness in arranging, and allowing us to make the attempt, which proved so successful. The full list of the peals rung is as follows: One Kent Treble Bob Minor at Eccleston, one Cambridge Major at Hoghton, one Grandsire Triples at Whittle-le-Woods, the first in the methods on the bells, the peal at Whittle being a local peal half-muffled in honour of the fallen members from that tower; two peals of Double Norwich, one at Brownedge, the first peal on the newly-augmented peal, and one at Preston Parish Church, rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Alex. Martin, one of the local ringers; one of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Blackburn, one of Kent Treble Bob Major at Penwortham. The augmentation and rehanging of the bells at Higher Walton has been carried out since the last annual meeting, this being another welcome addition to the eight-bell towers. Subscriptions have come in fairly well, and we have made or re-elected 18 new members during the year, so that our list will be as large or larger than it has been previously.

The secretary and Ringing Master were both re-elected, as also were the branch committee men. The best thanks of the branch were given to both officers for their services during the year, to which the secretary and Master suitably replied.

The Secretary then read a letter from the Fylde Branch secretary, suggesting a joint meeting between the two branches. This was agreed to, the matter being left to the secretaries to arrange.

A vote of thanks to the authorities for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness, concluded the business.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****FARNHAM DISTRICT MEETING.**

A most successful meeting of the Farnham District was held at Aldershot on Saturday, July 27th. This meeting had been originally arranged for Farnborough, but owing to sickness in the parish it was transferred to Aldershot, and 38 members and friends were present from Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Blackwater, Farnham, Hawley, Seale and Woking. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and later the Guild service was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Dudley. An excellent tea was provided in the Parish Hall by Miss A. Fisher and other lady ringers.

At the business meeting the Rev. A. E. Dudley, who was elected a ringing member of the Guild, took the chair, and one hon. member (Mrs. Walker, wife of Admiral T. P. Walker, the Guild's esteemed treasurer), and one compounding member (Mr. J. Sparrow, hon. secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths), were also elected.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, hon. general secretary of the Guild, gave an interesting account of the proceedings of the Central Council, and was heartily thanked.

A message of condolence was sent to Mr. B. H. Clark, late hon. secretary of the district, who is in hospital as the result of injuries received in a motor accident.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. A. E. Dudley for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, to the ladies for preparing tea, and to the organist and blower. Touches were afterwards rung on handbells, and the tower bells were kept going in various methods until nine o'clock, one touch being rung in which six ladies took part.



### DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

It was thought that a large number would be attracted to the delightful town of Darlington for the Durham and Newcastle Association's summer meeting on Saturday week, and the officials were rather disappointed when only 15 sat down to the excellent tea at Hunter's Cafe. Those present included the president (Mr. E. E. Ferry) and the Rev. A. S. Thompson, Vicar of St. John's. St. Cuthbert's bells were kept going during the afternoon, and St. John's and Holy Trinity after tea, with a final rally at St. Cuthbert's from 8 to 9. A very pleasant time was spent, all agreeing that the meeting had been well worth while. Six new members of St. Peter's, Jarrow, were elected.

### A FIVE-BELL TRIP.

On Saturday, July 27th, five members of the Loughborough Parish Church Society visited the Saxon Church of Willoughby-on-the-Wolds. By kind permission of Mr. J. G. Baldoock, churchwarden, the Vicar being away, the bells, a light peal of five, were raised and set going to 120's of Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles. It was soon found that they sadly needed the bellhanger. The bells were lowered in peal, and after tea a visit was paid to Walton, by kind permission of the Rev. B. M. Bird, where a quarter-peal was tapped off in fine style, consisting of four 120's of Bob Doubles and six of Grandsire, the ringers being: J. Onslow 1, C. Bollard 2, C. Allsop (conductor) 3, J. Saddington 4, J. Towell 5.

### YORKSHIRE FRIENDS, HOSPITALITY AND DALES.

The ringers of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Penwortham, Lancashire, paid a visit to old and new friends in Yorkshire for their annual excursion. The occasion was not merely a day's outing for ringing, but a commemoration of a somewhat unique event, for it was on June 8th, 1912, that the bi-centenary of the bells was celebrated, and, since then, an endeavour has been made to hold an outing each year on the Saturday nearest to June 8th. This year an invitation had been received from the band at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds—once described to the writer by Mr. Arthur Craven as the 'University'—to make Headingley the venue, and, once transport difficulties had been solved, the invitation was accepted with alacrity. So, at nine o'clock on a fine summer morning, the party, which included Mr. B. A. Knights, of Preston Parish Church, and also five ladies who had eyes on the shops at Leeds, and a glorious disconcert for the tenth commandment, set out along the beautiful valley of the Ribbles. Past Whalley Abbey, one of Lancashire's historical gems, and Whalley Church, where time did not permit a stop to try the new ring of eight, the journey proceeded by way of Pendle Forest, the home of the Lancashire Witches, to the main Pennine Range, a region of vast expanses and wild moors. Soon, however, these moors were crossed, and the party passed along wooded roads, down to the sheltering warmth of Keighley. Here they were met by Mr. R. W. Jennison, who led the way into the belfry, and soon the bells—a particularly fine ring of eight—were set going. Touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob were successfully rung, and an adjournment was made to the King's Arms Hotel for dinner. Having satisfied the inner man, the party set out once again, this time down the lovely valley of the Aire, through Bingley and Shipley, where again good rings of eight had to be passed by, to Calverley, where the local ringers were waiting to give a welcome. Again the bells were set going, and, after a touch of Rob Major, ambition persuaded a joint band to try a touch of Superlative Surprise; it was, however, not successful.

The journey on to Headingley was quite a short one, and soon the party reached its destination, where many old friends were met. After 'callin' for a little while, the bells were raised, and over an hour's ringing indulged in, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Superlative Surprise all being rung. The two bands had arranged for a joint tea, and this took place at a neighbouring cafe, a very happy gathering. After tea, Mr. P. J. Johnson, addressing a few words of welcome to the visitors, referred to the pleasure of meeting old friends and making the acquaintance of new ones. He spoke, too, of the traditions of Headingley, and the time when so many as five Surprise methods were rung for Sunday services; also of the necessity for training recruits and setting a high standard before them.—Mr. J. R. Taylor, responding, said he knew that once Headingley had been decided upon as the venue of the trip, everything would be done by the hosts to make the day a memorable one. He extended a cordial invitation to the Headingley band to visit Penwortham. Handbells were then obtained, and a touch and a course of Bob Major successfully rung before the tower was again visited. The ringing being ended, and the ladies having found the male portion of the party, farewells were said and the journey home commenced along the lovely vale of the Wharfe. Yorkshire friends, Yorkshire hospitality and Yorkshire dales!—could anyone desire more for their day's outing? Such was the good fortune of the Penwortham band, and they wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of Keighley, Calverley and Headingley for the use of the bells, and their friends the ringers at those places for meeting them and doing everything possible to make the day one of such happy memories.

### A DAY IN WARWICKSHIRE.

For the annual outing of the band at St. Peter's, Dunstable, Beds, on Thursday, July 25th, a visit to Warwickshire had been planned, and involved a motor trip of 120 miles, with plenty of ringing thrown in. Fourteen ringers, with the Rev. S. Dye (curate), set off in high spirits for their day's adventure at 7.30 a.m. Southam, 50 miles distant, was the first tower. At 9.45 the party were welcomed by a local ringer, with the invitation to ring as long as they liked. The Church of St. James is a fine old building, with a very handy ring of eight, rung from the ground floor. 336 Stedman, 168 Grandsire Cambridge, and a touch of Double Norwich were well rung, and after a hasty look round the village the journey was continued to Lillington. On arrival, the party were welcomed by members of the local band, and the bells, a lovely little ring of eight (tenor 9 cwt.) were pulled up. An excellent touch of 432 Stedman Triples was rung, followed by a touch of Bob Major and a course of Superlative. Mr. F. W. Perrins unexpectedly joined the party at this tower, and, needless to say, his help and guidance for the rest of the day gave the greatest pleasure to all. Tracks were made for Leamington Spa, where dinner was awaiting the party, who afterwards enjoyed a stroll in the lovely Jepson Gardens. Ringing took place later at the Parish Church, where there is a ring of eight (tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.), with a long draught, which, with springy ropes, rather bothered the band for a start. However, some good ringing was done, including five courses of Little Bob. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major followed, and the bells rung down. The journey was then continued to Warwick, where tea was followed by the 'tit-bit' of the day, namely, ringing at St. Mary's. The party were joined here by Miss D. E. Lewis, hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, and Mr. A. H. Beamish, of Chilvers Coton, and one or two other visitors, whose names are unknown to the writer. The party were met at St. Mary's by Mr. T. Male, who conducted them to the tower. St. Mary's, as is well known, has a fine ring of ten (tenor 25 cwt.), and, considering that the majority of the visitors had had little 10-bell experience, some very good ringing was done. Rounds, so that everybody could have a pull, was followed by 413 Stedman Caters, being the first touch of Caters by several of the band, 384 Cambridge Major, 168 Grandsire, and a touch of Little Bob Royal, the Royal being rung as though the band had been ringing Royal all their lives. The ten bells were then lowered in peal, which concluded the ringing for the day. A social half-hour, and the long journey home was then begun via Banbury and Buckingham. Banbury was the first stop, and it is a good thing no more stops like it were possible. Banbury Cross had, of course, to be inspected, and the cakes, among other things, had to be tested, so that it was long after dark before all the erring members got aboard and the last 40 miles of the journey begun, some reaching their homes on the 25th, others on the 26th. However, one of the most enjoyable days had been spent, and the band, through 'The Ringing World,' wish to thank all who helped to make it so successful, the Warwickshire friends for meeting them, especially Miss Lewis, the Warwickshire Guild secretary, whose help in providing information as to towers was much appreciated.

### SHELLEY RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of Shelley Church, accompanied by the Vicar (Rev. Walkden), the sexton and other interested friends, making a total number of fifteen, enjoyed a motor trip on Saturday, June 22nd. Travelling by way of Brighouse, over Keighley Moors, the happy party arrived at their rendezvous, Skipton, about 3 p.m. The ringers visited the fine Parish Church, to enjoy the sweets of change and music on one of Taylor's latest peals. The rest of the party toured this fine old market town, with history marked on its streets and buildings. At 4.15, a reunion took place for a short tour to the castle, etc., and afterwards the company sat down to a repast at Whitaker's Cafe, High Street. The Vicar proposed that a telegram be sent to Dr. Horne, of Old Hall, Shelley, thanking him as the donor of the trip, also that a vote of thanks be given to C. D. Potter, secretary of the Bainsley Association, who was the medium of communication in the first place between the worthy doctor and the ringers.—This was carried with acclamation. Further ringing and sight-seeing followed. At 7.30 the return journey commenced. At Bradford a short halt took place to refuel, and home was reached at 10.45, all feeling thankful for the pleasures of glorious weather and sights that please.

### MUFFLED BELLS AT ABERAVON.

On Sunday, July 21st, the Rev. D. W. Davies, Vicar of Aberavon, passed away after about ten days' illness. The deceased was 59 years of age, and had been an hon. member of the Swansea and Brecon Guild for many years. The bells were rung by the following service ringers: C. Hughes, W. Williams, F. E. Stone, W. J. Norton, E. Stitch, C. Jones, A. J. Pitman (conductor), J. Weathersby and G. Chappell, on Wednesday evening, as the body was being brought to the church, where it rested through the night, after the interment on Thursday, and for both morning and evening service on the following Sunday. For the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 52 mins. with the ringers standing in above order, G. Chappell kindly standing out.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, July 28th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 742 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: H. L. Cook 1, W. P. Cross 2, T. Smith 3, F. Edwards 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, H. Lewis 6, L. Stillwell 7, C. W. Pipe 8. Arranged for the ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 7th and 8th, who were on a visit from Windsor.—On a recent Sunday 547 Stedman Caters: F. W. Bond 1, H. L. Cook 2, H. S. Parsons 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, A. V. Bond 5, F. Edwards 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, W. H. Hayward 9, W. Wrigley 10. This is the longest touch of Stedman Caters rung by a local band.

**CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Sunday, July 21st, on the occasion of the annual commemoration service at the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire War Memorial, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 43 mins.: J. J. Turner 1, H. Day 2, W. H. George 3, H. F. Attewell 4, F. F. Hill 5, F. W. Hill 6, A. Hutchison 7, A. C. Wright (conductor) 8.

**LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong of Dedication Festival, on Sunday, July 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: W. W. Stevens 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, G. W. Wilson (first quarter) 4, S. Penfold 5, J. Martin 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, G. Machin 8.

**MITCHAM.**—On Sunday, June 30th, for evensong, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Miss E. M. Mosse 1, H. Tourle 2, D. Wright 3, J. Lott 4, C. Dean 5, A. Calver 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, W. S. Smith 8.

**LADY RINGER MARRIED AT CHILVERS COTON.**

The Church of All Saints, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, July 31st, when Mr. G. W. T. Mosedale, a Sunday School teacher and member of the choir, second son of the Vicar's warden, was married to Miss G. M. Dodds, a keen and much esteemed member of the All Saints' band of ringers', eldest daughter of the late Vicar of Chilvers Coton, Canon M. A. Dodds, M.A.

The service, which was attended by a large congregation, was fully choral, and was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. B. Davies), assisted by the curate. The bride, who looked very charming in white georgette, with a bouquet of white roses, was followed by four child attendants, the Misses Veronica and Ruth Mosedale (nieces of the bridegroom), and Masters John Tulloch and Michael Dodds (nephews of the bride). Miss Dodds was given away by her eldest brother, Mr. Walter Dodds, while Mr. Frank Mosedale acted as best man to his brother.

As the bridal couple left the church, the bells pealed forth in 'rounds' and 'queens' interspersed with 'firing,' after which a well-struck 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by: Mrs. P. Billington 1, C. E. Rayson 2, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 3, Miss D. E. Lewis 4, H. Harris 5, A. Haswell 6, J. E. Moreton 7, W. Carter 8. The honeymoon is being spent in Scotland.

The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful presents, including an eight-day Jacobean oak clock from the local ringers, together with an inkstand in the shape of a bell made from the old oak of the frame which held the three old bells prior to recasting and augmenting in 1908.

The next evening Parker's 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but had to be called round at 896 changes owing to a choir practice in church, a fact which had been overlooked when arranging the peal. The following took part: A. Haswell 1, C. E. Rayson 2, J. Draycott 3, Miss D. E. Lewis 4, H. Harris 5, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 6, J. E. Moreton 7, W. Carter 8.

**RINGER'S WEDDING AT BELBROUGHTON.**

The wedding of Mr. E. Calcutt and Miss E. Abel took place at Holy Trinity Church, Belbroughton, Worcs, on July 20th. Mr. E. Calcutt is the conductor of the local band, having held the position for the past four years, in succession to Mr. H. Martin. He took in hand a band of learners, and they scored their first peal of Grandsire Doubles on December 26th last.

As the bridal party left the church, the bells rang out. After being fired, and the Queen's change rung several times, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was brought round in 46 mins. by the following, who, except Mr. Short, the conductor, are local ringers: H. Phillips 1, G. Parton 2, W. Short 3, W. Saunders 4, R. Parton 5, L. Darby 6. The ringers were afterwards entertained at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple received many useful presents including a tea service from the Belbroughton ringers.

**BEESTON RINGER'S WEDDING.**

On the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Noel B. Kirk, a ringer, of Beeston, Notts, to Miss Irene M. Watson, on Saturday, August 3rd, at Bassingbourne, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at Beeston Parish Church in 50 mins.: F. Whitman 1, F. S. Price 2, H. Price 3, C. Rogers 4, A. B. Moss 5, H. Rogers 6, P. Price (conductor) 7, J. A. Kirk 8. The ringers wish the bride and bridegroom every success in their new lifelong venture.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 15th and 29th, \*St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 20th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**JOINT MEETING** of the Middlesex County Association (South and West District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey District) will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey, Hon. District Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. each. Last chance for paying annual subscriptions for current year. Business: Election of branch secretary and committee representatives.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Wentworth on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided, but only for those who apply to Mr. Geo. West, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham. All ringers and friends are invited. It is hoped there will be a good meeting at this most attractive village.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Crossens on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.**—Newbury Branch and Andover Branch.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Newbury on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis and the Rev. F. C. Sear, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Eyam on Saturday, August 10th. Church of St. Lawrence, 6 bells (tenor 8 cwt.), available afternoon and evening.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

**GUILDFORD GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Next meeting to be held at Dorking on August 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Wednesday, August 14th, please. All members and friends invited to attend.—Alan R. Pink, Dis. Sec., 32, Nower Road, Dorking.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District. — The summer festivity meeting will be held at Whitwell on Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at 5 p.m. in the Vicarage and short business meeting. Handbells and bowls on the lawn afterwards. All ringers invited. Will those staying to tea kindly notify not later than Tuesday, 13th inst.?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mossley Parish Church on Saturday, August 17th. Bells 3.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, 1s. 6d. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. E. Garside, 61, Lees Road, Mossley, near Manchester, not later than Wednesday, August 14th. Will members make a special effort to attend and make this meeting a success.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Willingham (6) on Saturday, August 17th. Tea, 5 p.m., to those who notify, postcard please. These six, like Bourn, are out of the same best pot of Taylor's—'nuff said.' Good bus service from Cambridge, or railway, Longstanton, L.N.E. Railway. — F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Longstanton, Cambs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. No arrangements will be made for tea. — Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. E. Rowley, Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton, by Friday morning, the 16th. All ringers are cordially welcome. — W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — A ringing meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, August 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, August 14th, all those attending. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Appleby on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me before Aug. 16th. A good attendance requested.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** —A meeting will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday, August 17th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. G. Redfern, St. Ann's Vale, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent, before August 14th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Thrapston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Aldwinckle on Saturday, August 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea must advise me by Tuesday, August 13th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Waltham St. Lawrence, on Saturday, Aug. 17th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome. —W. J. Paice, Branch Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. — The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Colne on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business: Election of branch president. Social commences 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Will those intending being present please notify Mr. R. Whitehead, 66, New Market Street, Colne, not later than August 21st?—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Kildwick on Saturday, August 24th. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. H. Roe, 7, Starkey Lane, Farnhill, Kildwick, near Keighley, not later than Thursday, August 22nd. Bells available from 2 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. Those intending to be at tea must notify me not later than Wednesday, August 21st.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

**ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, August 24th. All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8) and Bengoe (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at St. Andrew's 5 p.m. Tea at Farrow's Restaurant 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea advise Mr. W. H. Lawrence as early as possible.—E. J. Butler, Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Hertford Association, Little Munden, Ware, Herts; C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Farnham District), **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Basingstoke District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Sonning Deanery Branch).—Preliminary Notice.—Joint meeting Saturday, August 31st, Hawley, Hants. All welcome.

#### MARRIAGE.

**GOLDSMITH—JONES.**—At Woking on August 1st, by the Rev. J. O. Warburton, John Henry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking, to Doris May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones, of Wroxton, Woking.

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**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

TIVERTON, DEVON.—At St. Peter's Church for Sunday evening service, June 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by E. Grater 1, Mrs. Knowles 2, P. C. Orchard 3, F. G. Lewis 4, J. Coles 5, F. Viney 6, P. Newcombe (conductor) 7, H. Ware 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 4th, on a visit from North Wales.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service at the Parish Church, 547 Stedman Caters: F. W. Bond 1, H. L. Cook 2, H. S. Parsons 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, A. V. Bond 5, F. Edwards 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, W. H. Hayward 9, W. Wrigley 10. This is the longest touch yet rung by a local band. Also a course with F. J. Lewis, jun., ringing the 2nd.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—On Sunday, June 16th, for civic service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) (Brooks): F. Oliver 1, E. Roberts 2, T. A. Meredith 3, F. Richardson 4, R. G. Lewis 5, G. Burrows 6, C. Smith (conductor) 7, E. Green 8.

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