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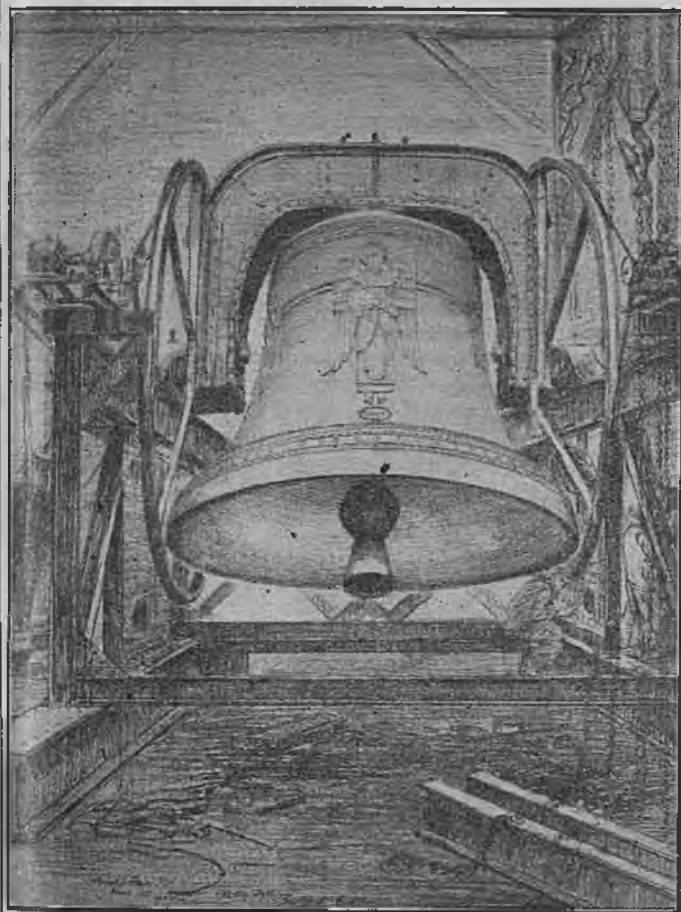
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THE REORGANISATION IN NORFOLK

The Norfolk Guild for the Diocese of Norwich—which was a cumbersome and almost unnecessary duplication of title—has ratified the proposal to revert to its original name and henceforth is to be known, as of old, as the Norwich Diocesan Association. By the older members especially this alteration will doubtless be received with pleasure, for, while the question has often been asked, 'What's in a name?' there is a flavour about old titles which many people are loath to lose, and changes sometimes have a tendency to break tradition. The reasons for the departure from the original title of the Norwich Diocesan Association need not be entered into here, but since the division of the diocese which eventually led to the setting up of the Suffolk Guild as a separate entity, the Norwich Association has more than once altered its name. In reverting to the name given to it at its birth, more than fifty years ago, the association will bind itself with new links to a past record as brilliant as that possessed by any territorial ringing organisation, a record from which its newer names must to some extent have divorced it in the minds of many ringers.

Like some other associations whose areas are largely rural in character, the Norfolk Guild has been finding it difficult to maintain the active interest of its members, and now, in addition to changing its name, it is re-organising its administration. At the meeting last week a scheme for three districts, each with more or less autonomous powers, was submitted, but has been referred back for a further division of the central area into two districts, making four in all. Hitherto the diocese, as at present formed, has been split up into eleven districts, some of them with very few towers, and a mere handful of members. Obviously such small numbers could not be expected to make a great success, for they are handicapped both financially and in the bells available for meetings. Improved organisation, therefore, pointed the way to larger amalgamations, and with fewer districts it is hoped that more energy will be shown. In days gone by, of course, areas had to be mapped on the basis of railway communication, for it was on this means of conveyance, and this alone, that the majority of ringers had to rely. The network of motor omnibus routes which has spread with such rapidity over the country in the last few years has altered all this, and actually the railway to-day has often to take a secondary place when studying the convenience of members. The old lines of division in the Norwich Diocese may have been more or less compelled by the sparse railway facilities, but road transit has put an entirely different complexion on the

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subject. In these days the successful district must be large enough to offer ample choice of towers for meetings and to be self-supporting financially; and must be small enough to put the members within reasonable touch of all, or, at any rate, the large majority, of the towers. The Norwich Association is endeavouring to solve the problem, and it is to be hoped that its efforts will result in securing for the officials of the association a greater measure of active support in the work which they are doing than has sometimes been apparent among the mass of the members in the past.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 8
LESTER L. GRAY 3	JAMES MARTIN 9
WILLIAM PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
GABRIEL LINDOFF 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
GEORGE R. NEWTON 6	CLAUDE I. DAVIES Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The visitors wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank their Liverpool friends for welcoming them to Liverpool.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*TONY PRICE Treble	HERBERT SHEMMING 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 8
WILLIAM TILLET 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 9
HARRY R. ROPER 4	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 10
*HAROLD E. SYMONDS 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
*WILLIAM CLOVER 6	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Tony Price, who returned to Canada on Thursday, August 15th.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	†CYRIL TANSELL 6
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	†GORDON W. CHECKETTS 8
*FRANK LAWRENCE 4	CHARLES CAMM 9
†THOMAS W. J. WALTERS ... 5	WILLIAM LEWIS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE DALTRY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

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RAMSGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence, Thanet,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5060 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 6
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM SPICE 7
*TOM SAUNDERS 3	FREDERICK G. BRETT 8
THOMAS E. SONE 4	GEORGE E. WILSON 9
HARRY BAKER 5	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten. This was Mr. H. Baker and the conductor's 50th peal together, and also 50th peal as conductor. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Birch for their kind assistance and hospitality after the peal, and also Mr. Geo. Willshire, of Birchington, who made the arrangements for Quex Park, where, with Messrs. F. Wollard, F. Fearbeard and W. E. Pitman, Treble Twelve was attempted.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PRITTLEWELL, SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM BACON Treble	† JOSEPH BARRETT 5
*ALBERT NORTH 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
HENRY T. WILSON 3	GORDON A. BACON 7
*FRANK B. LUFKIN 4	ERNEST W. FORBANK Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by H. T. WILSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Oxford. Ringers of 2nd and 4th were elected members of Essex Association previous to the peal.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

JOHN BAGLEY Treble	JOHN COOKE 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS 2	THOMAS ROGERS 6
LESTER L. GRAY 3	JOHN BREEZE 7
*JOHN BROWN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Major and first peal of Surprise. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

FRANK BRADLEY Treble	SAMUEL PINDER 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	ALFRED BARRETT 6
HENRY W. WILDE 3	HENRY HARRISON 7
NORMAN HEMMINGTON 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE W. ENGLAND Treble	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5
SIDNEY HILLIER 2	LOUIS A. WILSON 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
THOMAS DAVISON 4	JESSE STONE Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the son and daughter (twins) of Mr. S. Wiltshire, ringer of the 5th.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

H. FULCHER Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	JOHN SNELLING 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	ROSSELL RICHES 7
GEORGE HOWLETT 4	F. BORRETT Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

WINSOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

CHARLES R. LILLEY Treble	† C. E. LEVETT 5
*W. J. GAIT 2	WILLIAM G. NIPPER 6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT 3	STANLEY CARTER 7
*A. E. FERRIS 4	R. ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. NIPPER.

* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 5
*TONY R. PRICE 2	JOHN C. DICKEN 6
EDWIN R. GOATE 3	CHARLES F. SAYER 7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON

* 50th peal for the Norfolk Guild.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS DAVISON Treble	CHARLIE LOVELOCK 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
SAMUEL J. ILECTOR 4	FRED LAMBETH Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. KIPPIN. Conducted by FRED LAMBETH

First peal of Major on the bells. Messrs. Popnell and Williams wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those who helped to make their long week-end out of Wales such a success.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S SIX-PART, No. 4.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
MADRICE SWINFIELD 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDS 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	RICHARD C. BELTON Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	HENRY B. TAYLOR ... 6
EDWARD A. HERN ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
ROBERT ANDERSON ... 4	ADAM DEAS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Double Bob by all the band,
also by the association.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE AND BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH ... Treble	ALBERT W. COLES ... 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 6
*MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 3	*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. The above contains 2,944
of London, 608 of Bristol, and 736 each of Superlative and Cam-
bridge. The Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate
courses.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	HENRY T. WILSON ... 6
STANLEY W. BAYBUT ... 3	*LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... 7
*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

BINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT W. JENNISON ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5
HERBERT HAIGH ... 2	GEORGE AMBLER ... 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
ROWLAND MYERS ... 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 100th peal.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble	ARTHUR PASHLEY ... 5
*ALBERT SMITHSON ... 2	*SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 6
HAYDON THORPE ... 3	HAROLD NAYLOR ... 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, August 1st, 720 Kent
Treble Bob: J. Cooke 1, Miss G. Storer 2, J. Breese 3, F. Banton 4,
J. Martin 5, W. Dean (conductor) 6. Miss Storer hails from St. An-
drew's, Bebington, and this was her first 720 of Treble Bob. Her
first 720 in any method (Plain Bob) was rung at Rock Ferry on
July 7th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent, and three 720's of Plain
Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM MUSK ... Treble	DAVID WHITING ... 4
MISS KITTY WILLIERS ... 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 Spliced 240's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. G. MORGAN ... Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... 3
REGINALD MORRIS ... 2	EDMUND MORRIS ... 4
HARRY T. CHANDLER ... Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. The conductor's 100th peal of Doubles for the Here-
ford Guild.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB MINOR AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES,
5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST A. MARSH ... Treble	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 5
RONALD RUSSELL ... 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*REGINALD WRIGHT ... Treble	HAROLD G. SMITH ... 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 2	JESSE BAYLEY ... 5
ALBERT THOMAS ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. H. G. Smith's 21st peal, and rung on his 21st birth-
day.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's
of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Treble	EDWARD BARKER ... 4
JAMES H. RAPER ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 5
JOHN W. T. WRIGHT ... 3	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Rung as a farewell to the conductor on his return to Canada. He
would like to thank all those who have made his holiday a success.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 120's of Canterbury Pleasure and 14 Spliced 240's of Grand-
sire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES ... Treble	EDMUND MORRIS ... 4
HARRY T. CHANDLER ... 2	*JAMES P. HYETT ... 5
G. JAMES R. PRICE ... 3	JAMES RANDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* 100th six-bell peal. Rung on the back six.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 changes each of Stedman, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and 1,440 changes of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALBERT HOWARD Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 4
HARRY HOWARD 2	ROBERT HOWARD 5
WALTER MANSFIELD 3	*WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. John Boucher, whose interment took place on that day.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, consisting of (1) St. Clement's and College Single, (2) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Double and Single Oxford, (6) Double and Single Court, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*FRANK TAYLOR Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL 4
JOHN J. JUTSON 2	†WILLIAM H. WALDON 5
HERACE M. DAY 3	*JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in eleven methods. † First peal in eleven methods inside.

LAPLEY, STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 Plain Bob, 3,840 Grandsire and 720 Stedman. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN C. ADAMS Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3
ROBERT PICKERING 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 4
JOHN PERRY Tenor	

The conducting of the peal was shared by all, J. Perry calling four different 120's of Plain Bob, followed by Messrs. J. C. Adams, R. Pickering, C. Wallater and J. Perry, each calling eight different 120's of Grandsire, leaving H. Knight to finish calling the peal with six different 120's of Stedman. First peal on the bells and first peal on five bells by the ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BAVIN Treble	FRED C. GINN 4
GEORGE L. PERKINS 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
BERRY WAYMAN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Sharp, wife of the local captain. Mr. G. L. Perkins is from Hemingford Abbots, and it was his first peal of Surprise. 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th ringers from Over, tenor from Long Stanton.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 Spliced 240's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOSEPH WATKINS Treble	HARRY T. CHANDLER 4
*GEORGE KING 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
ARTHUR KEEN 3	TREVOR JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung for evening service.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday, June 5th, at 56, Moorland Avenue, 1,344 Bob Major on handbells in 40 mins.: Harry Carter 1-2, Charles McGuiness (conductor) 3-4, Harold Marcon 5-6, Harold Walker 7-8. Witnessed by Mrs. Charles McGuiness and Miss S. Norton.

A SUSSEX TOUR.

Visiting ringers to Brighton during the holiday period had a successful ringing programme arranged for them. The following peals resulted:—

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
ALFRED BALLARD 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	KEITH HART 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

KEITH HART Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 2	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
RONALD H. DOVE 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
ALFRED BALLARD 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 5	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Specially arranged and rung as a wedding peal for Miss Vera Dawe (eldest daughter of Mr. Robert J. Dawe, of Lewes), and Mr. T. Slaughter, who were married that afternoon. The band were kindly entertained to tea at the conclusion of the peal.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED J. BOLL Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
CHARLES W. CLARKE 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by KEITH HART.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On August 8th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: E. Wadley 1, G. Woodman 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, S. Vince 4, G. Feist 5, F. Hindes 6, R. Langridge 7, W. Thorns 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

A NORTHANTS WEEK.

The following peals were rung in a tour under the auspices of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

NORTHAMPTON.

On Friday, August 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Sepulchre,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
FRED WILFORD 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM ROGERS 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
THOMAS LAW 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by the late E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	WALTER PERKINS 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 8
*ALBERT JOHN GREEN 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
EDWIN J. HOBBS 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal on ten bells.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Sunday, August 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*ALBERT JOHN GREEN 2	FRED WILFORD 6
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
EDWIN J. HOBBS 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WALTER PERKINS 6
EDWIN J. HOBBS 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in a Surprise method.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

ARCHIBALD KAY Treble	EDWIN J. HOBBS 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by the late E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6
WALTER PERKINS 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WALTER PERKINS 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
ARCHIBALD KAY 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

On Thursday, August 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER 5
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

On Thursday, August 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

On Friday, August 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	JOHN R. MAIN 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
WALTER PERKINS 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

On Friday, August 9, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
W. H. FUSSELL 2	JAMES T. WARD 6
WALTER PERKINS 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
JOHN R. MAIN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was Mr. Perkins' 300th peal. The conductor's 100th peal of Cambridge Major and the first on the bells.

OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	JOHN R. SHARMAN 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT
First peal of Superlative on the bells.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sunday, August 11th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Bratchell 1, R. Rex 2, C. Pearce 3, F. J. Knapp 4, S. Quintin 5, H. W. Curtis 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, J. Challis 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 8. Arranged for D. Cooper, of Croydon.

PEELERS ENTERTAIN PEALERS.**RINGERS IN THE HANDS OF THE POLICE.**

On Saturday last over 80 ringers, their wives and friends from many parts of Lancashire met on the Athletic Ground of the Bolton Borough Police, at the invitation of that body, who had kindly placed it at their disposal. A bowling match between the police and the ringers opened the events, and although the police won, it was only after some very keenly contested games. Then, as in previous years, the interest began. Old scores were wiped off, or new challenges contested between rival towers. A policeman has a son a ringer, a ringer also has a son a policeman, and the latter pair's match was the 'tit-bit.' Ladies also tried their skill with the 'woods.'

Hot and cold refreshments were provided, and a few of the women folk attended to these wants. When all were tired of the greensward, a 'free and easy' entertainment was provided in the pavilion. Here Miss Annie Potter and Mr. Robert Marsden provided vocal solos, and P.C. Hayhurst the mirth.

Those who had seen too many summers for dancing enjoyed themselves in quiet corners either with a game of whist or a game of dominoes.

Mr. Ernest Cutsforth moved a vote of thanks to the police for again inviting them there that afternoon. He said he felt he was voicing the opinion of all, when he said they had begun to look to this as an annual affair, and he hoped it would be carried on for many more years.—Mr. John Potter, in seconding, said he hoped that next time the police would play howls left handed. Then the ringers might have a chance to win.

In reply, P.C. Hayhurst said the ringers were very welcome visitors. It was very nice to see old faces again, and if the ringers looked forward to this event, so did the police, because they were sure of getting a good entertainment, apart from the sports side, and hoped that some time during the winter they would come again. He said he also wished to congratulate them on having such an energetic organising secretary in Sergt. Crook. The Police Athletic Club knew the value of his services in that line, and as a head in the sports section.

The president of the Lancashire Association (Rev. Canon Elsee) looked in during the proceedings, but regretted he could not stay, as he had many pressing engagements.

Community singing, dancing, gramophone records and touches on the handbells brought to a close, all too soon, another happy and enjoyable day between the peelers and peelers.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**PEAK DISTRICT.**

A pleasant, but not too well attended, meeting of the Peak District was held at Eyam on Saturday last. Probably, the largely-attended opening of the bells at the nearby village of Tideswell on Bank Holiday, and the ever-popular Bakewell show in progress on Saturday, had much to do with a small attendance. However, the fifteen or so ringers who were present from Bakewell, Castleton, Dore, Duffield, Eyam, Hope and Tideswell were rewarded with a very pleasant afternoon in this beautiful and historic village, some enjoyable, if somewhat jazz-like, ringing on the light ring of six, in which learners had every chance, and a substantial tea provided by the kindness of the Rev. W. P. Wright.

At a short business meeting following tea, it was decided to hold the next meeting on September 14th at Tideswell, where a warm welcome and much hospitality are promised, and where it is hoped there will be a large gathering.

The usual votes of thanks to the local church authorities, and particularly to the Rev. W. P. Wright for his kindness and hospitality, were cordially endorsed.

PROGRESS AT BISHOP'S STORTFORD.

Since the bells of St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, were retuned and rehung, and the company re-formed in July, 1928, a most successful and progressive year has passed. The bells have been rung for morning and evening service on each of the 52 Sundays, and the performances include seven quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples, one quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung by the local band, and one quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in which the company was helped by visitors from neighbouring towers. Two learners have rung their first quarter-peals. A very enjoyable outing was held on Whit Monday, when the company visited Ely, calling at Royston and Godmanchester for ringing on the outward journey, and at Sawston and Ickleton on the homeward journey. At the annual meeting the following officers were appointed to serve during the coming year: Mr. F. Bird, Master; Mr. H. White, secretary; Mr. W. Wilkinson, treasurer; and Mr. W. T. Prior to serve with the officers. The balance sheet for the year was presented and adopted. This showed a balance in hand of £6 8s. 4d. Three learners, all ladies, were accepted as members, viz., Miss Wacey, Miss Rickwood, and Miss Torn.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Not content with a fifteen thousand of Cambridge Maximus on Bank Holiday, five of the long peal band took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Liverpool the following day, and one, by way of a change, went on a ringing tour for the rest of the week. Ye gods!

A Leicester Vicar, so the 'Burton Daily Mail' announces, has advertised for voluntary ringers. This is how he worded the appeal: 'Qualifications necessary: Earnestness, enthusiasm and energy, Preference will be given to those who are prepared to take up ringing seriously, and to give the greater part of their (spare) time to a study which is more brainy than billiards, more captivating than cricket, more fascinating than football, and more pleasurable than the pictures. Remuneration: More kicks than ha'pence.'

The secretary of the Salisbury Guild, in addition to clerical and campanological activities, is a country correspondent for the Children's Country Holiday Fund. A group of little girls from North London, recently spending a fortnight at Kington Magna under his care, were shown a photograph of the ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral. One of the girls quickly pointed out Mr. Cockerill and exclaimed, 'That looks like the King!'

A new peal of ten bells was opened at York Minster on August 19th, 1765. They were cast by Lester and Pack, of London, and the order that they should be as nearly as possible like Bow bells seems to have been faithfully carried out, for the tenor was just three pounds heavier than the tenor at the famous Cheapside church.

On Saturday, August 22nd, 1752, was rung at St. Michael's Goslany (Norwich) a complete 5,040 of Mr. Holt's Tripples in 3 hours, without changes alike or a bell out of course. It being the first time ever performed by eight men only, so intricate it was thought no man could ring a bell and call the Bobs. It has been rang in London and Stonham Aspal with prompts, but was rang by these men without a prompt. Thus the 'Norwich Mercury' recorded the performance of Holt's Original when it was called for the first time by a conductor ringing in the peal.

The report of a peal rung at St. Werburgh's, Blackwell, Derbyshire, has been sent without the date. We constantly receive defective peal reports. May we once more ask correspondents, especially those who do not often send this kind of communication, carefully to check their report, before sending it, with any of the reports of peals, of which a number appear in every issue of 'The Ringing World.' They would thus be sure of including all the essential details, and it would frequently save delay and disappointment.

A little chime of eight bells, with tenor 2½ cwt., was dedicated last week at South Malling, near Lewes, Sussex, as part of a scheme in connection with the commemoration of the tercentenary of the church. The bells were supplied by the Whitechapel Foundry.

South Malling Church is notable for the fact that John Harvard (the founder of Harvard University in America) was married there on April 19th, 1636.

By a slip, the date of the first peal of Double Norwich in Wales was given in our last issue as 1908. It was rung on August 13th, 1883.

ROBERT MOT'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Before leaving London last Friday I had only time to glance at my 'Ringing World,' but I read with pleasure your 'leader' about Mot's and Carter's five bells of Sedlescombe. An Elizabethan 'ring' of five must be extremely rare—the more so if untouched by the restorer. I know of only one—untouched or otherwise—pre-Reformation ring, i.e., that at St. Bartholomew's in the City of London, which is a ring of five bells.

With the above in mind, I venture to send you a plea from the Tyrolean Valley, which knows neither carillons nor peals.

In your reference to the proposed saving of the five bells of Sedlescombe, we are left with the impression that the augmentation involves retuning, and that, as usual, little regard will be paid to Robert Mot's own views as to how these bells should sound, and have so done since the great days of Elizabeth. If, indeed, as may be the case, they are to be 'Simpsonised,' then, even if they boast more than the famous 'five harmonic tones,' they will sound neither as they did to Mot's approving ear nor to those of the 'rude forefathers of the hamlet,' whose ears, like our own, were less critical. These villagers certainly approved and cared for their bells, since they have come down to us 350 years later, untouched and entire.

'Blest be he who spares my tones,' Mot may have said, which motto I commend to our friends at Whitechapel, asking them not to be rude to their famous forefather.

Twenty years since, these bells would have been recast without a murmur. Twenty years hence those concerned in saving them will be generally praised. And twenty years again, and—well! perhaps even tuning machines may shake in their shoes.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Innsbruck, August 5th, 1929.

ANCIENT STAFFORDSHIRE BELLS RESTORED

LAPLEY'S LITTLE RING.

Standing like a bulwark on a prominence some three miles north of Brewwood, the ancient Norman tower of Lapley, Stafford, until recently contained four old bells which for many years were unringable. Two of the bells were badly cracked, as also was a very old Sanctus bell, which also hung in the tower.

This 11th century church, with barely twenty houses round it, has much to interest the visitor who cares to turn off the Old Watling Street and wander into this out-of-the-way place. The parish registers date back to 1538, and are therefore as old as any. The font is supposed to be the work of some Dutch sculptor, as an inscription carved on one panel in plain Roman characters is said by one learned linguist to mean 'The Birth of Christ' in modern Dutch. The bowl of the font is octagonal, and measures 36in. in diameter and 18in. in height. The shaft and base are modern, and only the remains of the original. Seven of the panels are carved, and represent various episodes in our Lord's life, while the eighth panel is left plain. The date of the font is doubtful. One writer wonders if it dates back to the first half of the twelfth century.

In the ringing room are some curiously-carved bosses on the walls which are said to be decidedly French in character.

Close to the church there stood at one time a priory, which in the time of Edward the Confessor was bestowed on the monks of the Abbey of St. Regimus, of Rheims. The church itself is said to have been founded in the eleventh century by the Benedictine monks from this Abbey.

But it is in the bells that readers of 'The Ringing World' will be most interested. Of the four old bells, the treble was badly cracked, and bore the date of 1855, which shows it was put in the tower in Cromwell's time—not a time when one would expect this sort of thing to take place. The second bell is dated 1565, and is therefore one of the oldest bells in the county. The third bell is dated 1629, and bears the inscription, 'Saintta Petra, ora. pro. nobis.' The fourth was dated 1617, and was badly damaged at the celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. As regards the Sanctus Bell, an exhaustive treatise on the bells of the county mentions only two other ancient Sanctus bells, one in Lichfield Cathedral and the other at St. Mary's, Stafford.

The present Vicar of Lapley, the Rev. O. St. J. Smith, about two years ago set about the task of trying to have the bells restored, and issued an appeal for funds for this purpose. The first work to be undertaken was the Sanctus bell, and thanks are due to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, for saving this old bell from the melting pot, the result being that a new Sanctus bell has been provided, while the old one is hung in the chancel of the church as a relic of the past.

The fund for restoring the other bells gradually grew until at length the order was placed with the same firm to recast the treble and fourth and retune the second and third, while an additional treble bell has been given in memory of the late Prebendary Talbot, who was at one time Vicar of Lapley. The whole ring has been hung in a steel frame with all the latest fittings, and provision has been made in the frame for a sixth bell to be added when funds are available. The tower has been strengthened by three tie rods, and is of such a size that it would hold another 8 or 10 bells.

The dedication of the bells took place on Tuesday evening, July 30th, by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, before a crowded congregation, extra seats having to be placed in the chancel and aisle, while many people had to stand.

After the service the ringers from Brewwood rang various 120's of Doubles on the bells under the conductorship of Mr. J. Perry, who has worked hard for the restoration. The work done reflects great credit on the Loughborough firm, the tone of the bells being greatly admired by all who heard them.

The task of providing the sixth bell, it is understood, is to be undertaken by the school children of the parish, which includes the parish of Wheaton Aston, and is to be called 'The children's bell,' a very appropriate way of completing the number. If this article is read by anyone who has been connected with the parish, or anyone else who feels that they would like to help forward the work, Mr. J. Perry, Brewwood, Stafford, would be pleased to receive any donations, and would hand them over to the proper quarters.

As will be seen in the peal column, a peal of Doubles has been rung on the bells, and it is interesting to note that the band consisted of the present and some of the past Ringing Masters of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, with the hon. secretary added for safety, while the peal was rung slowly to give the parishioners the benefit of hearing the full tones of the bells.

EDENBRIDGE RINGER'S DEATH.

At Edenbridge, Kent, on August 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: W. Leigh, sen., 1, E. Leigh 2, E. Collison 3, R. Jenner 4, G. Malyan 5, J. Heasman 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Malyan, an old member of the local band, who was buried that day. Mr. J. Malyan took part, with the ringers of 4th, 6th and 7th, in the first peal rung on the bells in 1896.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S ADDRESS TO THE KING.

The loyal address of the Central Council to His Majesty the King, decided on at the meeting at Chelmsford, has been sent to the King in the following terms:—

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS.

May It Please Your Majesty.

It was unanimously resolved by this Council at their annual meeting on Whitsun Tuesday, held this year at Chelmsford, to venture to approach Your Majesty with a humble expression of their heartfelt thankfulness for Your Majesty's recovery from grave and protracted illness, coupled with their earnest prayer that Your Majesty may be restored to complete health and strength and may, by the blessing of Almighty God, be spared to reign in peace and happiness for many years to come.

It may interest Your Majesty to know that a large number of Peals of 5,000 Changes and upwards were successfully achieved throughout the Country to proclaim the Nation's joy.

The following table is taken from 'The Ringing World,' the journal of the Ringing Exercise:—

On 12 bells	two peals.
On 10 bells	five peals.
On 8 and under	fifty-eight peals.

In addition to the above a large number of Quarter Peals of 1,260 Changes and 'Touches' of 720 were rung, many on Thanksgiving Day itself.

We have the honour to remain Your Majesty's most humble and devoted servants and subjects.

Signed on behalf of the above Council,

G. F. COLERIDGE, President.

E. ALEX. YOUNG, Secretary.

August, 1929.

THE REPLY.

Buckingham Palace.

The Private Secretary presents his compliments to Mr. E. Alexander Young, and writes to acknowledge the receipt of his letter and enclosure of the 2nd inst.

The Address from the Central Council of Church Bellringers has been laid before the King, and the Private Secretary is commanded to convey His Majesty's sincere thanks to the Members of the Council for their message of good wishes and for their account of the Peals of Thanksgiving which have been rung throughout the country.

August 6th, 1929.

TWO ASSOCIATIONS MEET.

MIDDLESEX AND GUILDFORD RINGERS FRATERNISE.

Sonbury, on the banks of the Thames, is a pleasant spot on a summer's day, and a joint meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association and the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held there on Saturday, attracted an attendance of over 50. Many visitors were present from distant places, including Messrs. R. F. Elkington (Anstey, Leicestershire), A. Ballard (Stoney Stanton), P. D. Jennison (Keighley, Yorkshire), O. Sippetts (Crawley, Sussex), the veteran Mr. Joseph Waghorn, of East Ham, etc., while the two associations were represented by ringers from Hillingdon, Heston, Ealing, Chelsea, Chiswick, Sunbury, Guildford, Godalming, Woking, Haslemere, Oatlands, Ottershaw. Ringers were also present from Croydon, Beddington, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and Bishopsgate. There was ringing throughout the afternoon and evening sufficient to satisfy all tastes. It was, as usual on such occasions, of mixed quality, but Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, the Ringing Master, was assiduous in his efforts to 'fit up' everyone. A short, bright service was held, at which the curate (Rev. W. H. Jones) officiated in the absence of the Rector, and the singing was led by the organ, at which Mr. Poole presided.

Among those present at tea, in addition to those already mentioned, were Mr. C. S. Bird (vice-president), Mr. W. H. Hollier (hon. sec.), and Mr. J. A. Trollope (hon. treasurer of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. H. J. Chaffey (Chertsey District Ringing Master), Mr. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), etc.

There was no business to be transacted, but both Mr. Bird and Mr. Trollope welcomed the Guildford Guild, and this was acknowledged by Major Hesse and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. The latter also suggested that a letter of congratulation should be sent to Mr. William Pye (who is Master of the Middlesex Association) and the band who rang the record twelve-bell peal earlier in the week.—This was at once agreed to.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector, the curate and the organist, and the district sec. was asked to convey the condolences of the meeting to Mr. Tom Beadle, who in the past has done so much for the Middlesex Association, and who has had a long period of illness. Mr. Beadle had sent his greetings to the meeting.

'THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.'**NORFOLK GUILD REVERTS TO OLD TITLE.**

By the ratification of the resolution passed on Easter Monday, the Norfolk Guild now reverts to its original title of the Norwich Diocesan Association. The ratification took place at a meeting at North Elmham on Bank Holiday. By the kind permission of the Rev. E. H. Townsend, M.A. (Vicar), the ring of eight bells of the Parish Church was placed at the disposal of the members during the day. Luncheon was served at the George and Dragon, the Rev. E. H. Townsend presiding, in the absence of the president, (the Archdeacon of Norwich). He was supported by Mr. Charles E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. A. L. Coleman (secretary), Messrs. W. L. Duffield, W. C. Duffield, W. B. Duncan, members of the committee, and several representatives from Norfolk and Suffolk.

The Secretary moved the ratification of the belfry election of Messrs. William C. Bunn and William Buckenham.

The secretary brought before the meeting a motion passed at the last general meeting recommending that the word 'Guild' should be substituted for the word 'association' in the original title of the Guild. The motion was not supported by the meeting.

Mr. W. C. Duffield then moved, and Mr. B. Whiteside seconded, 'That the original motion, as put at the annual general meeting held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 1st, 1929, be ratified in accordance with the referendum to the members on changing the title to "The Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers."' The motion, on being put, was carried by a substantial majority.

The secretary presented the sub-committee's report on the grouping of the eleven existing districts into three branches of the association, viz., 'The West Norfolk Branch,' 'The Mid-Norfolk Branch,' and 'The East Norfolk Branch,' and 'that each branch shall be governed by a committee consisting of a chairman, hon. secretary, and five members elected to form the committee, and each branch shall be at liberty to manage its own business and elect its officers and arrange general and periodic meetings for the practice of change ringing.'

A discussion followed on the areas of the branches. The 'West' and 'East' branches were favourably commented upon, the whole criticism being on the area of the Mid-Norfolk Branch, which was considered far too large an area to work satisfactorily. The view was expressed that it should be divided into two branches, called 'The North Norfolk' and 'The South Norfolk,' thus making four branches of the association instead of three as recommended in the sub-committee's report.

Mr. W. E. Duffield moved, and Mr. W. B. Duncan seconded, 'That the report be referred back to the sub-committee for further consideration for the division of the Mid-Norfolk Branch into two branches,' and the motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried by a large majority.

Mr. A. L. Coleman (secretary) moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. H. Townsend for so kindly presiding, and also for the use of the Parish Church bells.—The Rev. E. H. Townsend suitably responded, and the meeting then closed.

The members adjourned to the belfry for further ringing.

OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.**JOINT GATHERING AT NEWBURY.**

A very successful joint meeting of the above Guilds was held at Newbury on Saturday last, when 50 members attended from Swindon, North Stonham, Englefield, Bramley, Rainham (Kent), Reading, Maidenhead, Ringwood, Croydon, Faringdon, Aldermaston, Beenham, North Bassett, Winchester, Binfield, Bucklebury, Beedon, Brightwalton, Highclere, Woolton Hill, Shaw, and the Newbury ringers. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. R. Majendie), who gave a very interesting address. Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. H. W. Curtis, assisted by the ringers' wives. The Rector presided, and was supported by Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Winchester Guild), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary of the Oxford Guild), Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester Cathedral), and Mr. H. W. Curtis (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Newbury Branch).

The Rector welcomed the ringers, and said how pleased he was to see so many present.—Mr. G. Williams spoke on behalf of the Winchester Guild, saying it was 40 years since he rang on Newbury bells.

Mr. H. W. Curtis also welcomed the Winchester Guild, and hoped this would be one of many meetings to be held jointly by the two Guilds.

The Rector proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Curtis and the ladies for providing the tea.—Mr. H. W. Curtis proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address and for the use of the bells.—This was seconded by Mr. Crocker and carried with applause.

The tower was again visited, and some good touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Double Norwich Major.

Apologies were received from the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild) and Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary of the Winchester Guild).

NEW BELLS AT DERBYSHIRE CHURCH.**HAPPY GATHERING AT THE 'CATHEDRAL OF THE PEAK.'**

The town of Tideswell, buried in a hollow of the bold swelling hills in the Peak district of Derbyshire, was en fete on Bank Holiday, when the music of the augmented peal reverberated over the neighbouring hills and dales. The church, commonly known as the 'Cathedral of the Peak,' dates back to the 14th century, and is a popular shrine for visitors to this part of the country. Its architecture is in a class by itself, and the building contains many fine examples of statuary, brasses and tombs, one of the latter being dated 1358. The carving in the church is extremely fine, and is all of local execution. The tower is a massive and rugged one, surmounted by four tall pinnacles which give an added grace to the structure, which, towering above the surrounding old-world cottages, presents a truly beautiful picture.

It was, however, to hear the augmented ring of eight bells that the majority of visitors paid a visit to this fine old town. Over 60 ringers turned up from Stafford, Derby, Chesterfield, Bolsover, Burton, Stockport, Cheadle, Norton-le-Moors, Norton, near Sheffield, Sheffield, Rotherham, South Anston, Duffield, Bakewell, Dore, Treeton, Bolsterstone, Eyam, Handsforth, etc., and were well repaid for their journey in spite of uncertain weather.

Ringings commenced before noon and continued until late in the evening, a special feature being the very fine ringing which took place by mixed bands—a tribute to the way in which the rehanging of the peal has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

A short service of welcome was held in the afternoon, the Vicar expressing his great pleasure at the interest shown by the number of visitors present.

In spite of the fact that only three names were sent in for tea, there was ample food for all, and the generosity of the Tideswell folk in this direction will not be easily forgotten. It demonstrates in no uncertain way the hospitality of these homely people. After tea the Rev. W. Peter Wright moved a vote of thanks for all the good things provided and to all concerned for the kindness shown.

A pleasant social half-hour followed, some very good handbell ringing taking place, but the tit-bit was provided by Mr. Maurice Swinfield, who tapped two courses of Duffield Major on the piano and a touch of Stedman Triples conducted by Mr. Frank Smallwood; then followed a course of Duffield simultaneously with the piano and handbells. 'True' stories were then related by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Peter Wright and the 'Fidler.'

Mr. J. E. L. Cockey referred to the new district formed by the M.C.A. in the Peak District, and hoped that the Tideswell company would see their way to join them, and thus swell the ranks of this section of the association which had made such a successful beginning.

There was formerly a peal of six bells at Tideswell of very different tonal quality, but now there is a fine ring of eight with a tenor about 13 cwt.

The old 4th, a fourteenth-century bell, has been placed on view in the church, and has been replaced by a new bell. The tenor has been recast and two new trebles added, the whole having been hung in a new cast-iron framework with entirely new and modern fittings.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have given Derbyshire another fine example of their work, and the Tideswell company feel proud in their acquisition and appreciate all that the firm has done to ensure such a satisfactory and lasting job.

The firm were represented at the opening gathering by Messrs. J. P. Fidler and C. Harrison, who arrived neatly packed, with their spouses, in a well-known Morris 'chara.'

There is to be a gathering of the Peak District of the M.C.A. in September (14th), particulars of which will be duly advertised in this journal. That this meeting will be a huge success is a foregone conclusion. Undoubtedly, a hearty welcome awaits the association.

MINOR RECORD ATTEMPT 'OFF.'

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, two of the band who were to have attempted the record peal of Minor at Rickingham, Suffolk, on August Bank Holiday, were unable to stand in, and the peal was therefore abandoned for the time being. A 5,040 was, however, rung. Miss Kitty Willers had cycled from Trumpington, Cambs, a distance of 42 miles, to listen to the long peal, and was invited to take part in the seven 720's, Mr. B. Chilvers, of Cotton, giving up his rope to the lady, who enjoyed the good striking throughout the peal.

THE TWELVE BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—One must write to congratulate the whole band who rang the record peal at Ashton-under-Lyne on Bank Holiday—a marvellous performance. I was talking to Mr. Sperring somewhere in Chester last Tuesday about this, and he said, 'That's nothing for this band; if they made up their minds they would ring twice as long, by gomm!'—Yours, etc.,

JOHN JAGGAR.

RUARDEAN BELLS REOPENED.

The peal of eight at St. John's Church, Ruardean, Gloucestershire, has been rehung in new gudgeons and ball bearings, the 6th bell recast, and the 7th bell replaced, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon Bell Foundry. The dedication took place on August 1st, the service being performed by the Rev. J. F. Clayton, M.A., warden elect of St. Nicholas', Bristol University, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Parnell. A good congregation assembled, including ringers from the South and North Forest and Gloucester Branches of the Association.

At the dedication the bells were rung in rounds by the local band, after which the Rev. J. F. Clayton addressed the congregation on the use of church bells.

At the conclusion of the service, a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band, and the bells were then thrown open to the visitors, when every ringer present had the opportunity of having a pull. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Double Norwich.

The visitors were afterwards entertained in true Forest style, Mr. Harper (secretary) presiding, supported by Mr. Wilkes (conductor of the local band), Mr. F. C. Collins (bell hanger), Mr. W. E. Harris (secretary of Gloucester Branch), Mr. J. Austin, Mr. Baldwin, ex-Sergt. Williams, of Newent, and Mr. J. Clarke (Ross).

Mr. Collins said he would like the opinion of the ringers present as to the 'go' of the bells to enable him to report to his firm. He was sorry that the representative of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston (Mr. Roper) was absent, but he expected that something had detained him.

Mr. Austin thanked Mr. Collins for the excellent way in which the work had been carried out. The 'go' of the bells, he said, was everything that could be desired.—Mr. G. L. Brunson and ex-Sergt. Williams expressed agreement with Mr. Austin as to the 'go' of the bells.

Mr. Collins, in thanking the speakers for their kind remarks, said he was glad to hear they had found everything to their liking, and he would convey their opinion to the head of the firm, as he knew how much it would be appreciated.

Ex-Sergt. Williams thanked the donors on behalf of himself and fellow-ringers for their kindness in entertaining them.—This was supported by Mr. Brunson.—Mr. Harper replied on behalf of the donors and the local band, and said it gave them all the greatest pleasure to hear the remarks from the previous speakers regarding the 'go' of the bells. He was pleased to see so many old friends amongst them that evening, and if at any time they required the bells for a peal he should only be too pleased to assist them. He thanked them all for coming to the assistance of the local band that evening.

Touches on the handbells by ringers and tunes by Messrs. Austin and Williams brought a pleasant gathering to an end.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild took place at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, and was well attended, ringers being present from Northampton, London, Leicester, Shouldham, Chatteris, Somersham, Raunds, Wymondham, Guildford, Irthlingborough, Titchmarsh, Market Deeping, Littleworth, Spalding, Lufon, Stamford, Husbands Bosworth, and the local band. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's, and Woodston were rung during the day. Service took place in St. John's Church, and was conducted by the Rev. Carlton, who gave a very interesting address. Afterwards, 45 sat down to tea.

The business meeting was held in St. John's vestry, the president of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford) being in the chair. The officers were re-elected for the year.

Some discussion took place with regard to St. John's bells, and the hope was expressed that they would soon be made into a peal of eight again.

The methods rung during the day ranged from London Surprise to Plain Bob.

THE CHESTER GUILD'S REPORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The account of the Chester Guild annual meeting, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on Friday, August 9th, contained a remark that the motion to accept the annual report was passed with one dissenter.

A peal of Minor, consisting of seven Surprise 720's, rung at Wallasey by six members of the Sunday band, was published in the annual report as an outstanding performance for the Guild. I asked the chairman at the meeting if this was the only outstanding performance put up by the Guild during 1928. The late General Secretary (Mr. E. W. Elwell) replied that it was so.

To a further enquiry, he remarked that the peal of London Surprise Major rung at Frodsham by a local band, although it might be the first of its kind rung for the Guild, was not, in his opinion, an outstanding performance for the Guild, comparable with the peal at Wallasey. I differed from him, and voted accordingly. Hence the one dissenter.—Yours truly,

Frodsham.

W. BIBBY.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BRIDGNORTH'S VETERAN RINGER HONOURED.**

On Bank Holiday a notable visit was paid to Bridgnorth by the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers, who assembled to honour Mr. John Overton, Ringing Master of the Bridgnorth District, and one of the oldest members of the Guild and committee. Some four years ago Mr. Overton was presented with an illuminated address on his completion of 50 years' service as head ringer of St. Leonard's Church.

The bells were set going shortly after two o'clock in the afternoon at both churches, and at 4.15 a special service was conducted by the Rev. Trevor Morgan.

A party of sixty members and friends sat down to a splendid tea at King's Head Hotel, whereat Mr. C. Edwards, Guild Ringing Master, presided, supported by the Rev. L. E. Lewis, of Madley, Hereford. Apologies were received from the general secretary, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. Trevor Morgan and the district secretary. The visitors, who assembled from far and wide, included Messrs. John Clarke (Ross), Albert Walker (Birmingham), John Booth (Wigan), T. J. Salter (Kidderminster), A. Hackett (Halesowen), William Short (Glent), A. Rowley (Tipton), Frank Perrins (Conventry), Frank Stoneley (Manchester), with other representatives of the district from Broseley, Bromsgrove, Coalbrookdale and the Hereford District.

The Chairman explained that there was no 'business' before the meeting, which had been specially convened as a compliment to Mr. John Overton, one of the oldest ringers members of the Guild. He spoke with feeling of Mr. Overton's successful work, particularly with regard to change ringing, and the instructions he had given to beginners, and enjoined the younger ringing members to benefit by his training and example.

Mr. Overton, who, on rising, was tunelessly greeted as a 'jolly good fellow,' suitably replied, thanking his hearers for their appreciation, and expressing a hope that he had been of some service to the Guild.

Mr. Short, Mr. Saunders (Coalbrookdale) and Mr. John Clarke also spoke briefly of Mr. Overton's good work.

Mr. Albert Walker, Ringing Master of St. Martin's, Birmingham, also expressed his appreciation of Mr. Overton in warm terms. He proffered to him the very cordial wishes of St. Martin's Guild.

After tea a nicely-struck course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by five of the visiting members. The visitors then returned to the towers for further ringing, which during the day included Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Kent and Plain Bob Minor, and Grandsire Doubles.

Mr. Overton is 78 years, and is still an active member in the belfry.

A TAUNTON RINGER RETIRES.

Writing in the August 'Parish Magazine,' the Vicar of St. James' Church, Taunton, says: 'I have to announce that after having occupied the position of leader and conductor of the bellringers in St. James' tower for 37 years or so, Mr. J. Maddock has resigned owing to inability to fulfil the duties of the post. For some few years past Mr. Maddock has desired to take this step, but owing to the esteem in which he is held by the ringers he has been dissuaded from doing so. There is not room here to state all that Mr. Maddock has done in connection with the ringing in St. James' while he has been in charge. I think an interesting booklet could be written upon that subject. I would tender our hearty thanks to Mr. Maddock with the observation that during the time of his leadership the reputation of St. James' for good ringing has been deservedly very high.'

It is a pleasure to be able to add to the above that Mr. Maddock conducted the first peals of Minor, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Stedman Triples for the Bath and Wells Association, and these were all rung by the regular Sunday band of St. James' Church. Mr. J. Maddock, much to the regret of all local ringers, ceased to take an active part in ringing some four or five years ago. A man of a very genial nature, his successor will have a hard task to follow in his steps. Mr. Maddock is 'mine host' of the Wood Street Inn, where he will be very pleased to see any ringers who care to call.

SCOUTS IN SERVICE RINGING.

On Sunday, at the Parish Church of the Holy Cross, Woodchurch, Cheshire, 720 Bob Minor was rung for morning service: R. Bennett 1, J. Johnson 2, W. Bennett 3, G. Phillips 4, H. Martin 5, H. Phillips (conductor) 6. For evening service, 360 Bob Minor: R. Bennett 1, Scout A. Ricketts (Chewton Mendip) 2, J. Johnson (conductor) 3, G. Phillips 4, H. Martin 5, W. Bennett 6. Also 240 of Plain Bob Minor: R. Bennett 1, Scout A. Ricketts (Chewton Mendip) 2, J. Johnson (conductor) 3, Scout F. Ronan (Macclesfield) 4, H. Martin 5, W. Bennett 6. The ringers of the second and fourth were present at the world's jamboree at Arrowe Park, and Woodchurch is the nearest tower to the camp. The 720 in the morning was rung by the local band during the period of the jamboree.

A 200 MILE TRIP!

The ringers of St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, together with a few friends, had a 200 miles' trip for their annual outing. The charabanc containing the party departed from the church punctually at 7.30 a.m., under grey skies and with a chilly wind—not what one would expect to get at the time of year. Through High Wycombe they went, almost before the inhabitants were awake! The famous old coaching village of West Wycombe came next, then the climb up and over the leafy Chilterns. They kept to the outskirts of Oxford and made the first stop at the fine old town of Woodstock. A brief visit was paid to the spacious Blenheim Park, with its fine lake and magnificent palace. When the journey was resumed, the party were behind their schedule, and on arrival at the first tower at which they were to ring, were nearly an hour late. This was Chipping Campden, in Gloucestershire. However, Mr. Withers was still patiently waiting. The bells, a fine ring of eight (tenor about 24 cwt.) were raised, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples rung. When the coach was again sought, those who went sight-seeing, among whom was the Vicar of Hillingdon (the Rev. H. J. Kitcat), were full of praises of the fine old town, the finest in the district. At least four points of interest are worth mentioning—the splendid fifteenth-century church, in design almost exactly resembling that of Fairford in the same county; the almshouses; the remains of Campden House, which was destroyed during the Civil War; and the splendid village street. It is wide and long, and the majority of the houses are 17th century, with many much earlier.

On resuming the journey, the sun began to shine, and everyone's spirits rose accordingly. A stiff climb brought them to the top of Broadway Hill. Unfortunately, a dense haze hid the greater part of the wonderful panorama that can be seen from the summit on a clear day. The road zig-zagged down the hill into the lovely old village of Broadway, one of the prettiest of the Cotswolds, nay, in the country some say. A very tasty lunch was awaiting the visitors at the quaint old thatched cottage of Mrs. Aston, and full justice was done to the excellent fare provided. After this was finished, the party faced the camera, and, when a brief inspection of part of the village had been completed, took to the road again.

Eventually they crossed the Avon, made famous by Shakespeare's birthplace, up the hill into Evesham, and its market place. Passing through Abbot Reginald's gateway (1122-1149), the party reached the fine old sixteenth-century bell tower. Of its bells, Evesham has always been proud, and rightly too. They are a magnificent ring of ten (tenor 3½), and a better ring at the weight cannot exist. With the genial Mr. James Hemming there to receive the party, the bells were quickly raised, and everyone accommodated with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Major. It was with difficulty that the ringers left these wonderful bells, and they were behind time on departure.

Pershore was the next stop, and the visitors made their way to the remains of the beautiful Abbey. The main part of the present structure was consecrated in 1239. Part was destroyed by fire before the end of the century. The main monastic buildings seemed to have endured until the Dissolution, when they were demolished, with the nave of the great church, the choir transepts and the tower being suffered to remain. In the latter is hung a ring of eight bells, tenor about 26 cwt., and they are one of the finest octaves in the kingdom. The ringing chamber is unique. Some seventy feet from the ground two huge beams bridge the tower from the centre of each wall. The floor of the ringing chamber is set on these, a square about 15 feet with the corners resting on each beam, with the entrance along one of the latter. Ironwork railings constitute the sides, through which can be seen the floor of the nave, hundreds of feet below. At least, that is a first impression! No sooner had some of the party got into this 'bird's cage' than their nerve failed them, and they fled down to earth again! However, those brave souls that remained managed to ring some Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Bidding farewell to Mr. Need, they regained the coach and set off once more.

A pleasant drive through the orchards brought them to old-world Tewkesbury. Tewkesbury contains some fine old houses and a glorious Abbey. To those who have read Mrs. Craig's celebrated book, 'John Halifax, Gentleman,' Tewkesbury has a special interest, it being the 'Nortonbury' of the story. Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, was waiting for the visitors at the Abbey, and led the way up many steps and passages to the spacious ringing chamber. The bells, a ring of ten, tenor about 22 cwt., were raised, and time only allowed of a touch each of Grandsire and Stedman Caters. It was, however, a case of 'short and sweet,' as the bells go well, and are of a good tone. After an all too brief inspection of the Abbey, they all met again at Ye Old Willow Cafe for tea. Fruit salad and cream, buttered scones and cups of tea too numerous to count were among the many good things disposed of. Father Time, again interfering, they bade Messrs. Austin and Hemming good-bye, boarded the coach and set off again.

At Cheltenham, the guide and his wife alighted for a fortnight's holiday at pretty old Broadway. They took with them the best wishes and thanks of all for arranging such an enjoyable day's outing. The homeward route was by way of Northleach, Witney,

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ON THE ESSEX AND SUFFOLK BORDERLAND.

For their annual outing, the ringers at St. Clement's Church, Ipswich, paid a visit to the Essex borderland towers. Starting by bus at eight o'clock, the party, which numbered 12, made their first call at Acton, where the bells were soon going to Grandsire Doubles. Leaving here the next stop was at Foxearth (Essex), where hangs a light ring of eight with a tenor 7 cwt. These call for some ringing, as the pendulum of the clock swings in a glass cupboard in the centre of the belfry and causes extra dodges to be made on the part of the ringers. The bells also hang left-handed, but some Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung. The next move was to a good ring of six at Belchamp St. Paul (Essex), where conditions were good, and Ipswich Surprise was scored. The next stop was made at Stoke-by-Clare, where the six bells require ringing. Three leads of Treble Bob each satisfied the company, and a quick run brought them to Clare, where an excellent dinner had been provided at the Bell Hotel by Hostess Bareham. This over, a visit was paid to the tower, where Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung on the fine peal of eight, with a tenor of 23 cwt. These caused a longer stay than was allowed for, and consequently a late start was made for Pentlow (Essex), where is a round tower with an excellent going ring of five, but which wants a conductor with a good voice to make himself heard. After some Grandsire and St. Simon's Doubles, a move was made to Glemsford. Here a very short ring was enough to satisfy everyone. One course of Plain Bob Minor is hard work on them. The party then proceeded to Hartest, another bad-going ring of five, on which Grandsire was rung. The work here was well repaid by the excellent tea which had been prepared on the Rectory lawn by the generosity of the Rector. After tea, the company had their photograph taken by the aid of a 'Self-timer' on the lawn. The secretary of the company provided this, and so was able to include himself in the group, which, by the way, turned out excellently. Tea over, a move was made to Lavenham, with its ring of eight, with tenor 23 cwt., and the pride of Suffolk. Here the help of the local band was obtained, and Bob Major and Treble Bob brought round. All the band climbed to the top of the tower, which is the finest in the Eastern Counties, and can be seen for over seven miles owing to its great size. The church itself is 130ft. in length, and 68ft. in breadth. The tower has no spire, but rises to a height of 141ft. Its other dimensions are in proportion, so its size can be well gauged. Leaving here after most had got over the task of climbing the 196 steps to the top, the last stop was at Monks Eleigh, where hangs a good ring of six, with tenor of 18 cwt. Here the belfry floor is open in the middle, save for the rails put there to prevent a fall. The 5th man has to climb over the rail into another railed-in portion. Here some Double Oxford Minor was rung, and sounded well with the three dodges behind. A return was then made via Hadleigh, and home was reached at 10 o'clock. Everyone agreed that the secretary (Mr. F. Bowell) had arranged a good round, even if he had not selected the best roads. The distance covered was 75 miles, with ringing at 10 churches—7 in Suffolk and 3 in Essex. Nearly all the bells in this district call for some hard work.

LINCOLN AND LADIES' GUILDS.

A very successful combined meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Lincoln District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bigby on Saturday, July 20th. Members attended from Barton-on-Humber, Elsham, Grimsby, Ulceby, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, and the local tower. Dr. E. P. H. Birtwhistle, of Barton-on-Humber, and ringing friends from Hull and Lincoln, Mrs. Richardson, of Surfleet, secretary of the Lincoln District of the Ladies' Guild, and Mr. R. Richardson, were also present. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and the president of the Grimsby District (the Rev. H. T. Parry, Rector of Bigby) conducted the service, Miss Peart presiding at the organ.

A splendid tea was kindly provided by the president, and afterwards the business meetings of both organisations took place, the president being in the chair.

The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 13s.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to those who had arranged the meeting, to the Rector for providing the tea, and to the organist for presiding at the organ.

The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. G. Blanchard, conductor of the Bigby band of ringers and Deputy Ringing Master, conveying the sympathy of the members in his trying and serious illness.

The date for the Waltham meeting was altered to August 31st. The men then adjourned to the tower and Rectory gardens, and the ladies held their meeting.

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Oxford and Wycombe, the home tower being reached at 10.15 p.m. Much of the success of the outing was due to the excellent help rendered by Rev. E. G. Benson, of Tewkesbury, and Mr. J. Hemming, of Evesham, while the cordial welcome extended to the visitors by Messrs. Withers, Need and Austin, at Campden, Pershore and Tewkesbury respectively, added considerably to an enjoyable time. Nearly two hundred miles were covered, six counties visited, and four really fine sets of bells rung on. Above all, the weather proved kind after all!

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 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.

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. 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.—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. 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.

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.—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.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, August 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

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. All ringers are cordially welcome. — W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

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

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts. — A combined meeting will be held at Houghton on Saturday, August 17th. Meet at St. Michael's Church at 2.30. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head.—Frank Ainsley, Harry Tyson, Hon. Secs.

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.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Brington on Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, August 20th? — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting to appoint a successor to the Bedford District secretary, who is shortly moving to Peterborough, will be held at Kempston on August 24th. Bells (6) available 2.45. Tea at 5. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend, and that all of the District Committee will be present.—J. T. Newington, 32, Graf-ton Road, Bedford.

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.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rogate on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at the White Horse Inn. Will those intending being present kindly advise me not later than August 21st? Nearest station Petersfield (4 miles).—A. W. Groves.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Folkestone on August 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Fillongley on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Wooburn on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at a reasonable charge for those who send their names by Aug. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Wilbarston (5) on Saturday, August 24th. Bus from London Road, Kettering, 2.20 p.m. Stoke Albany (6) bells after tea. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at North Wingfield on August 24th. Will those requiring tea notify me not later than Wednesday, August 21st?—J. P. Tarlton, Local Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District), **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Basingstoke District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Sonning Deanery Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Hawley, Hants, on Saturday, August 31st. Divine service at 5 p.m. Preacher: Rev. B. Long, Rural Dean of Sonning. Tea in Memorial Hall immediately after service. Hawley bells available afternoon and evening. Other towers to be announced later. All ringers welcome. Those desiring tea must inform Mr. J. Boyles, Hawley Bridge, Blackwater, before Wednesday, August 28th.—C. W. Denyer, Rev. D. L. Board, W. J. Paice, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members will be entertained to tea by the Vicar. Those requiring tea please send card by the 28th inst.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Sedgley, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Swindell). Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The eighth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the chair will be taken by the Venerable John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Good accommodation provided for visitors staying overnight if desired. Dinner tickets (price 5s. 6d. each) may be had from Messrs. G. Lewis, R. Harrison, jun., and M. E. Wilson, or direct from the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th. Kindly enclose remittance with application.—Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Sunday, August 11th, for 6 p.m. service, 600 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. N. Other 1, J. Crisell 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, F. W. Lack 4, T. Townsend 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. A quarter-peal had been arranged, but owing to late start the above was rung.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: T. S. Colling 1, H. G. Lewis (Wrexham) 2, C. F. Austin 3, F. Hayes (High Wycombe) (conductor) 4, E. T. Carter (Llandaff) 5, T. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole 7, C. Boyce 8.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. W. B. Picton 1, A. Holden 2, A. V. Corden 3, C. S. Greenfield 4, S. Picton 5, A. C. Greenfield 6, C. Smart (conductor) 7, H. J. Dolick 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by a local band. First quarter in the method by ringers of 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, August 11th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: J. Buckenham 1, E. Harris 2, A. E. Bacon 3, A. V. Bowen 4, W. Buckenham 5, E. Barker (conductor) 6.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 11th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: M. Parker 1, J. Watts 2, A. Bryant 3, H. Parker 4, I. Farmer (conductor) 5, A. Stevens 6.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: W. J. Butler 1, H. Payne 2, F. Mursell 3, A. Newman 4, F. White 5, H. Reeves 6, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 7, H. Nash 8. Arranged for F. White.

MACCLESFIELD.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, in 27 mins., 672 Grandsire Triples: E. V. Rees 1, A. Challinor 2, F. Roman 3, J. Tipper 4, W. Stevenson 5, J. Worth 6, W. Gayes (conductor) 7, J. Walmsley 8. Longest for all except the 7th ringer.

REIGATE.—For morning service, on Sunday, August 4th, at Reigate Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. F. Hoad 1, A. Bashford 2, J. Foster 3, F. Jeal 4, A. Willett 5, A. Cheadley 6, W. Claydon (conductor) 7, W. Pooley 8.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Hughes 1, F. E. Stone 2, W. J. Nulton 3, E. Stith 4, C. Mathers 5, C. Jones 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8. Also a birthday compliment to ringer of the 4th.

LEWISHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Warnett (West Grinstead, Sussex) 1, H. James 2, R. Warnett (Hillingdon, Middlesex) 3, W. Fox 4, H. Warnett (conductor) 5, H. Warnett, jun., 6, J. Dafters 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

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