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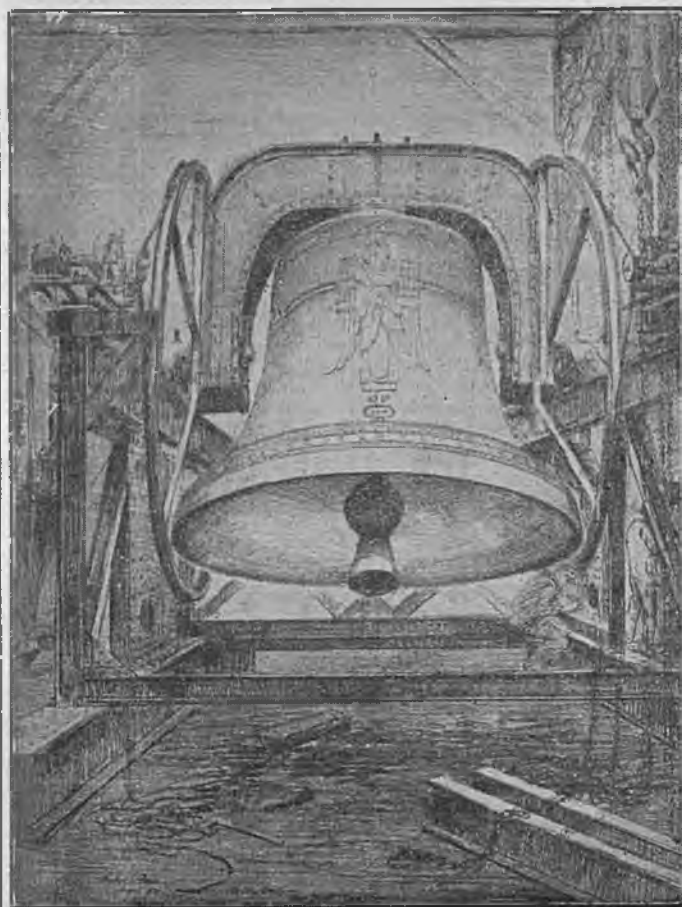
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One of the most interesting facts recalled at the Oxford Diocesan Guild's jubilee celebration last Saturday was the part which members of the Oxford University Society of fifty and more years ago played in the formation of several of the great diocesan and county ringing organisations. Canon Coleridge was able to point to the share taken by Oxford men in the establishment of the Devon Guild, the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the Essex Association, the Winchester Guild, the Oxford Guild and the Salisbury Guild. On such an occasion, with a Cambridge Master in the chair and a Cambridge President of the Central Council also present, this gave the opportunity for some pleasantries which the large company fully enjoyed, but Canon Coleridge had a right to be proud of the work done in those now distant days by the University Society of which he himself was a distinguished member.

As a matter of fact, the Exercise owes a great deal to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Both have given us ringers who have, for half a century, been leaders in the Art, and have played an important part in promoting the advance of change ringing. The Oxford Society, which is just now taking on a new lease of life, has not been so consistently active as the ringing guild of the sister University, but the latter has been favoured by the services of the same President for over fifty years. The Oxford Society, however, has sent out many men famous in ringing and more than justified its existence by the part its members played in setting up those organisations which have gone on to do so much for the art in the last half century.

Cambridge University has given us many brilliant men and have supplied not only the present occupant of the Presidential chair of the Central Council, but men who are at this moment guiding the destinies of, among other organisations, the Lancashire Association, the Oxford Guild, the Lincoln Guild, the Chester Guild, the Sussex Association, the Hereford Guild and the Ely Association. In other organisations there are to be found a number who occupy less conspicuous positions but are doing no less good work, and are able to give valuable help in raising the services of ringers to a higher plane. Those who have watched the progress of the associations through the last half century have had opportunities to observe the influence which some of the men from the Universities have been able to exert; but beyond this there has been an incalculable good done indirectly through those who have learned their ringing or had their appetite for it whetted by their connection with the Oxford University Society or the Cambridge University Guild. One

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could only wish that there were even more men from these seats of learning—especially among the many who intend to enter the church—who could be induced to take up ringing in their undergraduate days. That it is possible to find time for the art amid their other studies at the Universities is obvious from the men who have come into the Exercise through this channel. If their numbers could be multiplied it would be all to the gain of the Art. In any case we hope the activities of both will never diminish, but go on gathering strength and usefulness through the years.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, July 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

*MISS M. E. REYNOLDS ... Treble	*WILLIAM SIMMONDS 7
*WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS... 2	*RICHARD A. POST 8
*SYDNEY TAYLOR... .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 9
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 4	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 10
HARRY MILES 5	*GORDON CAUDWELL 11
*WILLIAM BLAKE 6	RICHARD WHITE... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

* First peal on twelve bells. First on twelve as conductor.

LONDON.

ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

BRO. JOHN MATTHEWS, M.M., Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975 Treble
BRO. EDWIN BARNETT, JUN., M.M., Gavelkind Lodge, No. 4266 . 2
BRO. HARRY BARTON, M.M., Yarborough Lodge, No. 551 ... 3
BRO. REG. BROUGH, M.M., Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452... 4
BRO. GEORGE W. STEERE, M.M., Souwest Lodge, No. 3797 ... 5
BRO. WILLIAM BOTTRILL, M.M., Polaris Lodge, No. 4407... .. 6
BRO. STAFFORD H. GREEN, M.M., Whitgift Lodge, No. 3617 ... 7
BRO. JOHN H. B. HERSE, M.M., Carnia Lodge, No. 2105 8
BRO. CHAS. S. BURDEN, M.M., Warrant Officers' Lodge, No. 2346 9
BRO. ALBERT A. HUGHES, M.M., Doric Lodge, No. 933 10
*W. BRO. FREDERICK WHITE, W.M., Holmsdale Lodge, No. 874 .. 11
BRO. ALFRED B. PECK, Warrant Officers' Lodge, No. 2346 ... Tenor

Composed by Bro. FREDK. H. HOLDEN.

Conducted by Bro. JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Treble Twelve. This is the first peal of Maximus rung by Freemasons. The ringers of the first six are members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and the back six of the College Youths.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, THAMES STREET,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES:

Consisting of 2,240 Yorkshire, 560 Pudsey and 2,240 Cambridge.
Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION 6
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 2	*JOHN G. NASH 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 8
ALBERT W. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First spliced peal. This is the first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal ever rung. A Cambridge Royal composition, rung Yorkshire H. to M., Pudsey M. to W., and Cambridge W. to H.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	HAROLD F. MARTIN 6
WILLIAM SHORT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
ARTHUR J. MARYIN 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 8
FRED HAWKES 4	CYRIL TANSSELL 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

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

This is the 100th tower in which Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst has rung a peal.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERES, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FREDERICK J. TILLET Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 6
*HAROLD J. HAZELL 2	ALFRED G. RIVERS 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 3	JOHN W. WARD 8
GEORGE A. FLEMING 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 9
CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... 5	CHARLES CLARKE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MISS VIOLET SHORTER Treble	LEONARD E. PITSTOW 5
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 2	*LEONARD A. SIMMONDS ... 6
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	ERNEST HIBBINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal of Cambridge. This composition is rung for the first time. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. E. Pitstow, also to L. E. Pitstow.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2	FREDERICK BIGGS 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PHYLLIS M. MAYNE.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. M. Bennett, son of Sir Charles Bennett, chairman of the branch.

TEATCHAM, BERKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, July 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 22 lb.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
GEORGE POLLINGER 2	*CYRIL PEARCE 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
*LEONARD BATTING 4	SAMUEL QUINTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman and elected members of above society before starting for the peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. The 100th peal rung together by the conductor and ringer of the treble.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S ONE-PART, No. 13.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	*ALAN W. HANDS 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
RICHARD C. BELTON 4	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. A birthday compliment to W. Lerch, of the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, who recently attained his majority.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FRANK SHACKLETON Treble	*HEZEKIAH THORPE 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	ALBERT SMITHSON 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3	ERNEST THORPE 7
JOHN THORPE 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford, and first peal of Oxford on the bells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*HARRY CLEMENCE Treble	JOHN E. HOBBS 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER 6
FREDERICK J. MILNER 3	ALFRED BARRATT 7
LAWRENCE CHADBORN 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED BARRATT.

* First peal, and proposed a member before starting the peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*CHARLES R. GOODBURN Treble	†CYRIL M. MITCHELL 5
MRS. F. M. MITCHELL 2	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 6
GUY R. AMBROSE 3	HARRY ARGENT 7
JOHN BURLS 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. M. MITCHELL

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal on these bells since being augmented to eight by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Cyril M. Mitchell, all being members of the local band.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 16½ cwt

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM Treble	*WILLIAM A. STOTE 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	PERCY HARRISON 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major and rung as a birthday compliment to him. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Belton for their hospitality after the peal.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, July 19th, 1930 Bob Minor: S. Rowe 1, J. House 2, E. Tossell 3, C. Field 4, J. Tossell 5, W. Webb (conductor) 6. Rung by the Sunday service ringers.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK DIGBY Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
*JOSEPH WAGHORN, JR. ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
JAMES E. DAVIS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	PERCY JERVIS 6
MISS GRACE BIRCHNALL ... 3	WILLIAM H. TORTON ... 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT, JR. ... Treble	HAROLD MARCON 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	FRANK LORD 6
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3	P.C. ARTHUR PASHLEY ... 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by J. E. CAWSE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the association.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

LUTHER J. HONESS Treble	CYRIL W. A. BROWN ... 5
HARRY BAKER 2	WILLIAM BUTTON ... 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Birthday peal for Mrs. T. E. Sone. The 50th peal together by 2nd, 3rd and tenor ringers. This composition, No. 171, is now rung for the first time.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT BACON Treble	HENRY EVERS 5
GEORGE W. MOSS 2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILLIAM DENT 7
ERNEST F. POPPY 4	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. J. SCHOFIELD.

Mr. E. F. Poppy is from Stoke Ash, Suffolk. Mr. Nevard kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK HALSTED Treble	JOHN DEARLOVE 5
FRANK I. HAIRS 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
HORACE GARDNER 3	KEITH HART 7
FRANK ROWSELL 4	EDWARD C. MERRITT ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK M. CRIPPS.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MAISEMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY LANDELL Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS ... 4
WILLIAM WASLEY 2	CHARLES J. TAYLOR ... 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	JOHN WHITING Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ben Etheridge on his 84th birthday.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, each called differently.

ERNEST E. WOODAGE ... Treble	JOHN J. BASSETT 4
THOMAS FULLER 2	WILLIAM DURHAM 5
WALTER MARSHALL 3	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady Fiona Pratt, of Bayham Abbey, Lamberhurst, to Sir Gerard Fuller, of Melksham, Wilts, which took place on the above date at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... Treble	JOHN W. WARD 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	EDWARD H. FINCH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Philip and James.

A PEAL OF SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL ... Treble	IVERNIA WADE 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2	J. HAROLD SPENCER ... 5
T. EDWARD GARDNER 3	PERCY B. INGRAM ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Morris, which occurred on the 23rd and 24th respectively. The conductor has now called a 5,040 from each bell in this tower.

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ALL CANNINGS, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of twenty-one six-scores of Plain Bob with four callings, and twenty-one six-scores of Grandsire with ten callings.
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE W. ENGLAND ... Treble	WILLIAM A. SWIFT ... 3
GEORGE WINTER ... 1	SYDNEY HILLIER ... 4
WILLIAM C. WEST ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. First peal on five bells by all the band, who are very grateful to the Rector, the Rev. C. W. St. Clair Tisdall, for allowing them the use of the bells, also to Mr. E. H. Burry for having everything in readiness.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*SAMUEL B. BAILEY ... Treble	WILLIAM CORFIELD ... 4
FRANK COXON ... 2	CHARLES S. RYLES ... 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3	JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First peal. Specially arranged for Mr. Frank Coxon, of Spondon, and this was his first peal of Minor. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the 3rd and 5th ringers.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*HENRY BLANNING ... Treble	†EDWARD WATTS ... 4
FRANCIS CECIL MOGFORD ... 2	†CECIL BISHOP ... 5
JESSE BAILEY ... 3	*DENNIS DANDO ... Tenor

Conducted by C. BISHOP.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First as conductor. First peal on the bells. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. LEACH, KIRKSTALL AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Miss P. MARJORIE LEACH ... 1-2	JOSEPH TRACKRAY ... 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	*G. WILFRED SLACK ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE

* First peal in hand.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL. 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK PAGE ... 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON ... 3-4	PETER LAFLIN ... 7-8
ALFRED BARNES ... 9-10	

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, July 18th, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins., after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal: C. Davis 1, J. Tossell 2, N. Combes 3, W. Well 4, C. Mogford 5, Herbert Knight (conductor) 6. This is the first touch of Minor ever rung on these bells, which were rehung by Mears and Stainbank recently. The first peal of Grandsire Doubles ever rung in Somerset was rung on these bells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH AT UPWEY.

The summer meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Upwey on Saturday, the towers represented being Bradford Peverell, Bere Regis, Dorchester, Fordington St. George, Frampton, Sydling, Upwey and Wyke Regis. The Wimborne Branch were represented by Bourne-mouth St. Peter's and St. John's, Poole and Wareham, and North Dorset Branch by Kington Magna, Mere (Wilts), and the West Dorset Branch by Evershot, while visitors came from Ycovil, Newcastle, and Leamington. The bells (also Abbotsbury) were available for ringing until 4.30 p.m., when the Guild office was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector), assisted by the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), who gave an address which was most inspiring, taking as his text, 'He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.' Following the service it was arranged to adjourn to the Rectory lawn for tea and meeting, but owing to a shower this had to be transferred, to the regret of all, to the schoolroom, where a bounteous tea was partaken of, members and friends to the number of 92 being waited upon by a willing band of ladies under Mrs. Bryant (wife of the Rector). After tea, a business meeting was held. The chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes) sent a telegram stating that he was unable to be present owing to indisposition, and the Master presided.

Sympathetic reference was made by the chairman and secretary to the sudden passing of Mr. W. 'John' Benger, captain of St. Peter's ringers, Dorchester, one of the finest stalwarts in ringing circles in Dorset. Both paid a very high tribute to him, and the hon. secretary read letters from the general secretary (Rev. C. A. Phillips) and the Ringing Master of the West Dorset Branch (Mr. F. Bugler), both paying tribute to the fine services of such a loyal and zealous member of the Guild. The company then stood in respectful silence.

Mr. S. G. Dubben, of Sydling, was elected an associate member, and it was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wool.

Reference was made by the hon. secretary to the way the members were taking interest in their meetings, and especially the way the Bere Regis ringers attended, this being due to the keen interest in the Guild and through the generosity of Mr. William Bedford, of the Manor House.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness and keen interest, for taking the service, the use of the bells and the schoolroom. A vote of thanks was also carried to the Master for giving such an excellent address and for presiding, to the organist, to the ladies who had waited upon them at tea, and to the secretary for the time and interest he devoted to organising their excellent meetings.—The Rev. A. S. Bryant suitably replied. A warm welcome was given to the visitors, and the meeting being concluded, the members visited the Wishing Well. Others rang on the church bells, and visited Abbotsbury to ring there, while a large number went on to Wyke Regis to put in some good practice.

The ringing at Upwey and Abbotsbury ranged from call changes to Cambridge and London Minor, first in the method on the bells, and at Wyke Regis Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford and Double Norwich Major.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED GRANTS FOR INSTRUCTION BOOKS.

Despite the inclement weather, there was a good muster at the meeting of the South-Western Division at Leyton.

The bells were raised by 3 p.m., and ringing in various methods took place. During a service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Robert Brent) a parchment, giving the history of the bells, was unveiled by Mrs. C. Hughes, wife of the Master of the Leyton band. Owing to the rain, the tea, originally intended to be partaken of on the Vicarage lawn, was given in the Old Vicarage, fifty-five sitting down. At the usual business meeting, four new members were elected, and North Weald selected as the place for the next meeting.

A recommendation was made that the association consider the advisability of making small grants to needy towers with the object of purchasing instruction books, it being thought that by so doing the art of campanology would be advanced.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of tower and bells, to Mrs. Brent for kindly providing the tea, the ladies for their help and waiting at the tables, the organist and choir for accompanying the hymns, etc., Miss Dawson for her splendidly rendered solo, and to Mr. C. Hughes (Master) and the members of the Leyton band for having everything in readiness.

Those present also greatly appreciated the kindness of the Vicar in conducting them round and explaining the various objects of interest in this old and historical church. Tracks were then again made to the tower, and the bells kept going to various methods till 8.30 p.m., a most enjoyable afternoon having been spent once again at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Leyton.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday afternoon, July 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) at St. Martin's Church, in 42 mins.: B. Windsor 1, G. Hughes 2, H. Goodman 3, T. W. Cattell 4, H. Griffiths 5, E. Williams 6, C. N. Winwood (conductor) 7, R. Morton 8.

THE PILGRIMAGE TO YPRES.

PROGRAMME OF THE VISIT TO MENIN GATE.

To-morrow a party of ringers, including a number who served in the Great War, will leave England on a pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, at Ypres, where, on Monday, a brief memorial service is to be held. The arrangements for the trip have been made by Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, and, while some of the party will return to England on Tuesday, others will spend the remainder of the week in Belgium. There has been a keen desire at the last moment to join the Pilgrimage, but, unfortunately, it has been necessary to refuse the latest applications, as the time was too short and the accommodation limited.

The members of the party will meet at Victoria Station (London) to-morrow at 11 a.m., and will travel by the Dover boat train at 11.30. The headquarters for the week will be: The Pension Myra, 4, Rue de la Plate Forme, Ostend, Belgium.



THE MENIN GATE.

where the memorial service is to be held on Monday.

On Monday a motor conveyance will take the party through the chief battlefields of the famous Salient, reaching Ypres at 12 noon, when, by permission of the Burgomaster, a short service will be conducted at the Menin Gate by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., M.C. The prayers will be followed by a course of Caters on handbells, and a chapel will be deposited at the memorial. The chapel, of evergreens and poppies, has a metal bell inset, bearing in gold letters the inscription:—

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Those who are taking part in the pilgrimage are informed that Sir Henry Lunn's representative will be in attendance at the barrier at Victoria Station, and another representative will meet the party at Ostend. Passports have to be shown at Dover, and baggage is examined, as a rule, at Ostend Customs. Correspondence for members should be sent to headquarters. The Belgian representative is Mr. J. L. Hancock.

NEW GUILD FORMED IN BRISTOL.

At a meeting held at Knowle Vicarage, Bristol, on July 22nd, it was decided to form a Guild of ringers under the title of 'The Holy Nativity Guild of Church Bellringers.' The Vicar (Rev. G. W. L. Wynne) is to be the ex-officio president; the churchwarden, Mr. W. Evans, was elected treasurer; Mr. Sidney Evans was elected hon. secretary; and Mr. W. A. Cave conductor.

Ten lads, all about the age of fifteen (nine of whom are members of the troop of Scouts connected with the church), were enrolled as members. Silent practice is to commence next month, and by kind permission of the Rev. E. L. A. Hertslet, this will take place at St. Mary Redcliffe.

A library is to be started, and an order for the first instalment of books has been sent to the hon. librarian of the Central Council.

The question of affiliation to any association was deferred to a later date. One application for membership was received from a ringer who wrote to say he had a certificate for ringing, but it was decided to restrict the membership to the ten already enrolled.

Work on the tower is proceeding, and the top is now level with the eaves. The faculty for the bells has been granted, and the order for both clock and bells has been placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and by Christmas Day it is hoped that all will be in full working order.

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE EXPEDITION.

A VISIT TO FAMOUS TOWERS.

The ringers of St. John-the-Baptist's, Hillingdon, held their sixth annual outing on a recent Saturday. Leaving the church at 7.30 a.m., the party, which included the Vicar of Hillingdon, the secretary of the Church Council, and a few ringing friends, proceeded by motor coach to Slough and Maidenhead. Passing through Dorchester and Abingdon, Appleton was reached at 9.30 a.m. Appleton is a small village some six miles south of Oxford, but the fame of its bells has spread far and wide amongst ringers. The bells are ten in number, with a tenor 14½ cwt. It was on these bells that the longest peal ever rung by one set of ringers, 21,363 changes of Stedman Caters, was accomplished in twelve hours and twenty-five minutes on April 22nd, 1922. The visitors had the privilege of meeting Richard White, who rang the 9th in the peal, and also rang Stedman and Grandsire Caters on the bells. A pleasant hour having been spent, the coach and party continued their way through Lechlade and Fairford. By far the most interesting feature in Fairford Church (excepting its bells, of course!) is the famous sixteenth-century stained-glass windows. There are twenty-one of these windows altogether, and they are said to be of English design and workmanship.

The next halt was made at the Roman Corinium, now known as Cirencester (but not so pronounced!). It was a place of considerable importance until the end of the mediæval era. Considering its fame and fortunes, it is odd that so little in the way of tangible evidences of its greatness remains. But its castle was destroyed in the eleventh century, and its splendid mitred abbey demolished at the time of the Dissolution, so that of its ancient splendour there is little to show but the Parish Church. But what a church it is, of the dimensions of a minor cathedral and the possessor of a magnificent tower and south porch, which is one of the architectural treasures of the country. The bells, of which there are thirteen, are worthy of their tower. The tenor weighs 29 cwt. The thirteenth bell was added by Taylor's to serve as a 'fire' bell, to be rung only by the police. However, by the time the gates were unlocked, the ninety odd steps to the ringing chamber ascended, and the warning given, the conflagration had usually gained a good hold. The system proved too expensive, and a hooter was substituted for the bell. The latter is a semi-tone, and being hung for ringing provides an extra ring of eight. Messrs. Lewis and Bond welcomed the visitors, and rounds, Stedman Caters and Cinques were rung on the bells. A tasty lunch had been prepared at Viner's Restaurant, and many hearty appetites were there-upon appeased! Rain commenced to fall at this period, and continued to do so in no uncertain fashion until the home area was reached in the evening. Although it soaked most things, it failed to even dampen the high spirits that defied it! Minchinhampton Common was crossed, but the wonderful views that can be seen from that delightful spot were hidden by a grey pall of rain and cloud. A somewhat precipitous descent led into the town of Stroud. No time was lost in seeking St. Lawrence's Church, it being drier in the ringing chamber! The ten bells, with a tenor of 21 cwt., were raised, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters rung. Some difficulty was experienced in locating the coach when ringing was finished, and a search party scoured the town. When the coach was found, the driver was indulging in a very pleasant nap, and Stroud was eventually left some twenty minutes behind time!

Painswick, the next stop, is memorable not only for the beauty of its situation, but for the distinction of its old-world houses and cottages, its fine Perpendicular church, and the fact that Charles I. once slept in its interesting Court House. In its churchyard is a famous assembly of yew trees, which, incidentally, no one seems able to count properly, for the number varies in every account. The only thing certain is the falsity of an ancient tradition that there are ninety-nine, and that every attempt to complete the number up to the round hundred has always been frustrated. The bells of Painswick have long been famous for the extraordinary number of long peals that have been rung on them. They are a twelve that are a pleasure to ring and listen to, and it was a surprise to many of the visitors that the tenor is only 26 cwt. Stedman Cinques, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, and it was with regret that the bells were lowered and the coach sought once more.

Between Cirencester and Gloucester lies the full width of the Cotswolds, a name which reduces the plain writer to a numb silence. For there is hardly a hill region in Great Britain which has inspired such a torrent of rhapsodical prose, verse and song. And even the most unemotional of Anglo-Saxons must admit that, to say the least, these fair green slopes certainly stimulate any inborn tendency to lyricism. It is not merely that they produce an endless succession of highly characteristic and charming landscapes; their atmosphere of peace and colour seems to have infected the villages, the farms and cottages, and even the very roads, which become avenues of enchantment instead of merely utilitarian channels of communication. Unfortunately, the drive to Cheltenham was marred by heavy rain, and the hills round were wrapped in driving masses of cloud. Even these had a beauty which is peculiar to these hills.

On arrival at Cheltenham, the Parish Church was sought out at once, and the visitors were quickly in the ringing chamber. The bells were raised, and time permitted of but one touch of Grandsire Cinques. In the open air again, a hasty inspection of the promenade (Continued in next column.)

A DEVON EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 18th, the ringers of Paignton Parish Church held their annual outing. Leaving at about 8.30 a.m., they proceeded via Totnes, Buckfastleigh (where they were joined by Mr. A. L. Bennett) and Ashburton to Buckland-in-the-Moor, where two capital touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on this handy little eight. The next move was to Widdicombe-in-the-Moor, where, unfortunately, the party found they were unable to do any ringing owing to broken stays. However, a short time was spent looking around the church, during which a musical member of the party played an anthem on the organ. Incidentally, a party of ringers from Beaminster arrived at the same time, and expressed regret at being unable to ring. The party moved on to Moretonhampstead, and it was thought that there might be a chance to ring here. It was learnt that someone working in the churchyard was in possession of the key, but as the individual could not be found the idea was, perforce, abandoned. The party, however, did full justice to an excellent lunch which had been provided at the Ring of Bells Inn, and after a little sing-song the journey was continued. An hour's run via Okehampton brought the party to North Tawton, and here some good touches of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Doubles were rung on these excellent going bells. The party then went on to Exeter via Crediton, and, after a short stay for tea at Deller's Cafe, made for home, which was reached at about 9.30, all having spent an enjoyable day.

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was made, and Neptune and his fountain much admired. A stampede was made to the Cadena Cafe, and full justice done to the excellent tea that was awaiting the party. These Middlesex folk do like their grub!

Everybody having gathered themselves into the coach again, the homeward trek was commenced. Passing through Northbleach and Burford, a short halt was made at Witney for exercise (if necessary!) and refreshment. Nobody apparently wanting any blankets, a move was made once more. Incidentally, it was still raining! However, the 'Hillingdon Wind Band' gave selections en route to cheer everybody up; whether they succeeded remains a moot point! Possibly the wonderful melodies (sic) drove away the rain, for it had ceased when High Wycombe was reached. Hillingdon Church was arrived at at 10.20 p.m., when the party broke up, tired but happy. Some even fell to discussing where they should go next year!

Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' the best thanks of the ringers are extended to Messrs. White, Lewis, Wright and Pates for their kind assistance, which contributed in no small measure to the success of the outing, and to the various incumbents for their kindness in permitting their bells to be rung.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT SOBERTON.**

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Soberton on Saturday last, when nearly 30 ringers and friends were present from Bishopstoke, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Ryde, Swanmore, Titchfield, Twyford and Wickham. The bells were available from three o'clock, and, after some rope-splicing had been accomplished, they were set going until 4.30 p.m. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rector of Exton, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector of Soberton, who had recently undergone a serious operation. An inspiring address was also given by him, which was somewhat off the 'beaten track.'

An excellent tea was partaken of in the Girl Guides' Hut, after which the usual business meeting was held, the Rector of Exton occupying the chair.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, October 24th next; also a mid-week practice at Havant at a date to be decided by the secretary. Mr. G. H. Childs, J.P., a former ringer at Soberton, who was a member with Mr. G. Williams when the bells were augmented from six to eight in 1884, was elected, subject to his consent, an honorary member, as was also the Rector of Exton.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rectors of Soberton and Exton and also the organist for their kindnesses, after which another visit was paid to the tower for further ringing, which, during the day, ranged from the standard methods to Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

WEDDING OF A LEIGHTON BUZZARD RINGER.

A wedding was solemnised, on Tuesday, July 14th, between Mr. Albert E. Butcher, a ringer at All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, and Miss Sybil K. Burns, of Bedford, the ceremony taking place at St. Martin's Church, Bedford.

The bridegroom has been a member of the belfry for fourteen years, and was previously a choirboy for eight years. He was presented with a dinner wagon and table bell by his friends in the Leighton Buzzard and Linslade belfries.

The happy couple left for their honeymoon at Torquay during the course of the afternoon.

The following band drawn from the two belfries rang a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 46 mins., at All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, during the same evening: L. Lee 1, F. Jeffs 2, H. B. Whitney 3, F. Plummer 4, W. Jeffs 5, F. Vickers 6, J. Nicholls 7, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. William Pyc, who conducted last Saturday the first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal, also called the first peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus, as well as having conducted peals of Spliced Surprise Major up to twelve methods.

How many who were present at the Oxford Guild's jubilee celebration on Saturday will, we wonder, live to see the centenary? There certainly ought to be some, for there was no lack of 'young blood' present, including the 14-year-old son of Mr. A. D. Cullum, of Caversham, who was probably the youngest ringer there.

ANOTHER LIGHT PEAL OF TEN.

Two treble bells are to be added to the existing ring of eight at North Stoneham, Hants, in the near future. A generous offer to give the two bells has been accepted by the Parochial Church Council.

This augmentation will provide one of the lightest rings of ten in the country, as the tenor is only 9 cwt. 25 lb.

A 'CAMBRIDGE' WEEK.

Ringings 'weeks' will soon be in full swing. The first begins tomorrow, when, with Cambridge as headquarters, peals will be attempted as follows:—

	Morning.	Afternoon.
Saturday, August 1st ...	Ickleton.	Sawston.
Sunday, August 2nd ...		Fulbourne.
Monday, August 3rd ...	Great St. Mary's.	Bourn.
Tuesday, August 4th ...	Soham.	Mildenhall.
Wednesday, August 5th	Barkway.	Braughing.
Thursday, August 6th...	St. Ives.	Royston.
Friday, August 7th ...	Clare.	Long Melford.
Saturday, August 8th...	Littleport.	

The headquarters will be at the Glengarry Hotel, 41, Regent Street, Cambridge.

A PROBLEM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As I sat meditating, half-awake and half-asleep, the shades of four composers of Stedman Triples passed before my eyes, carrying manuscript copies of their peals, which will be found in the historic peals collection of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies' 'Stedman.'

I noticed, in my dreams, that the sum of the number of calls in the four peals equalled 1,482, and that the sum of the number of calls in the second and third totalled 612; further, five times the number of calls in the third was greater by 74 than seven times the number of calls in the first. I desire to know the names of the four composers.

Now then, you mathematicians! Remember, it can be solved!—Yours faithfully,

ALBERT E. PARKER.

St. Matthew's Guild, Bristol.

ANCIENT BEDFORDSHIRE BELL WELDED.

A Bedfordshire church bell, which was cracked more than 150 years ago, has just been successfully repaired by a modern scientific welding process. This bell belongs to Shelton Church, and was cast as long ago as 1634. The founder's name is not on the bell, but the design of a small shield cast in the inscription and the wording of the inscription show that it was made by Hugh Watts, of Leicester, who in the year that the bell was cast was Mayor of Leicester. The repairs were carried out by Barimar, Ltd., of Holborn, London.

The bell is in a remarkably fine state of preservation, the lettering being unusually well proportioned and regular, and the decorations are very beautiful. It is, indeed, one of the well-known Watts' Nazarene bells, of which there are said to be about 90 in Leicester-shire. The inscription on the bell is as follows:—

'1634.—Ihs Nazarene Rex Ivdeorum Fili Dei Miserere Mei.'

When the bell was made the iron clapper bolt was cast into it, and in the course of time expansion of the bolt through rust cracked the bell. The clapper bolt has now been removed, so that there is no fear of the bell cracking again.

Shelton Church is very old, and is now undergoing extensive restoration. There are some serious fissures in the tower, which will have to be repaired before the bell is rebung, but it is pleasant to know that after such a long silence, the bell should shortly be ringing again.

A READING COMMEMORATION.

At St. Laurence's Church, Reading, for evensong, on Sunday, July 26th, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Reading Blue Coat School, and also the 50th year of the Oxford Guild, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 55 mins.: A. D. Cullum (aged 14) 1, Miss D. Blencowe 2, Miss V. Robinson 3, C. Pullen 4, Miss P. Holloway 5, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 6, L. Sadler 7, H. Smith 8, E. G. Foster 9, G. Holloway 10.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY. SAFEGUARDING THE SAXON TOWER.

The committee who are responsible for carrying out the restoration of the bells at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, to commemorate the tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman have engaged the services of Mr. F. W. Troup, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., of London, an architect of great experience in dealing with ancient buildings, and the work connected with the tower itself will be carried out under his advice and supervision. The old building has to be very carefully dealt with, but its security will be amply safeguarded by the steps which it is proposed to take, and which include the provision of a continuous reinforced concrete beam all round the tower to carry the main timbers supporting the bell frame and to spread the strain equally over the walls.

The generous response which has been made to the appeal will enable the scheme to be carried out in the most efficient manner possible, and the memorial to the man, to whom the art of ringing owes so much will be one fully worthy of the Exercise.

As we pointed out last week, the fund, organised by 'The Ringing World,' is reaching its close, and all who wish to be associated with the commemoration scheme should send their donations at once to:

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'
Woking, Surrey.

The Hon. Treasurer of the fund is the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading, and all contributions will be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World.'

At the jubilee meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford on Saturday £10 was voted to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, and the Shropshire Association, at their quarterly meeting the same day, made a grant of two guineas.

Saturday, September 26th, has been fixed as the date of the commemoration festival, and already there is the certainty of a memorable gathering for the unique event. Canon G. F. Coleridge has accepted the committee's invitation to preach at the thanksgiving service at St. Bene't's Church, where Stedman not only rang and first introduced his method, but where undoubtedly he worshipped, for he was parish clerk in 1670.

WHAT WAS STEDMAN'S PROFESSION?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope has not read my letter very carefully. I did not argue on one side or the other. I simply summed up the arguments on both sides, as they appeared to me. And while I pointed out that the facts in favour of Stedman being a printer are not as numerous as those on the other side, I hope I made it clear that neither side is proved, nor can be until we find more evidence. Certainly, to say now, as Mr. Trollope does, that it is proved that Stedman was a printer, is merely futile. I do not think I said anything about the mistake of a Leicester ringer. All I meant was, that it is not certain that when we say 'Stedman was a printer,' we are meaning the same thing as a Leicester ringer did when he used those words at that time.

It is not necessary for me to go into the question that Mr. Trollope raises, between publishers and booksellers. On the title page of 'Tintinnalogia' are the words: 'London. Printed by W. G. for Fabian Stedman, at his shop in St. Dunstan's Churchyard in Fleet Street. 1668.' And (over the page) there immediately follows: 'Licensed Novemb. 1, 1667. Roger L'Estrange.' I said that this shows that Stedman was the man who was prepared to 'stand the racket.' Mr. Trollope calls such a man a bookseller. And then immediately adds, 'Stedman was not a bookseller.' The printed book, licensed in the most formal and careful way, says he was. Which is most likely to be right?

Mr. Trollope says that Stedman could not print his own book because he was not allowed to. This is not a mere guess; it is a statement absolutely contrary to the evidence. Mr. Trollope shows very

well, and we are grateful to him for what he writes here, that printers in those days had to be licensed. But in no way does he prove that Stedman was not licensed. Therefore, if he were a printer and were licensed, there was no reason why he should not have printed his books at Cambridge. Now the words that I have quoted prove (actually prove in this case, for there is no getting over them) that Stedman was licensed. And that he was licensed not as a printer, but as a publisher, or, as Mr. Trollope calls it, a bookseller. Is it in the least likely, that a printer at Cambridge (who, Mr. Trollope suggests, may not have been a master printer) would have been accepted by such a man as Mr. Trollope describes the licenser to have been, as a publisher or bookseller?

Mr. Trollope says that presumably these books were not published by subscription. This presumption is a mere guess on his part; but if it is correct, it makes it probable that Stedman was a man of some means, or was in touch with someone who was.

Mr. Trollope's guess that Stedman was employed in some way by the University or College authorities is a very wild one, if he were a printer. Colleges would not, and the University could not, employ a printer then. As a business man, he might have had work to do for a college, which would have taken him to London and Leicester, and have brought him into contact with printers. Any such guess seems more probable than that he was a printer himself.

I am glad to read that Alderman Pritchett is so interested in this correspondence. Besides the curious parallel to which he draws attention, there is another. I have, some years ago, shown how that much of Stedman's books were compilations of existing matter. Others have done the same with much of what Shakespeare wrote. In both cases it was the hand of the master who put in a new and valuable way things that were already known, as well as introducing new things of their own making. Further, who knows, if Mr. Trollope and Alderman Pritchett put their heads together, whether they may find out for us who is Mr. W. H., 'the onlie begetter of the Sonnets,' or T. T., 'the well-wishing adventurer.' They might even find the cypher of a new Principle, hidden in the Sonnets, or the cypher of a new play in the Stedman-Bacon books!

I must thank you for giving us the imprint from the title page of the 'Campanalogia.' Would it be possible for us altogether to join and get you to reprint the whole work, in this tercentenary year?

Ufford Rectory,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

HERBERT DRAKE.

A SORRY STORY.

SILENT BELLS IN SUDBURY DISTRICT.

On Saturday week the Suffolk Guild, together with some friends from Essex, sat down to tea at the Parish Hall, Sudbury, to the number of fifty-nine. The Rector of St. Gregory's, the Rev. J. F. Hughes, in welcoming them, spoke of the fortunate position for musical representation in which Sudbury was. He referred humorously to his own attempts at ringing, and expressed the appreciation which Sudbury people felt for the good work the Guild was doing.

Mr. P. O. Bixby, of Long Melford, was then elected to the chair, and Mr. A. Alington's resignation having been accepted with regret, and thanks for his efficient services, Mr. Harold Herbert was elected in his place as district secretary. He was also asked by the meeting to act as secretary for the Clare District until another should be found to succeed him.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Cavendish and Glemsford on the first Saturday in October, and if the annual meeting could not be held in Bury next Easter, it was decided to hold it in Sudbury.

Both before and after the meeting touches in many different methods were rung on the three peals of eight bells in St. Gregory's, St. Peter's, and All Saints' Churches. Ringers from Earls Colne and from Cambridge were on their excursions that day, and joined with the Suffolk men in their ringing.

In connection with the Rector's remarks about Sudbury being especially favoured from a musical point of view, it was remarked that not only has the town three fine peals of bells in excellent condition, but that in the neighbourhood there are an unusually fine number of bells in the churches. Yet these instruments of music, the most costly things as a rule in a church, are rarely heard in this part of the country. For some strange reason few of the bells in the district are rung. In some cases someone has said that the tower is not safe. In others, the bells are 'clocked,' and subsequently cracked. 'Clocking' a bell means that the rope or a cord has been passed round the clapper in order that it may be rung quickly. Two quick blows on a large bell will crack it like glass. Yet in spite of the fact that many of these bells are already cracked, this pernicious practice is still pursued in the churches hereabouts. In no other neighbourhood are so many bells out of order as here. The towers that were mentioned at the meeting as being silent, or not having their bells properly rung, were Groton, Boxford, Korse, Edwardstone, Great Waldingfield, Great Cornard, Little Cornard, Newton, Bildeston, in addition to Lavenham, where the bell frame has just been struck by lightning. The other churches do not seem to trouble at all about their bells, for they have not even asked the Suffolk Guild for advice, although that is what the Guild is for, and though it would cost them nothing. Is there anything sweeter than tuneful country bells, when they are well rung?

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD JUBILEE.

GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS. INTERESTING SPEECHES.

The jubilee festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford on Saturday was marked with great enthusiasm. A gathering of over 350 ringers and friends assembled from all parts of the wide area of the diocese, which includes the three counties of Oxford, Berks and Bucks. They made an imposing congregation when they gathered in the Cathedral for the festival service, and they filled the great dining hall at Christ Church when they sat down together at luncheon. The history of the Oxford Diocesan Guild has been one of progress. There are now 209 towers in affiliation, 2,176 ringing members, and 302 honorary members. The total funds are now £266 2s. 6d., and during the fifty years £434 has been spent on instruction, and £184 on the restoration of bells.

The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), and the lesson was read by Canon G. F. Coleridge. Bishop Shaw was also present.

The Bishop of Oxford was the preacher, and he took as his text the words, 'I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the House of the Lord.' He referred to the part which bells played in the service of the Christian Church, and pointed out that their call to the people applied as much to the ringers as to those outside. The Diocesan Guild, he said, recognised that its work contributed to the true and successful practice of the Christian religion throughout the diocese. Ringers were not merely a body of people interested in change ringing, but were definitely connected with the church and ought to be devout men and women, who obeyed the call as much as others outside. He took it that one reason for the existence of such a Guild as theirs was to promote the appreciation of this view, and it had helped to consecrate the work of ringers. He wished the Guild all possible success in their work in the future, and he congratulated them upon their long service in the diocese.

An offertory was taken for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund, and the service concluded with the 'Te Deum.' The collection amounted to £7 6s.

On account of the large number present—every one of the 15 branches of the Guild was represented—it was not possible to hold the business meeting in the Chapter House, as has been the custom, and the members proceeded to the Town Hall, where the Master expeditiously conducted this part of the proceedings. He was supported on the platform by Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Canon G. F. Coleridge and Sir George Dashwood, Bart. (one of the trustees).

The Master first referred to the sudden death on July 4th of Mr. William Pole Routh, of Reading. He was an old and honoured member of the Guild, and a good ringer. He was a member of other societies besides the Oxford Diocesan Guild, including the Ancient Society of College Youths, and would certainly have been there with them that day had he been spared.

The members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect, and it was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Miss Routh and her sister in the great loss they had sustained.

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master in his report said: It is perhaps too much to expect that restoration work can proceed year by year at the rate at which it has been going during the last ten years, if only for the reason that the number of towers in need of the bell hanger must be somewhat lessened. So while my advice has been asked in minor matters to a considerable extent during the year, there are only two towers concerning which I have made a report for entire rehanging, namely, Stevenston and Swalcliffe. Following on reports made in previous years, the rings of six at Deddington and Somerton have been rehanging on new frames, and in each case new trebles are contemplated. At Hampstead Norreys a cracked bell has been recast, and the ring of six has been rehanging in the old frame; and at Oakley the three bells have been rehanging in a new frame. Work of a minor character has also been carried out at Finchampstead and Windsor. There are several important schemes still 'pending,' and in this connection I should like to point out that when it is reported on good authority that bells are unfit to be rung, it is not very wise to go on ringing them, still less to force them through a peal, otherwise the parishioners are justified in saying, 'Why worry about the state of the bells?' Perhaps it is partly due to the better condition of our bells generally that the total number of peals rung is about half as high again as last year, and while the honours again rest with the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, yet good contributions have been made in many other parts of the diocese. Oxford, both City and University, is showing the result of the patient work through many years of Harry Miles and Victor Bennett, and the coming to the front of a conductor in Walter Judge; the same may be said of the North Berkshire Branch and Albert Lock. The Guild secretary is to be congratulated on calling the first peal of Cinques at St. Laurence's, Reading, being the first in his native county. So, too, is Harry Curtis, for calling the four peals rung by the Newbury Branch. The Vale of White Horse Branch, where recently change ringing was hardly known, has now put up two peals and two conductors, C. Pearce and H. Taylor.

A peal of Grandsire Caters has been rung on the fine new ten at Banbury, in which seven of the local band—to their credit—took part. The Guild has also held some splendid meetings; perhaps the outstanding ones were the jubilee meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch at Wokingham in May, and the annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch in the fine grounds of Whaddon Manor in June. These and like considerations inspire one to enter upon the Guild jubilee year with courage and hope.

RECORD OF PEAL ATTEMPTS.

In proposing the adoption of his report, the Master added that he had been able to make arrangements for the chronicling in future of all peal attempts which were not successful. He thought it would be a very good thing if they could keep some register of these attempts. A member had been good enough to undertake it, and reports of attempts should be sent to Mr. Gordon Cauldwell, 49, Lonsdale Road, Oxford. Conductors should send notice of all bona-fide peal attempts which were lost, and the reason, if they liked, of the breakdown. Sometimes a peal attempt which only lasted twenty minutes was a matter of great self-sacrifice by the ringers who came long distances.—The report was adopted.

The treasurer's report, presented by Mr. A. J. Wright, stated that the accounts showed a balance of £160 12s. 2d., as compared with £158 4s. 11d. the previous year. The total income was £126 15s. 11d., and the expenditure £95. The amount received from the branches was £86 3s. 3d., being £3 4s. 9d. less than last year. This was the first time since 1924 that he had had to report a reduction. He could only account for this by the fact that there appeared to be a general shortage of young ringers coming on to take the places of those who were retiring. He was certain of one thing, and that was that the branch treasurers were doing their best in every direction to encourage young boys and girls to take up change ringing, and they were worthy of the best thanks of the Guild for the services they gladly rendered. The balances held by the branches showed a decrease of £10. This amount had possibly been given in grants towards restorations. During the year grants from the restoration fund had been given to Banbury, Hampstead Norris and Somerton. This being the jubilee of the Guild, the treasurer gave the following interesting facts to compare with the present position: The first balance sheet available showed that there were 188 members, 9 life, 55 hon. and 124 ringing; five local branches, the membership of which was not stated. The income was £67 11s., and the balance of £39 was brought forward. The expenditure amounted to £51 12s., and 170 attended the annual dinner. During the past 50 years £434 had been expended on instruction and £103 on restorations. These amounts did not include what was given by the branches, so the total amount must be nearly double this sum.

The report, which included the balance sheet, was adopted.

THE MEMBERSHIP.

The secretary's report submitted by Mr. R. T. Hibbert said the Guild was served in all parts of the diocese by most energetic and efficient branch secretaries who had to devote a great deal of time and patience to keep things moving in the right direction. He said this from first-hand experience, having visited all the fifteen branches once or more during the year. Membership in 1930 compared with 1929 was as follows: Hon. members, 302, a loss of 15; ringing and unattached members, 2,176, a loss of 46; towers in affiliation, 209, a gain of 4. The number of peals rung during the year was almost double the number rung in the two previous years respectively. From what the Master and himself heard at all branch meetings, Sunday service ringing was well maintained in all parts of the Guild, so that they had more to be thankful for than they had to cry about. The secretary concluded with thanks to all for their many kindnesses to him.

The report was adopted.

On the motion of the Master, it was resolved 'that the rules "to assist the clergy" be removed from the report, and that a list of the publications of the Central Council be printed there instead, with a note calling the attention of members to the "Revised Rules for a Local Company."' The Master explained that the rules in the report were drawn up a long time ago, and he did not think they met the case at the present day. Personally he did not agree with all of them, and it was a pity that they should be taken, sometimes by those in high authority, as the rules of the Guild—they were not; they were suggested to those who wanted suggestion. Recently the whole question of rules for local companies had been gone into by a committee of the Central Council composed of clergy and laity; the rules were now published and could be had for a few pence. His opinion was it was about time the Guild published in the report the list of the Central Council's publications, and it would include these rules, to which, he suggested they should call special attention as being a sort of standard which could be used when rules were wanted in a parish.

Mr. Paice seconded the motion, which was carried without discussion.

The Master was re-elected with acclamation, on the motion of Canon Coleridge, and the treasurer and general secretary were also unanimously re-elected.

The twelve elected members of the committee were reappointed, and the election during the year of 175 members was confirmed.

The recommendation of the general committee that the festival in 1932 should be held in Oxford was opposed by an amendment in favour of Reading, but Oxford was carried by an overwhelming majority.

RESTORATION GRANTS.

The question of restoration grants was next considered. The Hon. Treasurer explained that there was a balance in hand of £31 15s., and grants were now recommended or fell due to be paid amounting to £28 10s. This left only about £3 in hand, and they had a new application from Stevenston. This fund was made up principally of 25 per cent. of the amount received from hon. members' subscriptions, and he hoped every effort would be made to get more hon. members, so that the fund could be replenished. He thought if it were pointed out that a portion of the hon. members' subscriptions went towards the restoration of bells instead of all to the ordinary funds hon. members would be more ready to join.

A grant of £7 7s. was made to Steeple Claydon, and on the motion of Canon Coleridge £10 was voted to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee. Stevenston's application was then considered, and £5 5s. voted, the treasurer intimating that the collection that day would enable them to give this sum.

On the motion of the Master, seconded by Mr. Sear, it was resolved to add to the rules the following: 'That this Guild be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.'

The treasurer moved an amendment to the rules for local branches, to provide that one copy of the annual report be supplied free to the branches for each hon. member and each tower, and a charge of 4d. made for all extra copies.—Mr. Paice seconded, and expressed the hope that it would not be long before reports would be cheaper still.

Mr. A. D. Barker said at the last annual meeting it was resolved that this matter should be discussed by the committee, and he thought he ought to propose a vote of censure on the committee because they did not discuss it. They had a statement read to them by the treasurer. There was the question also of estimates, but as to discussion, he did not think the committee had discussed the matter at all.

The Master asked Mr. Barker if he was aware that any matter that came before the committee had to be introduced by a motion. On this question the treasurer proposed a motion, and it was open to Mr. Barker to discuss it until he was black in the face if he desired to do so or propose another motion. He (the Master) could not understand Mr. Barker's reason for bringing forward a motion of censure.

Mr. W. Sear said he agreed the matter was discussed in brief form, but it was open to discussion if anyone had anything to say about it.

No one seconded Mr. Barker's motion, and the original proposal was therefore put and carried.

The Secretary proposed that Rule XVIII. be amended to provide that 21 days' notice of motion for committee business be given instead of 10 days as at present.—Mr. Cullum seconded, and the motion was carried without discussion.

Canon Coleridge then gave a resume of the proceedings at the last meeting of the Central Council, with breezy comments upon the various items of business transacted, and he was thanked for his report.

THE LUNCHEON.

This concluded the business, and the members returned to Christ Church for luncheon, which was served in the magnificent dining hall by the authorities of 'The House.' Over 350 sat down to a sumptuous repast, the Master presiding at the head table, supported by the Lord Bishop of Oxford, the Mayor and Mayoress of Oxford (Dr. and Mrs. Stobie), the Rt. Rev. Bishop Shaw, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Canon G. F. Coleridge, Sir George Dashwood, Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Devon Guild) and Mrs. Powell, Miss Vera Robinson (daughter of the first Master of the Guild), Canon E. J. Norris and Miss Norris (Reading), Mr. A. J. Wright and Mr. R. T. Hibbert. Among the general company were Mr. George Williams (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), and it is interesting to note that five of the original members of the Guild attended: Canon Coleridge, Mr. J. Jagger (formerly of Oxford and now of Old Hill), Mr. G. Holifield, sen. (Appleton), Mr. J. A. Dart (London), and Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough).

After lunch, the Master submitted 'Church and King,' which was enthusiastically honoured, and the privilege, very rarely granted in that hall, was then accorded of permitting the visitors to smoke.

FIFTY EVENTFUL YEARS.

The Bishop proposed the toast of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers,' and remarked that he was interested to see, in the first peal that was rung, the name of a friend of his, Mr. C. C. Child, who lived in those days on his (the Bishop's) staircase and used to have his friends in to ring peals on handbells, which were rather surprising to the other denizens of that stair (laughter). Continuing, the Bishop recalled many of the great events in the life of the nation which had occurred during the 50 years that the Guild had been in existence—fifty eventful years in the history of this country. He imagined the Guild must have had a good deal to do

in 1887, at the time of Queen Victoria's first jubilee, and again ten years later at the second jubilee. Then there was also the change of sovereigns in 1901, and, later, the accession of King George. In these and other things the Diocesan Guild was called upon to express their rather venemant and not altogether articulate feelings through the bells. In addition to that they had passed through the war, when there were occasions for muffled peals, and there were other occasions when they were called upon to express national feeling through the bells. He did not suppose there had been in the history of England any period of fifty years more full of strange, startling and unexpected events than the fifty years since 1881, and in many of these the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild would have been called upon to play their part in their particular sphere. It was a very great pleasure to see such a large number assembled in that hall; it was one of the largest parties ever entertained there in the long history of the building (applause). He was glad, as a member of Christ Church, to welcome them to that hall and to see present such a large number of people engaged in their particular work. He hoped in the future things would go on as well as they had done in the past, and that their work would become increasingly important and effective, because he did not think the future of the country was likely to be deficient either in surprising or interesting events which would require to be marked by ringing in the towers throughout the country, and he was sure that in the three counties, which went to make up the diocese of Oxford, they would be prepared to express the feelings of the nation in their usual way (applause).

The Master, who was received with applause, replied to the toast. It was, indeed, he said, a proud position which he was, unworthily, occupying that day. He was filled with the thoughts of the great work of those who had gone before, and especially of their first great Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson (applause), to whom he owed more than he could ever really say. He believed it was wrong for one man or one woman who succeeded another to think that they must do exactly as their predecessor did, especially if they found they had not the gifts to do those things as well as those who went before them. Therefore he had endeavoured to offer to that Guild and diocese just those gifts which he felt he had, and which he wanted to use in some right way. He was not a great conductor—he did not pretend to be, and he never wished to be—but there were those in that Guild who were conductors, and they were by no means entirely among the oldest of their members. He was glad to see that there were young conductors really coming on (applause). Continuing, the Master said he wanted to pay a great tribute to one who was with them that day, and that was their old friend Canon Coleridge (applause). They would find his name recorded in the peal book, which was in the centre of the hall, in the first peal that was rung by the Guild. There he was described as G. F. Coleridge, Esquire, of Keble College, and they were very delighted to have him with them that day. That gathering, concluded the Master, would go down not only in the records of their Guild, but also in the records of that house—he understood he must not call it college—as one of the greatest entertainments in that famous hall (applause).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S PART.

Canon Coleridge submitted the toast of 'The Visitors.' He saw round him, he said, many whom they were delighted to welcome, among them their old and revered friend, Alderman Pritchett, from Birmingham, the Rev. E. S. Powell, president of the first ringers' Guild that was ever started, the Devon Guild of Ringers (applause), and Mrs. Powell, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and others. Theirs was the sixth Guild in the South of England to celebrate their jubilee. The Devon Guild was the first. It was established in 1874, and he was one of the first members of it. The Gloucester and Bristol came next, and celebrated its jubilee two years after the Devon Guild. Then came the Winchester Guild and the Essex Association; next year the Salisbury Guild would celebrate its jubilee, and he wanted those present to notice something about some of them. The Devon Guild was started by a Cambridge man, Colonel Troyte (applause). He was greatly assisted by his two brothers, who were Oxford men (hear, hear), the Rev. Reginald Troyte and Capt. John Troyte, both of whom were undergraduates at Oxford. Both these were also members of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers (hear, hear). The Gloucester and Bristol Association was started by George Henry Phillott, a graduate of the house, who left Oxford to become an articled clerk to an architect at Cheltenham. There he soon made the acquaintance of Charles Douglas Percy Davies, who later was for many years secretary of the Central Council. He was a Pembroke man, and these two founded the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (applause)—another feather in the cap of the Oxford University Society. The next of the associations to keep its jubilee was the Essex Association, founded by an old Essex boy, who lived with his father in the Vicarage of Retford. He was at Whaddon when he (the speaker) was at Keble. Afterwards he obtained a curacy in Essex, and started the Essex Association. One of those who took part in the founding of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was Arthur De Boulay Hill, then a master at Winchester. He was a leading spirit, and he (the speaker) believed, although he could not be sure on the point, W. H. Poole, a master at Charterhouse, had also a

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good deal to do with the starting of the Guild. Both these men were members of the old University Society (applause). Going on to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, which would keep its jubilee next year, one of the leading spirits at its founding was again Arthur De Boulay Hill. All those he had mentioned were members of the Oxford University Society, which was founded on February 2nd, 1872 and he claimed that if the University Society had never done anything else, or had never rung a peal, it proved its worth by sending out such men who had founded these great associations and guilds. Coming to the names which he had to couple with the toast, Canon Coleridge said if the present Mayor had been Mayor of Oxford in the late seventies, he (the speaker) might have had the felicity of ringing in his honour on November 9th. In those days there were certain old town ringers who did not like to lose a day's work, and who used to be glad to get members of the University Society to ring at St. Mary's for them, so that they might draw the pay both for their day's work and for ringing for the Mayor. All he could say was that he was only too pleased to do it, and although Dr. Stobie was not thus honoured, he hoped they might honour him directly after lunch by ringing a touch with six or eight clerical ringers at one of the city churches (applause). They had with them, also, that day, Mr. Lewis, who was president of the Central Council. The Council had been going on for over 40 years, and it had had four presidents, Sir Arthur Heywood, Mr. Boughey, Dean of Trinity—

The Master (with emphasis): Cambridge (laughter and applause). Canon Coleridge: Yes, Cambridge. I was president for nine years, and actually took the chair on ten occasions, once in the absence of Mr. Boughey, and now we have Mr. Lewis. No representative body of men in England could possibly be more worthily presided over than by Mr. Lewis. He is a great engineer. Anything he has to say about architecture in its relation to church bells is listened to with profound attention and respect by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (hear, hear). As a result we have come to a great understanding between the two bodies in regard to towers and the way to hang bells, and we hope it will long continue (hear, hear). Mr. Lewis, as president of the Central Council, and Mr. Goldsmith, editor of 'The Ringing World,' have been very much to the fore in connection with the Fabian Stedman Tercentenary, which is to be celebrated on September 26th at the Church of St. Benet, Cambridge. Your Master is also a member of the committee. I do not know whether I am giving away any secret, but I should like to do so, to show that Cambridge is still indebted to Oxford (laughter). Only yesterday, I received a telephone message from the committee asking me to preach on that historical occasion at Cambridge (loud applause). I not only take that as a great honour to myself, but I take it as a still greater honour to the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (applause).

The Mayor of Oxford (who is a member of the medical profession) said he was in an unusual position that day. Generally, in the practice of his profession, he was succeeded by the parson; that day he found the parson had got in front of him (laughter). He also felt in a rather unusual position in having to try to keep the peace between the two rival universities (laughter), and he could only say he was grateful that he belonged to another, the University of Edinburgh, which was famous as a medical school (hear, hear). He knew nothing about bellringing, he added, and he hesitated whether to stay in Oxford that afternoon or whether to leave it (laughter). On the whole, he thought he would take the safe line and, like the Sassenach who got out of the sound of the bagpipes, go away into the country and read what was said about the bells in the morrow's papers (laughter). As a medical man, he was interested to read in their programme that the first peal they rang in 1881 was something to do with Grandsire triplets (laughter). His only connection with ringing was through his wife, whose cousin was Rector of Martley, Worcestershire, the Rev. James Hastings, who, he believed, was a very well-known ringer (applause).

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE FIRST MASTER.

Mr. E. H. Lewis said as president of the Central Council, which represented the 46,000 ringers of England, he offered congratulations to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which was, he believed, the largest of all the Guilds. It was certainly one in the very forefront in ringing, particularly in service ringing and in the way in which the proper objects of the Guild were maintained (applause). That had been largely due to the two Masters that they had had—one was an Oxford man, and the other a Cambridge man, so that there the honours were divided (laughter and applause). The favourite method of their first Master was Stedman. Stedman, who was looked upon as the father of change ringing, was born in Cambridge, though he was not, so far as they knew, a member of the University. It was his (the speaker's) privilege to know the late Master of the Oxford Guild, and to arrange several ringing weeks for him. He found he had had the privilege of ringing fifteen peals with him, all of them, of course, Stedman Triples, Thurstans' four-part. These fifteen successful peals involved a few unsuccessful attempts, and in connection with these were some interesting incidents. In one such attempt there were among the band two Masters of the Oxford Guild and two presidents of the Central Council. They were ringing at the time in a

tower where the belfry was somewhat like that at Merton College, Oxford, only more so (laughter), and during the progress of the ringing there was a loud thump on the frame overhead, and all the ringers except the ringer of the bell concerned and the conductor realised that the second clapper had come out. They continued to ring and they proceeded through three courses, while one Master of the Oxford Guild was trying to explain to the other Master that it was not much good going on, and, at the same time, while the two presidents of the Central Council were doing a long dodge behind for a 3.4.5.6, there were strange and wild gesticulations on the part of one president, who wanted the other to dodge with him, while the other did not see the point of working to put a bell with a clapper round one which had not got a clapper (laughter). Eventually the conductor realised what had happened, and they set up. They met again some weeks later and rang the peal (applause). He did not know whether he need say more about the Stedman commemoration, but, speaking for the Cambridge University Guild and for Cambridge University, he hoped they would see at least as many present on September 26th as they had there that day. They hoped to give them a hearty welcome to Cambridge on that occasion. There were not so many bells in Cambridge as there were in Oxford, for none of the colleges had bells, but there were many interesting things to see, although people in Oxford did not realise it (laughter).

Sir Charles Dashwood proposed 'The Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, the organist and steward,' all of whom he cordially thanked for their respective services in connection with the jubilee celebration. Bishop Shaw replied and said he was very glad to hear Canon Coleridge's references to the University Society, which at present was doing excellent work under Mr. Miles and Mr. Bennett. He did not disguise the fact that bells did not appeal to everybody, and that there were times when those who desired to study found them, to say the least, disturbing, but he did believe there were many people in that city who really appreciated and valued bellringing when it did not interfere with serious study or commercial activity. He hoped the University Guild would continue to have a worthy place as one of their affiliated associations, and that they would always have among the undergraduates sufficient who were interested in the art to maintain a strong band, and who would eventually go out and take as useful a part in promoting ringing as those who had been referred to by Canon Coleridge (applause).

After luncheon, the visitors dispersed to the many churches in Oxford, where ringing was enjoyed for some hours. Two interesting bands were made up in All Saints' Church, where six clerical members rang 120 Grandsire Doubles, and seven ladies, with a tenorman, rang a particularly well-struck touch of Stedman Triples.

AN ESCAPE OF 61 YEARS AGO.

HOW A GREAT RINGER CAME INTO THE EXERCISE.

It seems to me but yesterday
Since we were boys together.

Among the 'original' members of the Oxford Guild who were present at the jubilee was Mr. John Jagger, who had his first lesson in ringing on May 6th, 1867, at St. Thomas' Church, his tutor being his father, Mr. Charles Jagger, Master Cooper and Freeman of the City of Oxford, who was a ringer and chorister.

It is extremely interesting to learn that a boyish escapade, that took place exactly 61 years ago last Saturday, was the first step that led to the introduction into ringing of one of the greatest ringers who ever lived. On July 25th, 1870, John Jagger, then a lad of 9½ years, conspired with another boy, Jim Washbrook, aged six, to climb up into St. Thomas' tower, and get into the belfry. There, on the spot, Jim Washbrook received his first lesson in pulling a bell from Jack Jagger, and history records what these two boys afterwards did in their respective spheres in ringing.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last a well-attended meeting of the Western Division was held at Flamstead. Ringers attended from Apsley, Dunstable, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted, Tring, King's Langley, Luton, Totternhoe, St. Albans, Harpenden, and the local company. Ringing on the fine peal of six ranged from Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The Vicar, the Rev. T. C. Clare, held a short service, and gave an impressive address. After service, an adjournment was made to the village for tea. Afterwards, with the Vicar in the chair, the meeting was held in the Vicarage. A good deal of discussion took place upon inaccuracies which appeared in the association's 'Annual Report,' and the matter was referred to the general secretary.

Apsley was chosen as the next place of meeting the first Saturday in September. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and all he had done to make the meeting a success.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 26th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), consisting of 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: F. W. Shynn 1, W. G. Gridley 2, A. Appleton 3, H. Stebbings 4, H. S. Barker 5, E. J. Shynn (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6. Also rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.**THIRTY BELLS AND EIGHTY RINGERS.**

The annual festival of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Launceston on Saturday, July 25th, and was splendidly attended, about eighty ringers being present from Launceston, Landulph, Lezant, South Petherwin, Truro Cathedral, St. Gluvias, Gulval, St. Agnes, Werrington, Plymouth, and Launceston. The bells in the three towers were available, viz., at St. Mary Magdalene's (eight), St. Stephen's (eight), and St. Thomas' (six). Werrington (eight), two miles' distant, was also available, and during the afternoon and evening all were made full use of.

The service was held at St. Mary Magdalene's, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. A. Rivers-Tippett), and another practical address was given by the diocesan secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewella. The church was beautifully decorated, it being within the octave of the Patronal Festival.

Tea was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, and was provided out of the Guild funds.

The business meeting followed, at which the chair was taken by the president (Dr. J. Symons). As there was entirely no life in the Bodmin District, it was decided to add the five towers in that area to the Truro District, by which means it is hoped to revive interest, and, in time, set it aside once more as a separate district.

A little dissatisfaction had arisen in the Launceston Branch as no branch meetings had been held lately, but matters were settled very amicably, the Rev. Moyses, Vicar of Werrington, being elected chairman of the branch, and Mr. J. Edmunds secretary.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the Vicar of Launceston, in replying, said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild.

When the writer left at 8.25 p.m., the two rings of eight and the six at St. Thomas' were still going in full swing. A. S. R.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. A. C. R. FREEBORN.**FIRST RESIDENT VICAR OF KIDLINGTON SINCE 1545.**

On Friday afternoon, July 24th, the Bishop of Oxford unveiled a tablet to the memory of the late Vicar, Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn (1887-1925). The Bishop was accompanied by the Revs. Lloyd-Jones (Vicar of Kidlington), W. M. Aste (Rector of Hampton Poyle), A. M. Littichale (formerly curate), and C. W. O. Jenkyn, representing the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

In the course of his address, the Bishop said, 'I can remember when there was a long distance between the last house in the parish and Oxford, but now it is being gradually drawn into the city. All this means constant adaptation, constant effort to meet new conditions and build up a new life corresponding to the changes that have come about. Your late Vicar had a great deal to do with these changes. I am quite sure that he was adapting himself and his work to the changes that were gradually growing up around him. It is, therefore, with a very great sense of gratitude for what he has done that we should come here and dedicate a monument to this man.'

In spite of the hour (3.30 p.m.) the church was full, parishioners, friends and relations coming to do honour to their late Vicar.

As the late Mr. Freeborn was for many years chairman of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, half-muffled touches were rung before and after the dedication service, in which the following members of the Guild took part: Before service (300 Grandsire Triples): A. Ivins 1, J. Monk (late branch secretary) 2, R. Coombes 3, V. Webb 4, E. Bennett 5, W. Bennett 6, C. Bennett 7, S. Franklin 8. After service (168 Grandsire Triples): W. Fretts (branch secretary) 1, J. Monk 2, R. Coombes 3, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master) 4, E. Bennett 5, V. Webb 6, C. Bennett 7, A. Ivins 8.

The tablet, which is of Caen stone, was designed by Mr. R. F. Dodd, and erected by Messrs. Knowles and Sons, of Oxford. It bears the following inscription: 'Albert Corsellis Richard Freeborn, M.A., Priest. Born 13th April, 1860. Died 10th July, 1930. Curate-in-charge of this parish, September, 1886. Vicar, April, 1887, to November, 1925. First resident Vicar since 1545. This tablet was placed here by past and present parishioners of Kidlington and Water Eaton and other friends.'

WREXHAM BELLRINGER DEAD.

The many friends of Mr. Samuel Meadows will regret to hear of his death, which occurred at Wrexham War Memorial Hospital on Saturday, July 18th, after a short illness. The funeral took place at Ellesmere, Salop, on July 21st, and touches of Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were rung by the Wrexham band in the evening on the Wrexham bells, which were half-muffled.

The late Mr. Meadows was 67 years of age, and was a member of the Wrexham band for about thirty years, and had rung at many churches throughout the country.

At Ellesmere, Shropshire, on Sunday, July 26th, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. S. Meadows, 360 Stedman Doubles, with 7.5.8 covering: R. Riggs 1, A. Allen 2, T. R. Butler (conductor) 3, A. Haynes 4, W. S. Higginson 5, J. Lloyd 6, W. Higginson 7, J. Beddows 8. Also 360 Stedman Doubles for evening service, with 4.5.8 covering, and T. Butler, sen., taking part.

A JOINT MEETING.

A joint meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at Rammore Common on Saturday, July 25th, and a very enjoyable time was spent by those who were present. The attendance was somewhat smaller than expected, but rainy weather, no doubt, accounted for this, as a two-mile walk uphill from the railway station is not very inviting in the pouring rain. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. with rounds and Grandsire for the beginners, and various methods were practised during the afternoon. Twenty-one ringers and friends sat down to tea, including Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guildford Guild) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. general secretary of the Surrey Association), and also Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, who had motor-cycled over in spite of the rain. The tower was again visited after tea, and the number was strengthened by the arrival of the Master and secretary of the Leatherhead District, who had unavoidably been delayed. Ringing continued throughout the evening until eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal.

The methods practised ranged from rounds and Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major. A course of Bob Triples was rung by special request of the Admiral, who thought he might catch the experts napping with this simple method, but it came round in good style. The striking throughout the meeting was very good, and the only thing wrong was the weather. D. C.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**BOLTON BRANCH'S 'ROUND-UP' MEETING.**

On Saturday last, what might be described as the Bolton Branch's 'round-up' meeting was held at St. Paul's, Walkden. Shortly after 3 p.m., the bells (a grand new peal by Taylor) were set going, and were kept going with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and Superlative Surprise Major until 9.30 p.m. There was a crowded belfry, and one had difficulty in registering the towers represented. Many members got touches in some new method to them, and the striking was good throughout the day.

At the business meeting the newly-appointed Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Bailey, M.A.) welcomed the ringers to his church in very encouraging words, and extended a hearty invitation to come again either for meetings or to ring peals. He said he felt proud that the 'silent' peal of Stedman had been rung at his church, and promised to take steps to provide a permanent record by having a tablet fixed in the tower.

For the association's annual meeting, the following nominations were put forward, viz.: Vice-president, Mr. Peter Crook; ringing secretary, Mr. Arthur Tomlinson; auditors, Mr. S. Greenhalgh and Mr. A. Barnes. For the branch, Mr. T. B. Worsley was appointed to serve on the general committee for the next two years, and Mr. Peter Crook was again elected as secretary.

Congratulations were extended to the band who rang the 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples in Walkden tower.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his hearty welcome; also to the ringers for their preparations.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District was held at Dibley on Saturday, July 18th. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on the bells. Service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. G. T. Tritton, who also gave a short address, after which tea and the business meeting took place in the Old School. The Rector presided, supported by Mr. Geo. Williams (vice-president), Commander Hamilton and Mr. Geo. Pullinger.

Commander Hamilton and Mrs. Geo. Pullinger were elected as hon. members. Five ringers were elected members, two from Bishopstoke, two from Dibley and one from North Stencham.

The towers represented were Dibley, Bishopstoke, St. Mary's Southampton, Lymington, King's Somborne, and North Stencham. It was decided to hold a combined practice at Southampton in the evening of Tuesday, August 18th.

The next meeting of the district will be held, if possible, at Sherfield English on Saturday, October 17th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

AMBLESIDE.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on July 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 mins.: W. Robinson 1, J. Sewell 2, W. Nevinson 3, H. Hardy 4, T. F. Hewertson 5, A. Pyc (Essex) 6, T. B. Newton (conductor) 7, W. Fisher 8.

PORTMADOC, NORTH WALES.—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: D. Wozencroft (first quarter-peal) 1, P. Roberts 2, R. McMillan 3, J. Owen (conductor) 4, G. Humphreys 5, E. Wakefield 6, H. Roberts 7, G. C. Williams 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on May 10th, for evening service, 1,344 changes of London Surprise Major in 47 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, A. Smith 4, H. Wood 5, T. Hunt 6, J. W. Ward 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. Arranged for Mr. J. W. Ward, of Melbourn, Cambs.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, August 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Other towers available during the afternoon: Netheravon 2.30, Fittleton 3, Enford 3.45 (all 6 bell towers). Assemble at Upavon for Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m., meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at a nominal cost to all who let Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, know by post. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Usk on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The re-opening of Coggeshall Church bells will take place on Sunday, August 2nd. Service at 3 o'clock (Bishop of Colchester).—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Beccles on Monday, August 3rd. The bells (10) will be available for short touches all day, also at Barsham (5) two miles away. Tea at Y.M.C.A. Hall (near church) at 4.30 p.m. (1s. each) followed by meeting.—R. J. Goate, Dis. Sec., Smallgate, Beccles.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Wortley (8 bells) on Bank Holiday Monday, August 3rd. For tea please notify Mr. W. Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Bells of St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) will be available during the day. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at Dujon's Café at 4 p.m.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The quarterly meeting arranged for August 8th at Froxfield has been cancelled, as the bells there are not in a fit state to be rung. The next meeting is fixed for October 24th, at Blackmoor.—B. C. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 6th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th and 25th, St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon on Saturday, August 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 1s. each. *Do please advise me.* All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

CAMBRIDGE.—Our Lady & English Martyrs (R.C.).—Ringing: Sunday morning 9.45; evening by arrangement. Practice: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.—Visiting ringers apply R. Lathbury, Castle St., Cambridge.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Kindly notify me all requiring tea not later than August 5th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea notify Mr. J. Leather, Potter's Lane, Halebank, near Widnes, before Wednesday, August 5th. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Weston on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea (1s. per head) for those who apply to Mr. J. H. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, by Thursday, August 6th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and try this grand lot. Tea can be arranged for later.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held in room near to church at 4.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Reports can be obtained and subscriptions paid.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Downham Market on Wednesday, August 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police have again placed their athletic ground in Bromwich Street, Bolton, at the disposal of ringers on Saturday, August 15th. A bowling match will be arranged during the afternoon—Police v. Ringers. Social in the evening. Usual arrangements as to food. Names please by August 12th to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, August 15th. Bells at liberty 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8) 2.30. A service in church at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at 5.15. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, August 12th. A good attendance is desired.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, July 26th, for morning service, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Whitty 1, S. Clark 2, John Brown 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Morris 5, J. Cavill 6, H. Smale 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) by the same band. Arranged for J. Brown, who hails from Liverpool.

HARLOW COMMON.—At St. Mary Magdalene's, on July 26th for morning service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,248 changes): F. Whitty 1, S. Clark 2, John Brown 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Morris 5, J. Cavill 6, H. Smale 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) by the same band. Arranged for J. Brown, who hails from Liverpool.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday, July 26th, for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), at St. Mary's, in 40 mins.: J. J. Lamb 1, E. C. Patten (first quarter) 2, H. Hovard 3, F. Coley 4, B. W. Aldridge 5, J. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, T. Culver 8.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On Sunday, July 26th, for evensong, a 720 Bob Minor: S. Durrant 1, D. Butler (first 720 on 'inside' bell) 2, C. J. Henley 3, G. Bruce 4, F. Tompkins 5, A. V. Good (conductor) 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, July 26th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: D. Adams 1, M. Ginn 2, F. Ginn 3, R. Thoday 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, C. Robinson 6.

SALFORD.—On Sunday, July 26th, at the Church of the Sacred Trinity, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Hollingworth 1, T. Jones 2, W. Robinson 3, W. Pye 4, G. Pye 5, F. Stoneley 6, W. Moss 7, F. Page (conductor) 8. Rung for the afternoon service in commemoration of Humphrey Booth, founder and endower of the above church.

TAUNTON.—At St. James' Church, on July 26th, for divine service, to celebrate St. James' Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Chaplin 1, W. H. Poole 2, H. W. Burden 3, J. Hunt 4, T. Hancock 5, J. Roy 6, W. G. Gigg (conductor) 7, S. Priddle 8. Longest length on eight by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 19th, for evening service, 720 changes (240 each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Meekins 1, J. Higgins 2, J. May 3, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 4, E. Hillyer 5.

MACCLESFIELD.—At Christ Church, for evening service, on July 19th, on the occasion of the choir sermons, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. Gaves 1, A. Challiner 2, F. L. Ronan (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, A. V. Rees 4, W. Stevenson 5, J. Tipper 6, J. Worth (conductor) 7, J. Waumsley 8.

LONDON.—At St. Magnus', Thames Street, E.C., on Sunday, July 12th, for evensong, 1,440 Spliced Yorkshire, Pudsey and Cambridge Surprise Royal: E. J. Butler 1, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher 2, G. R. Pye 3, A. W. Coles 4, C. T. Coles 5, J. H. Crampion 6, J. G. Nash 7, G. W. Fletcher 8, J. Bennett 9, W. Pye (conductor) 10. First Spliced Surprise Royal by all the band.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Butler 1, N. Curtis 2, J. A. Hill, Bishopstoke (first quarter-peal), 3, A. Newman 4, F. Pitman 5, H. Reeves (conductor) 6, J. Faithfull 7, J. Elliott 8.

HENSINGHAM.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Durham 1, J. E. Brown 2, A. Eilbeck 3, W. Norman 4, E. Scambler (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, A. Forsyth 6. First quarter-peal of Grandsire by ringers of 1, 2, 5, and 6. Ringers of 3 and 4 hail from Egremont.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On a recent Sunday, for evensong, a spliced 720 of Munden, Chester, Canterbury and Newcastle Surprise: F. French 1, J. W. Lake (conductor) 2, H. M. Day (first attempt in these methods) 3, J. Osbourne 4, A. Allen 5, T. L. Bainbridge 6.

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