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For over two hundred and fifty years, beginning with Stedman's 'Tintinnalogia,' there have been text books on ringing. At intervals up to the early 'eighties,' new books or fresh editions of old ones made their appearance and met more or less satisfactorily the demand that existed. Occasionally some notable work appeared, such as the 'Clavis' and 'Shipway,' and marked a decided advance in the instructional value of the publications available to ringers. The rapid expansion of the art in the last fifty years or so has, however, seen an equally rapid extension of the text books available for ringers, beginning with the first issue of 'Troyte,' and followed by the invaluable Snowdon series, supplemented by the publications of the Central Council and other works privately issued, until to-day there are a considerable number and variety of books to help the studious ringer on his way. But without in any way wishing to detract from the many merits possessed by the books now available, we feel that the perfect instructional work on the art of change ringing has yet to be published. All the text books at present in print have their limitations, usually purposely applied by the authors, but, nevertheless, effective; and there is no single comprehensive volume that will take the ringer, say, from rounds to London Surprise, and tell him lucidly how to ring and call the methods which in these days are in common practice.

It may be said that such an exhaustive volume would be too large and costly. We do not think it need be. At present the ringer would require a whole series of books to take him up the ladder, and consequently he often does not trouble to buy them, but merely relies on the casual information which he picks up as he goes along. What is wanted is something in the nature of a standard work, which would put the practice of change ringing in simple language and take the ringer from the preliminary stage of handling his bell, through all the commonly recognised steps up to Surprise ringing, making plain the essential features of the various methods, and showing how a knowledge of one can be utilised in the ringing of another—to make the whole thing, as it were, a connected story, and explaining to him at the same time how to call each of the methods he learns to ring. Such a book to be a success, however, would need an author with an intimate knowledge of his subject and clarity of style; one who could put his lessons into simple and concise language and who would avoid the over elaboration which is found in some books. Amplification serves no purpose when brevity can convey all that is needed. We believe a volume on the lines we have suggested would in time tend

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to improve and extend the practice of higher methods and, while leaving present text books to specialise in their own sphere, would induce more ringers to aspire to consistent progress from the bottom to the top rung of the ladder.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Monday, July 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF St. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 7
*MISS KATHLEEN BRADFORD ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 8
JOHN W. WARD ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	CECIL W. PIPE ... 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 6	*ERNEST E. FITCH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal on twelve bells.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*THOMAS E. SONE ... Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 2	*KENNETH PATTERDEN ... 8
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 3	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ... 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 10
*WILLIAM BIDNELL ... 5	HARRY PARKS ... 11
FRANK BENNETT ... 6	GEORGE A. JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF St. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES ... Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 4	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 10
CYRIL TANSILL ... 5	JAMES GEORGE ... 11
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 6	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Four Hours,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF St. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

LESLIE J. CLARK ... Treble	*JOHN G. NASH ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 9
ALBERT W. COLES ... 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 6	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Maximus.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	GEORGE GILBERT 7
LEONARD MANNERING 3	WILLIAM T. BRESON 8
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. 4	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER 9
C. ERNEST SMITH 5	HENRY C. DUNN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal of Stedman and first 'touch' of Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 8
*VINCENT E. SWIFT 4	ALFRED J. BULL 9
KENNETH SNELLING 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal on ten bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

G. RONALD EDWARDS Treble	*H. STANLEY ROBINSON 6
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST 2	EDWARD G. TALBOT 7
ROYDEN DAVIES 3	FRANK JENNINGS 8
DANIEL COOPER 4	TONY PRICE 9
FRANK E. DARBY 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. H. S. Robinson (a member of the local society) upon his departure for Bristol.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sunday, July 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... Treble	WILLIAM BUTTON 6
WILLIAM BIDESELL 2	*FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ... 7
WILLIAM H. FIDSELL 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS 8
THOMAS E. SONE 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Treble Ten.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BALDERSTONE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

S. K. TAYLOR Treble	J. H. KERSHAW 5
J. JONES 2	*S. CLEGG 6
J. H. LEES 3	*F. APPLETON 7
*W. O. ROWLAND 4	E. CHADWICK Tenor

Conducted by J. JONES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the church's consecration, also as a compliment to E. Chadwick on completing 50 years as a ringer.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 4½ cwt.

F. A. H. WILKINS Treble	SYD. TAYLOR 5
W. H. B. WILKINS 2	WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT ... 6
FRANK TAYLOR 3	C. ELLIOTT WIGG 7
GEO. HORWOOD 4	JOHN R. HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

Rung to commemorate the placing in the church of a memorial tablet to Robert Taylor, founder of the Loughborough firm. Also as a farewell to the Rev. P. M. Dodwell, a member of the band, who is leaving to become a naval chaplain.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES CLARKE Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
*MISS KATHLEEN BRADFORD 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS W. LAST.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 200th peal.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE STAFF Treble	†STEPHEN PARRY 5
*MARIE SYKES 2	JAMES B. SHAW 6
WILLIAM BERRY 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 7
†FRED DONKERLEY 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY.

Conducted by G. STAFF.

* First peal and first attempt in the method. † First peal in the method on a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of E. Ward, a Sunday School teacher and churchworker of the above church, and nephew of the 7th ringer. Also as a birthday peal to the ringer of the 5th.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S FIVE-PART, No. 21.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	MAURICE SWINFIELD 5
J. CHARLES DICKEN 2	JOHN CURTIS 6
JOSEPH BAILBY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	JOSEPH W. COTTON Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 6, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
KEITH HART 2	*ROBERT SWIFT 6
VINCENT E. SWIFT 3	WALTER CHARMAN 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* 100th peal.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, June 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. G. Nash 1, Mrs. E. H. King 2, E. H. King 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, H. Ellis 5, E. A. Hull 6, M. Fensom 7, C. Davidson 8.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
ROBERT SWIFT 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
*VINCENT E. SWIFT 3	CECIL NICE 7
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4	ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
* First peal of Surprise.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

HERBERT J. SKELT Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 5
JOHN F. GALYER 2	TONY PRICE 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
First peal rung in the method and accomplished at first attempt.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN HOBBS Treble	FRANK MORTON 5
JOHN W. STIRLAND 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY 6
HENRY HARRISON 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.
First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. This composition is now rung for the first time.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES R. GOODBURN ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
EDWARD J. BEER 2	JOHN BURLS 6
*FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. M. MITCHELL.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	JESSE J. MOSS 6
JOHN HOLMAN 3	ERNEST WAGSTAFF 7
THOMAS BETTISON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST COX Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON... .. 5
*ARTHUR AFORD 2	*GLYN SHAW... .. 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON... .. 3	EDWIN H. FOSTER 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS... .. 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Little Bob for all.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... Treble	BASIL REDGEWELL 5
WALTER ARNOLD 2	CECIL BARKER 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	JAMES FRENCH 7
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 4	†ERNEST BOWHILL Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM KEEBLE. Conducted by W. ARNOLD.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	CECIL BARRATT 5
WILLIAM FLATT 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES... .. 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4	ERNEST WHITING... .. Tenor

Composed by F. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
First peal in the method on the bells.

THATCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ROBERT FRANKOM Treble	HARRY GARRETT... .. 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	JOHN CHESTERMAN 6
WILLIAM ATKINS 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
SAMUEL QUINTIN 4	ALBERT SMITH Tenor

Conducted by R. W. REX.
First peal as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HEVER, KENT.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*ERNEST H. EVEREST... .. Treble	JAMES W. KNIGHT 4
H. F. HYLTON TIDY 2	JOHN O. WELLES... .. 5
EDWARD E. TIDY 3	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.
* First Surprise peal.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Treble	MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... 4
*GEORGE F. SMITHSON ... 2	*NOEL B. THURLBY 5
*GEORGE ARRAND 3	CHARLES B. LYON Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.
* First peal.

BARWELL.—On Wednesday, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes): K. Deacon 1, W. White 2, F. Cotton 3, H. Knights 4, E. Morris (conductor) 5, B. Ridgeway 6, G. P. Garner 7, J. Needham 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Kathleen Rest, of Stapleton, to Mr. George H. Hall, of Leicester, brother-in-law of the conductor, whose wedding anniversary also fell on this date.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, June 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 4
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 2	*ALFRED J. ROLL... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING 3	*WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Arranged by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor. First peal of London Surprise Minor for the association.

HAMER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

RONALD CLEGG Treble	ALWYNE TAYLOR 4
ALBERT HOYLE 2	ALLEN SMITH 5
JOHN P. SILVERWOOD 3	JAMES TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by A. SMITH.

First peal on the bells and the first for all the ringers except the ringer of the fourth. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, who was inducted the previous day.

GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	JAMES MILLER 4
WILLIAM SHARPLES 2	E. ROGER MARTIN 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR... .. 3	JOHN T. MILLER Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

Rung on the 80th birthday of Mr. William Clarkson, an enthusiastic member of the local company. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. Clarkson after the peal.

TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lancashire, Stamford, Wells, London, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Treble	FRANCIS BALL 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	AMOS SMART... .. 5
WALTER PERKINS 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WELLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire, ten callings, and 12 Plain Bob, four callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT C. APPLEBY... Treble	*LESLIE C. SMITH 4
†EDWARD J. DIXON 2	*WILLIAM LANCEFIELD ... 5
†EDWARD S. RUCK 3	*ARTHUR HILLS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells by an entirely local company, all of whom are regular Sunday service ringers.

ROYAL WEDDING DAY.

On July 6th, the 39th anniversary of the wedding of King George and Queen Mary, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung in 46 minutes at St. Mary's Church, Dover, by the following: R. T. Clark 1, W. Bidnell 2, W. Fright 3, F. Fairbeard 4, C. R. Millway 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, H. J. Saunders 8. Messrs. Bidnell and Fright are from Hythe and F. Fairbeard from Canterbury.

SOUTH KILWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

*DENNIS ALLSOFF Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 3
PERCY AMOS 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4

ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. First peal on these bells, rung at the third essay. The conductor has now rung peals in 117 towers in the Leicester Diocese.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

R. C. RIPPINGALE 1-2	THOMAS BIRD 3-4
OLAVE E. BROYD 5-6	

Conducted by O. E. BROYD.

First peal in hand for ringers of 1-2 and 3-4 and first attempt.

A TRIP TO NORTH DEVON.

On a recent Saturday the ringers of St. John's Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, held their annual outing, the places chosen, where also ringing was indulged in, being Barnstaple and Ilfracombe. The party, with friends, numbered 26, and included Mr. W. H. Thomas, the popular ringer and chairman of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who arrived by an early train to meet the Westonsians. A start was made at 7.30 a.m., the weather being all that could be desired, and the company in high spirits, especially the younger members. A pleasant run brought the party to Taunton about 9 a.m., and after about half an hour's wait Taunton was left, and the company were soon enjoying the rural beauties of their county, on through Milverton with a delightful downhill run into Wiveliscombe, and later a grand rear view of the valley just passed; then on to Bampton (the church clock registering 10.35), and through beautiful wooded country to South Molton and Swymbridge, ultimately reaching Barnstaple at 12.30, after a most enjoyable trip. The ringers at once went to the Parish Church of St. Peter, where they were cordially welcomed by the captain of the local team (Mr. Jeffroy). This church holds a very fine peal of eight bells (tenor 23 cwt.). Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The tower of this church is early English, and was rebuilt as far back as 1311-1313, the steeple being rebuilt in 1369. Subsequently the party met at the Bell Hotel for lunch. At 2.30 Barnstaple was left behind, and after another pleasant ride through typical Devon scenery, Ilfracombe was 'made' by 3 p.m. After a look around, the 'Campanus' went to the Holy Trinity Parish Church, there to be met by Mr. J. Sprague, one of the local team of ringers. Here the visitors found a very musical set of eight bells (tenor 12½ cwt.) Several touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung in fine style, to the delight of the visitors and residents alike. Several of the Westonsians were also pleased to meet Mr. A. W. Brighton, who was on a visit to 'Combe. After a short tour of inspection, followed by tea, the company took their departure at 5.30. Although by this time it was much cooler, the sun was still pouring its delightful rays on land and sea, with not a dark cloud to be seen. The magnificent panoramic view obtained as they left the famous seaside town, will not soon be forgotten by any of the trippers. Rapidly swinging along between gorgeously wooded hills, green fields, and into the valleys, and then later getting a glorious view of the Bristol Channel with its wonderful coast line, the company were very soon nearing the pretty village of Coombe Martin, which is about 5½ miles from Ilfracombe. Between these two resorts the road is very steep with a rather dangerous descent into Coombe Martin. Later on an extremely fine view was secured, on taking a backward glance, of a little of the sea which showed up between the towering hills. Next came Challacombe, after which another steep gradient was covered, through Exford and Wheddon Cross, Dunster, Timberscombe, Williton, and later the picturesque and easily remembered country of St. Audries with its pretty church lying in the valley. Then on through beautiful rural scenery until Nether Stowey was reached at 9 p.m., and, soon after, Bridgwater. The ringers and friends here went to the Bristol Arms Hotel, where supper was awaiting them, after which an impromptu concert was held, songs being contributed by Messrs. Milton Jones, E. Parker, S. Hack, A. Wilkerson, H. Parsons, L. Tanner, with Mr. H. Minifie at the piano. At 11 p.m. a start was made for home, Weston being ultimately reached at midnight. Everyone was of opinion that it was the best outing and the most enjoyable of its kind they had ever experienced.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**RETIREMENT OF THE HON. SECRETARY.**

The ninth annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at Brecon on Saturday, July 9th, when well over 100 ringers from all parts of the diocese, as well as ringers from other guilds, attended. It had been advertised that the bells of St. Mary's and St. David's Churches would be available for ringing throughout the day, but as there was a parishioner seriously ill in the vicinity of St. Mary's Church, these bells were not rung. A party of ringers therefore journeyed to St. Margaret's Church, Llanfagan, for a touch on the ring of eight at that church.

The festival service was held in St. Lawrence Chapel of the Cathedral Church of St. John. The Lord Bishop attended, and the other robed clergy present were the Archdeacon of Gower, Canon E. A. T. Roberts (Sub-Dean), Canon John Simon, Minor Canon J. C. Hill, the Rev. W. D. G. Wilkinson (Diocesan Missioner), the Rev. R. W. Lockyer (Glasbury) and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (St. Nicholas, Hereford). The Revs. W. Gurnos Davies (Llanelli, Breck), E. E. Davies (Nantmel) and R. D. Wynne (New Radnor) were also present. The service was intoned by the Sub-Dean, lessons read by the Archdeacon of Gower, whilst the festival sermon was preached by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. Mr. J. Humphrey Carden presided at the organ. During the course of his address the preacher thanked the Guild for inviting him to preach to them, and, speaking as a ringing member of the Hereford Guild, he paid tribute to the ringers of the old Brecon District of the Hereford Guild for their past services. The Benediction was pronounced by the Lord Bishop.

After service, tea was partaken of on the lawns of Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence), by kind invitation of the Bishop.

At the annual meeting which followed, the accounts were presented. The president (the Lord Bishop of the Diocese) and the vice-presidents were re-elected. Mr. S. T. Rackham (Llanelli) was re-elected Master of the Guild, and Mr. Charles Powell (Brecon) re-elected hon. treasurer. The hon. secretary (Mr. W. R. Howells, Neath) regretted that owing to pressure of work he would be unable to act as secretary and devote the time which was necessary for the proper carrying out of his duties.—The Bishop regretted it was necessary for Mr. Howells to take this step, as he had served the Guild faithfully and efficiently since its formation.—A formal vote of thanks was then proposed by the Rev. W. Gurnos Davies, seconded by Mr. S. T. Rackham (Master of the Guild).—Mr. Howells, in responding, thanked the district secretaries, tower secretaries and officials for their support during his term of office, and promised to give all assistance possible to the new secretary if necessary.

Mr. Leo Havard, 5, St. Mary Street, Brecon, was afterwards appointed hon. secretary, Mr. E. I. Rowlands (Brecon) was reappointed hon. auditor and Mr. George Popnell (Llanelli) was elected representative on the Central Council in place of Mr. A. J. Pitman, who desired to be relieved of the position.

Committee members were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Walter Evans as a representative of St. Mary's Church, New Radnor.

THE NEXT RINGING COMPETITION.

It was decided that the annual festival for 1933 should take place at Swansea. With regard to the 1933 Ringing Competition, the Rev. E. E. Davies (Rector of Nantmel) extended the Guild a hearty invitation to his parish for the competition. The Rector's invitation was accepted, and he was duly thanked.

Mr. A. J. Pitman then presented his report on the recent Central Council meeting held at Liverpool, and in doing so drew attention to the necessity for all ringers to subscribe to 'The Ringing World,' a paper which was entirely devoted to the art. It was decided that tower secretaries should make every effort to obtain additional subscribers.

Regarding the appeal for a subscription towards a memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, a general discussion took place, and Mr. Charles Edwards (Master of the Hereford Guild) and Mr. John W. Jones (hon. secretary to the Llandaff Association) were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Jones, in responding, paid tribute to the work of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. It was eventually decided that a donation of £2 2s. be forwarded to the fund.

Mr. James P. Hyatt (Blasbury), who was seconded by Mr. J. E. Bloxham (Cadoxton), proposed that the present subscription of 1s. 6d. per member should be allocated as 1s. to the general fund and the balance of 6d. allocated to a 'tower repairing fund.' In advocating this scheme, Mr. Hyatt stated that there were several towers in need of repair, and mentioned Llandefalle in particular.—The motion, on being put to the meeting, was, however, lost.

Thanks were given to the Lord Bishop for presiding over the meeting and for entertaining the ringers to tea, with special thanks to the ladies who assisted to make the gathering a success.—His Lordship briefly responded, and the meeting then terminated.

At a committee meeting of the Guild, held immediately afterwards, it was decided that the rules for the next ringing competition be the same as in the 1932 competition. Regarding the medals to be presented to Cadoxton (who won the shield at the last ringing competition), these were to be obtained in time for the Southern District's next quarterly meeting in September. This meeting is to be held at Cadoxton, and Mr. W. R. Howells, the retiring secretary, is to be asked to present them at the meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE ATTRACTIONS OF ABBOTSBURY.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Abbotsbury, and, despite the inclement weather and the fact that it was a mid-week meeting, the number present was highly satisfactory. Abbotsbury is situated about nine miles from Bridport, Dorchester and Weymouth, and possesses great attractions, including the remains of a Benedictine Abbey, founded by a steward to King Canute about 1044. There is also a monastic barn, which is of noble design combined with grand spaciousness, and said to be one of the most notable buildings of its kind in the country. St. Catherine's Chapel stands on an eminence and is a conspicuous landmark, the view of the West Bay from the hill top embracing the coast from Bridport to Portland Bill, including the Chesil beach. In Abbotsbury also are the noted tropical gardens and swannery, and last, but not least, its interesting church and six good going bells, which were rung from 2.30 to 4.30 by the various hands and welcome visitors, representing 13 towers. The Vicar (the Ven. Archdeacon W. S. Moule) was at the church and received everyone. The Guild service was very bright and fully choral, being led by the organist and choir. It was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an excellent and inspiring address, and gave the ringers a very warm welcome. The general secretary (the Rev. F. L. Edwards) read the lesson.

Afterwards the members adjourned to the reading room, where a bountiful tea was awaiting them, which between 50 and 60 members and friends enjoyed. They were waited on by the ladies of the Church Council.

The business meeting followed, and in the unavoidable absence of the chairman (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant), the Rev. F. L. Edwards was voted to the chair. Among those present were the Vicar and Mrs. Moule and churchwardens, Mr. W. S. B. Northover (Bridport, representing West Dorset Branch), Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson (Surrey), Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Biffen (Exeter) and Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris (Leicester). Unfortunately Mr. and Mrs. Davis (Reading), who were to be present, went to the wrong church. Mr. W. J. Brymer (High Sheriff of Dorset) was elected an hon. member, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson were elected life members, and Messrs. W. E. Sopp and K. Spicer (Dorchester) were elected ringing members.

The hon. secretary reported a practice with the Wimborne branch would take place next Saturday at Wyke Regis. A bye meeting was arranged to take place at Maiden Newton and Cattistock, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.' The next quarterly meeting is to be held at West Lulworth on Saturday, September 24th.

The Chairman stated their hon. secretary and Mr. S. Hillier, with himself, represented the Guild at the Central Council meeting, and among other business was a resolution urging affiliated societies to use their best endeavours to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'

The chairman dealt very ably with the question that he left very little to the secretary to add. A good discussion ensued, and it is hoped that much good will come from it. The secretary gave the correspondents of the towers the Guild's appeal.

A very cordial welcome was given by the chairman and secretary to all the visitors, and this was received by acclamation. The Chairman proposed the usual vote of thanks (which was seconded by Mr. Northover), and especially referred to the kindness of the Ven. Archdeacon in providing such a bountiful tea and the great interest he takes in the branch.—The motion was carried by acclamation, and the Ven. Archdeacon, in responding, again gave the members a warm welcome. He was, he said, always delighted to have them there. His last words were 'Come again soon.' The meeting ended, some of the members, owing to the wet weather, adjourned to the tower, while others could not resist a visit to the renowned tropical gardens, over which they were kindly conducted by the head gardener, and everyone was delighted and some even astonished with what they saw. Some of the ringers made up a coach load and went on to Upwey, while the remainder gave some good practice to the learners until 8.45, when the bells were lowered in peal.

SUGGESTED ALTERATION OF BRANCH RULES.

The half-yearly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. James', Trowbridge, on Saturday, July 2nd. Ringing commenced with Caters at about 3 p.m., and various methods were rung until 4.40, when the Rector (the Rev. S. J. Nesbit Wallace) conducted the Guild service, Mr. Weeks kindly providing the music. After the service the Rector invited those who wished to visit the Rectory gardens: this offer, whilst greatly appreciated, most members were unable to avail themselves of, the meeting and ringing taking up most of their time. Thirty-one sat down to tea in the C.W.S. Cafe, and this was followed by the business meeting. The Chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) voiced the welcome of the branch to the visitors, mentioning Messrs. W. B. Kynaston and S. Palmer (Swindon), W. C. Shute and H. J. Ralph (Kington Magna), E. G. Coward and S. Chaplin (Mere).

Mr. S. Hillier then gave a brief but interesting report of the business of the Central Council meeting at Plymouth, special mention being made of the effort to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' circulars to this effect having been sent to all affiliated towers in the Guild. A discussion then took place on this point, several members, while heartily supporting the paper and realising the lack

of space, were rather disappointed that so few of their reports of touches found their way into the columns of the paper. On the proposition of Mr. F. Green, seconded by Mr. C. Raison, it was carried unanimously that the following resolution be forwarded to the hon. general secretary of the Guild: That all peals rung for and published in 'The Ringing World' on behalf of the Salisbury Guild be paid for at the rate of not less than 1s. 6d. per peal, the total sum during the year to be not less than £2.

A discussion then took place on the suggested revision of branch rules (part of rule 1). A proposition by the chairman, seconded by Mr. E. F. White, was carried, after an amendment, proposed by Mr. N. V. Andrews and seconded by Mr. C. Raison, had been lost, three voting for the amendment and six for the former proposition (the greater number of members abstaining from voting), that rule 1 (part of) should read, 'All such officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the branch, and shall be COMMUNICANT members of the Church of England, but this shall not prevent any EXISTING officer being re-elected.'

It was provisionally decided to hold the next three meetings in the following order: Bishop's Cannings (August), Bratton (September) and Melksham (quarterly, October).

On closing the meeting, the Chairman proposed votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to Mr. Weeks for accompanying the singing, and those who had provided such an excellent tea.

The following towers of the branch were represented at the meeting: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom (St. James'), Rowde, Seend, Holt, North Bradley, Bratton, Bradford (Holy Trinity), Westbury, Melksham and Trowbridge, and the following methods were rung: Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

Later in the evening Hilperton bells were at the disposal of the members, and touches of Cambridge Surprise and Bob Minor and an excellent course of London Surprise were successfully brought round. This is the first course of London Surprise Minor ever rung at a Devizes branch meeting, and was a fitting finale to an interesting meeting.

GIRLS' NINTH SURPRISE METHOD.

At Rock Ferry, Cheshire, on Thursday, June 9th, 720 Canterbury Surprise: F. T. Parry 1, Miss D. I. Leatham 2, Miss M. Cooke 3, J. Leslie 4, W. Dean 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method for the ringers of 1, 2 and 3. This is the ninth Surprise method in which the two young ladies have rung a 720, the ringer of the 3rd being 16 years of age.

CONTEST AT QUEENSBURY.

Halifax and District Association held their annual meeting and a six-bell contest at Queensbury on July 2nd. Six sets had entered the contest, in which they had to ring 600 changes, any method. The draw was as follows:—

- No. 1.—Halifax, Kent Treble Bob Minor.
- No. 2.—Holmfirth, Oxford Treble Bob Minor.
- No. 3.—Meltham, Oxford Treble Bob Minor.
- No. 4.—Low Moor, Kent Treble Bob Minor.
- No. 5.—Liversedge, Plain Bob Minor.
- No. 6.—Sandal, Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

Some very good ringing was heard during the afternoon, and the judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. W. Ambler (Queensbury), gave their decision, which met with the approval of all the ringers, as follows:—

	Faults	Penalty	Total
No. 1	341	10	351
No. 2	128	—	128
No. 3	152	—	152
No. 4	227	10	237
No. 5	364	—	364
No. 6	162	—	162

Holmfirth were, therefore, declared winners of the cup. Mr. W. Idle (Batley) presented the cup to Mr. H. Booth, the conductor, and congratulated them on their good ringing.

At the business meeting Mr. E. Earnshaw presided. The balance sheet was adopted and the officers re-elected as follows: President, Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham); treasurer, Mr. F. Salmons (Halifax); secretary, Mr. L. Hargreaves (Halifax). The auditors—Mr. J. Burgess (Friezland) and Mr. R. Ellison (Queensbury)—were thanked for their services, and the Vicar and churchwardens were thanked for use of the bells. A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed the meeting.

A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF.

For 30 years, with one exception during the war, the ringers of Little Munden have never failed to ring the bells for two services every Sunday. For a village with less than 400 inhabitants, this is a record of consistent and devoted service of which the company may well be proud. More often than not an extent of Minor is rung, and last Sunday it was 720 New London Pleasure for morning service (W. Williams, S. Carter, J. Williams, A. Phillips, A. Woolston, W. H. Lawrence, conductor), and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob for evening service (W. Williams, J. Williams, S. Hoad, W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips, S. Carter, conductor).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It will be of interest to many of our readers to learn that Sulgrave Parish Church is to have a new treble bell installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to complete the ring of six. Sulgrave was the home of the ancestors of George Washington, and many Americans visit this historical place.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, who met with a serious motoring accident a few weeks ago, has now been discharged from hospital, but has to rest quietly at home for a considerable period. It will probably be some months before he is able to ring again.

As we read from time to time of lack of interest in certain districts, it is very pleasing to meet the REAL enthusiast. A certain Eastern Diocesan Guild possesses a section of members who have for their motto, 'If anything interferes with ringing, cut it out,' and, judging from what we hear, they live up to it. One of their number intended to be married. The great day was fixed and preliminaries arranged, when suddenly the happy bridegroom-to-be found that he had a few peals fixed for this particular week. Did he put off the peals? No, he put off the wedding! Can this be beaten for keenness!

The first peal of Surprise Maximus ever rung, which took place at Ipswich nearly 24 years ago, is recalled by the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Chelmsford on Saturday. Among the ringers were Messrs. Robert H. Brundle, George R. Pye, Lewis W. Wiffen and William Pye, who took part in that historic first performance. Mr. Brundle is now nearly 81 years of age, and it says something for both his mental and physical condition that he was able to concentrate on a method like Cambridge Maximus and withstand the intense heat of Saturday during four hours' ringing.

With a view to attempting a 'Harold' peal, will ringers bearing that Christian name kindly communicate with Harold Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles', Lincoln, stating methods they are capable of ringing and on what number of bells. It is hoped to attempt the peal at LEICESTER on a Saturday in October.

We record this week the first peal in a method described as Beddington Surprise Major. This is a method by the late Mr. Arthur Craven, and was named by him Lincoln Surprise. The band that have rung the first peal, however, have claimed the right to change the name.

A COLLECTION OF COMPOSITIONS.

We inadvertently omitted from our report of the Central Council meeting a decision of the Council towards the close of the proceedings to refer to the Peals Collection Committee Mr. G. R. Newton's proposal for a collection of the best compositions in each of the better-known methods.

The matter was first raised by Mr. Newton when the report of the committee entrusted with the drawing up of a pamphlet on 'Variations' was reached, and it was suggested by the president that it might be referred to the Peals Collection Committee.

Subsequently the matter was again mentioned, and, Mr. Newton having agreed with this course, Mr. E. A. Young seconded and the proposal was adopted.

THE YOUNGEST CONDUCTOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the youngest ringer to conduct a peal, Master J. L. Gilbert probably takes '3rd's place.' In Morris' history, pp. 494-495, he says, 'James W. Washbrook, jun., rang a peal at Arklow, Ireland, at the age of 10 years, and conducted one (Grandsire Triples) soon after he was 12.'

On June 5th, 1931, my son, E. A. Barnett, conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Crayford at the age of 12½ years.—Yours truly,
E. BARNETT, jun.

DEATH OF MR. E. YOUNG.

AN OLD LONDON RINGER.

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Ernest Young, a ringer at Gospel Oak, who passed away in hospital on July 5th at the age of 62 years after an illness of about ten weeks. Deceased lost his wife about ten months ago, and he never seemed to recover from the shock of the bereavement.

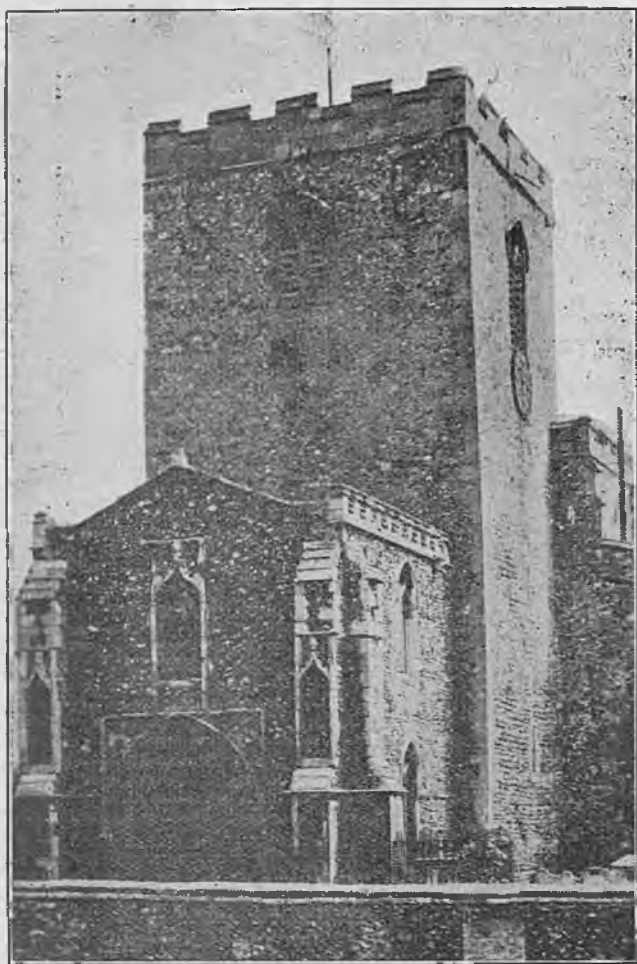
Born at Ardleigh in Essex, Mr. Young came to London about 40 years ago, and soon got in touch with Highgate and Gospel Oak towers. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths and the London County Association, and had rung about 20 peals in standard methods. His chances for peal ringing, however, were very limited owing to his occupation on the railway.

The funeral took place at Hendon Park Cemetery on Saturday, July 9th, when the Royal Cumberlands and the London County Association were represented at the graveside by R. Bevan, W. J. Morton, C. H. Martin and E. Bonfield. In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, the whole pull and stand was rung at St. Martin's Church, Gospel Oak, and afterwards 720 Plain Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob, the following ringers taking part: R. Bevan, W. J. Morton, F. Smith, F. Bonfield, R. Newman, T. Bevan, A. Harwin and E. Bonfield.

DEBENHAM BELLS REOPENED.

FOUR OF THE RING RECAST

Debenham has long been celebrated for the place it has taken in Suffolk ringing, and it was here in June, 1892, that the celebrated 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung. The bells have now been restored after a silence of three and a half years, and the consummation of several years of constant endeavour was reached when the Archdeacon of Ipswich dedicated the completed work. The 4th, 6th, 7th and tenor bells have been recast and additional metal put into the two largest bells, so that the tenor now weighs 21 cwt., giving greater tone and richness to the peal. A new steel frame and fittings have been installed, and the work carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, has given the greatest satisfaction to ringers and parishioners alike.



THE TOWER OF DEBENHAM CHURCH.

Every denomination and many of the neighbouring parishes were represented at the dedication service, which took place during evening-song. Immediately following the second lesson, the Archdeacon, preceded by the officiating clergy and the choir, proceeded to the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were impressively read. Following the return of the procession, the bells were rung by a band representative of the ringers of the district: Leslie Wightman (Framdsden) 1, E. F. Poppy (Stoke Ash) 2, James Betts (Wetheringsett) 3, Leslie Brett (Framdsden) 4, Tom Chapell (Kenton) 5, Walter Ruffles (Ashfield) 6, T. W. Last (Helmington) 7, W. Rumsey (Debenham) 8.

The sermon, preached by the Archdeacon, was based on St. Luke, xiv., 17, 'Come, for all things are now ready . . . and they all, with one consent began to make excuse.' The primary use of bells, in olden times, said the preacher, was to call worshippers to church. This use was not now so essential, as clocks and watches were in general use. To-day their use was to remind the sick and aged that the church was mindful of them. How many were there in these days who had good excuses for non-attendance at church, but who had no valid reason for abstaining from public worship? The two

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GUILDFORD GUILD'S SUMMER FESTIVAL.

LARGE GATHERING AT WEYBRIDGE.

Nearly a hundred and twenty ringers were present at the summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held in real summer weather on Saturday in the Chertsey district, where it was hoped some greater interest in the Guild's activities would be stirred up as a result. Despite the record temperature of the hottest Saturday of the year, the bells of four churches were utilised during the afternoon, ringing taking place at Hersham, Chertsey, Oatlands Park and Weybridge, all rings of eight. Nearly all the Guild's officers were present, the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse) taking charge of the ringing at Weybridge, where service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. E. Tritton) officiated, and the singing was led by the organ and choir boys. The Rector gave an address of welcome and spoke of the place which bell ringing took in parochial life in this country. The majority of people, he said, liked to hear the sound of the bells, but there were a few disagreeable people who disliked them. They, however, need not be considered too seriously.

The ringers were the guests of the Rector at tea, which was served in a field adjoining the Rectory grounds. As is, unfortunately, often the case, considerably larger numbers were present than had notified their intention of coming, and the catering arrangements were consequently somewhat disorganised. The commissariat department was temporarily dislocated, but eventually the difficulties were overcome and the *al fresco* meal was much enjoyed.

The hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for permitting the Guild to hold the festival at Weybridge, for his address and for his hospitality; also to the organist and choir for their part in the service. Mr. Goldsmith also took the opportunity of explaining the advantages to ringers of membership of the Guild, not only in fostering the diocesan spirit, but in extending the spirit of brotherhood, which was so characteristic of the fraternity of ringers. He hoped many more of the ringers in that district would join the Guild and bring the organisation in that area up to the level it had attained in other parts of the diocese.

The Rector, in replying to the vote of thanks, expressed his great pleasure in having the Guild at Weybridge, and endorsed the hope of the secretary that the Guild would be strengthened as a result of that gathering.

In the evening further ringing took place. The towers represented were Aldershot, Bagshot, Banstead, Dorking, Egham, Farnham, Farnborough, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Hindhead, Leatherhead, Newdigate, Oatlands Park, Ottershaw, West Clendon, Weybridge, Witley, Woking and Worplesdon, and ringers from Windsor, Merstham and Marlow were also present.

NEW GUILD FORMED AT BRISTOL.

On Thursday, May 19th, 15 keepers and gardeners of the Zoological Gardens, Clifton, agreed to form a guild of ringers for Emmanuel Church, and were given their first 'silent' practice that evening. Such remarkable progress was made that a meeting was held on Wednesday, June 15th, at which the following officers were elected: President, the Rev. W. Bathurst Soole (the Vicar); vice-presidents, the churchwardens, Alderman E. W. Savory, Mr. F. O. Wills and Mr. H. G. Rudman (ex-Sheriff); captain, Mr. W. Payne; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Blackwell.

All the members of the Guild were elected probationers of the Gloucester and Bristol Association on June 25th. On Wednesday, June 22nd, the new Guild rang the bells open and made a very good show. On Wednesday, June 29th, another open practice was held and resulted in a decision to commence Sunday service ringing on July 3rd.

The B.U.R.G. members are delighted with the success of their efforts in training the new Guild so quickly, and are shortly to offer their services to other local incumbents.

A QUARTER PEAL AT 81.

A former Newport (Mon) ringer, now living at Bideford, Mr. John Butler, has just reached his 81st birthday. While on holiday at Newport he celebrated the event on July 4th by taking part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at All Saints' Church: W. Millard 1, T. Ford 2, T. J. Butler 3, J. Butler 4, P. Atwell 5, J. W. Jones 6, J. Phillips (conductor) 7, G. H. Day 8.

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principal excuses were distance from a place of worship, and the ability to pray and read the Bible at home. Both were common, but neither was valid.

Previous to the sermon, a letter was read from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to the parishioners expressing his appreciation of the work of restoration that had been done in Debenham during recent years.

Following the blessing, a solemn Te Deum was sung by the choir. After the service, many touches were rung by visiting ringers, among those present being Mr. Crickmer, of Earl Soham, who rang in the record peal at Debenham. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the bell founders.

Contributions are still required towards the bell restoration fund, and should be sent to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DISTRICT PROBLEM.

The annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild attracted about a hundred members and visitors to Christchurch on Saturday week, and they spent a most enjoyable day in glorious weather. Full use was made of the opportunity of ringing on the twelve bells of the old Priory Church, the belfry having recently been enriched by the addition of four trebles, which had been dedicated on the previous Wednesday. Many of the visitors tried their hand for the first time on a ring of twelve, and were proud of the experience. The ringing had perforce to be limited largely to courses of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, but Plain Bob and Treble Bob Maximus were also rung, and everyone admired the very fine spice which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have made, for the magnificent back eight required some specially good companions if the peal was to be really properly balanced. The Loughborough founders have completed the task with characteristic skill, and, for their weight, the bells can be ranked as one of the finest augmented twelves in the country. It is interesting to note that there are now 15 bells in the tower, the other three being discarded members of the old ring. One of them, which was cracked a few years ago, is a relic of an attempt at welding, which failed to stand up to the strain of ringing, and cracked again so badly that it had to be replaced by a new bell. The other two are the trebles of the former ring of ten, which were much inferior in tone to the other eight, and have now been 'retired,' and will remain exhibits in the belfry.

The Guild's business meeting was held in the Church Room, with Mr. G. Williams, the Master, in the chair. He welcomed the visitors, who included the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. E. C. Merritt (Brighton) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which is an offshoot of the old Winchester Guild).

A letter was read from the hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild acknowledging the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's congratulations on the occasion of the Salisbury Guild jubilee, and expressing appreciation of the friendly relations which had subsisted between the two guilds from the very early stages and throughout the 50 years of the Salisbury Guild's existence. He hoped the good fellowship and mutual co-operation between the two guilds would long continue.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The Master's report showed that the year 1931 had been most successful financially, the total income for the year having exceeded £100. The number of members who had paid during the year included 136 honorary, 550 full, nine new compounding and one new life member. The sum of over £55 had been paid to the treasurer by the districts, and there was a balance of over £40 in the hands of the district secretaries. They had had extra heavy expenses, including the printing of new hymn sheets and new certificates, the latter amount would, however, have been much heavier but for the kind generosity of Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, who designed the new certificate free of charge. The Guild offered their best thanks to Mr. Fussell. The annual district meetings had again been exceptionally well attended, and the hon. secretary of the Winchester District, Mr. G. Noice, and his sister deserved the special thanks of the Guild for the number of new members secured during the year. It was an uphill struggle to induce new towers to come in, but they gladly welcomed those who had done so. Three towers in the Andover district had come in under the affiliation scheme, and they would welcome more from all districts as a means of inducing the ringers attached to these towers to become members of the Guild. The Master went on to advocate a quarterly peal in each district to give an opportunity to any young enthusiasts who wish to take part the opportunity to do so. After referring to the various bell restorations and augmentations that had taken place in the dioceses, the Master thanked the members of the Guild for the gift presented to Mrs. Williams and himself on the occasion of their golden wedding, adding that it was a great pleasure to them to know that the interest he had taken in the Guild practically through the whole of its existence had been appreciated. The report concluded with a reference to the loss sustained by the death of the Rev. T. Salmon, of North Stoneham, and thanks to the honorary and life members of the Guild for their support and to all the officers for their kind co-operation.

The report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, presented by the treasurer, the Rev. Evan Jones. The balance on the general account had been increased from £54 7s. 2d. to £56 18s. 5d., while the special purposes fund, which began with a balance of £20 1s. 7d., now had a balance of £25 10s. 4d., the receipts having included £2 2s. from life hon. members' subscription, £5 transferred from current account and 8s. 9d. interest. The expenditure was £2 2s. to the Stedman Commemoration Fund.

AFFILIATION FEES.

The Rev. F. S. H. Marle advocated the transfer of a further £30 to the special purposes fund so that they might further help any towers in need of funds for restoration. He also referred to the fact that only one district—Andover—had produced any affiliation fees, and added that that was a pure accident. As a result, however, he felt it would not be very difficult to get the Parochial Church Councils

of most of their towers to pay the affiliation fee, and he thought they should invite them to do so. By this means they could further strengthen the special purposes fund, and he thought that if parishes knew they could get help from this fund when they undertook restorations or augmentations, they would be even more ready to subscribe.

The Treasurer agreed that it would be advisable to strengthen the special purposes fund, but it was early yet to say how much they should vote to it. When the committee met at the end of November they would be in a better position to judge. With regard to the affiliation fees, this matter had cropped up again and again. It had proved a very difficult task, especially in these days when money was hard to come by. He had brought the matter up at his own Ruri-decanal Conference, but he found the parishes were not so ready to help. There were so many claims that the parishes had not the money to give.

The Hon. Secretary said they had never seriously tried to obtain these affiliation fees, and he thought they might endeavour to do so through the district secretaries. They had received practically nothing from this source up to the present, so they could not be worse off in that respect, while if they received the fees it would be an additional source of income.

Eventually it was resolved that the district secretaries should invite the Parochial Church Councils in their respective areas to pay the affiliation fee and report the result at the next annual meeting.

ADDITIONAL CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.

The officers were re-elected en bloc as follows: Master, Mr. George Williams; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, the Rev. Evan Jones; recorder of peals, Mr. C. E. Bassett; auditor, Mr. G. Smith; representatives on the Central Council, Messrs. H. Barton and G. Williams.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that the Guild was entitled to four representatives on the Central Council, and it had been suggested that they should elect four. He did not suppose that the necessity would arise when all four need attend the Council's meeting, but there were times when one or other of their present members might not be able to attend, and it would be well that the Guild should have other representatives who could do so, so that they could make sure that they had at least two representatives present. Moreover, if the new rules for the Council were passed, they would have to pay for four members, even if they did not elect them.

It was agreed to elect two more representatives, and Messrs. G. Pullinger (a former secretary of the Guild) and Mr. F. W. Rogers (the present hon. secretary) were appointed.

A discussion ensued as to whether the new certificates should be presented free to new members or whether a small charge should be made for them. Mr. Wilfred Andrews considered that to give new members some sort of emblem of their membership would be an inducement to them to continue as members at a period when, having found the difficulties of the art, they were inclined to drop away. It was more difficult to retain members in their first year or two, and he believed the possession of the certificate would be an encouragement to them to become permanent members. Any cost to the Guild would quickly be wiped out by the additional membership.

The Master said the committee had discussed this matter, but could come to no decision, and, therefore, left it to the members to decide.

The Hon. Secretary said those who opposed the free issue of the certificates thought it would make the thing look cheap, whereas if a small charge were made for it it would be more valued. There was also the risk, if the certificates were given away haphazard, that they would fall into the hands of those who were not interested.

The Rev. F. S. H. Marle said the cost, threepence per copy, was small beside the fact that it would give the young ringer something to look at as a reminder of his membership of the Guild. It was, however, in his opinion, important that the Guild should retain its ownership of these certificates, so that if a man resigned they could claim it.

The Hon. Secretary said it would serve no purpose to reclaim it, because the man's name would be on it.

The Hon. Treasurer said he was afraid if they gave the certificates away they would be throwing them away too cheaply.

The motion to issue the certificates free of cost was defeated.

It was unanimously resolved, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, to elect Mr. W. H. Fussell to an honorary life membership of the Guild in recognition of his services.—Mr. Fussell, in writing to accept the committee's offer, expressed his great appreciation of the distinction which the Guild had offered him. The work of designing the certificate had been a great pleasure to him.

Mr. R. G. Warwick, of Wickham, was elected an hon. member of the Guild, and Winchester was chosen for the next annual meeting, to be held on the first Saturday in July, 1933.

The committee recommended a grant of 5 guineas to the Davies Memorial Fund, the secretary pointing out that Mr. Davies was closely associated with the Winchester Guild, and rendered yeoman service as hon. secretary of the Basingstoke District.

TRANSFER OF TOWERS.

Considerable discussion ensued on a proposal to transfer the towers of Petersfield, East Meon, West Meon, Bramshott and Steep from the Portsmouth District to the Alton District, with a view to strengthening the latter, which has only 25 members, while Portsmouth has 140.

It was pointed out that all the towers mentioned were in favour of the transfer.

The Rev. A. S. Smithers (Portsmouth) said to transfer the parishes which were now in the Portsmouth diocese to a district which was in the Diocese of Winchester would be, he thought, contrary to the policy which was being pursued in the Diocese of Portsmouth. He knew the Guild covered the two dioceses and that there might seem to be no harm in transferring these parishes, but in practice things were rather different. It was important in starting a new diocese that they should generate a corporate feeling in the diocese and should hold the connection, as far as possible, in every form of church life with the centre of the diocese. He did not think in Winchester they quite appreciated the difficulties there were in a small and new diocese in generating the diocesan feeling. To transfer these towers meant that the ringers, instead of normally attending Portsmouth district meetings in the Portsmouth diocese, would attend Alton district meetings in the Diocese of Winchester. The Bishop of Portsmouth was anxious to foster the diocesan spirit in every direction in all the parishes of the diocese, and he felt the Bishop would be against this proposal. In any case, he thought they should take no action until the Bishop had been consulted. There was a considerable divergence of opinion at the district meeting, and he could not conceive there was the slightest necessity for the alteration.

Mr. Andrews pointed out that the Guild served the two dioceses, and the question of the diocesan spirit in Portsmouth as distinct from Winchester ought not to weigh with them very much. They ought to conform to the wishes of the towers.

A motion that the transfer of the towers should be made provided equal voting, 15 for and 15 against, many abstaining. A further resolution to the same effect, but in slightly different form, was put to the meeting and defeated by 16 votes to 15. A third motion that the matter should be considered at a special general meeting to be held later after the views of the Bishop of Portsmouth have been obtained was put and carried.

The Hon. Secretary brought forward the recommendation of the Central Council that everything possible should be done to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and urged the members to do their best to secure this result. He pointed out it would be a lamentable thing if 'The Ringing World' were to drop out of existence, and ringers should support it individually. He knew of a number of towers where only one copy was taken, and he instanced a case in which a rota was placed in the belfry showing the names of the members whose turn it was to pay for the paper each week. If sufficient additional support was given, the Editor had promised that a larger paper should be provided, so that many reports now crowded out would find a place. He hoped all the members of the Guild would back up Mr. Goldsmith and help to keep 'The Ringing World' going.

The Master supported the hon. secretary's appeal. There were too many, he said, who took one copy for a tower and handed it round. It was this practice that kept the circulation down. They ought not to be satisfied until at least 50 or 60 per cent. of the ringers took a copy, and there were very few who could really say they could not afford to do so.

Mr. Goldsmith said the reason the appeal was being made throughout the associations was not merely to try and gain enough support to enable the paper to be enlarged and provide a fair remuneration for the work done, but to secure for the Exercise a journal in the future. He had continued the paper under the present conditions very largely because he had a deep love of the art, but when anything happened to him it might be very difficult to get it carried on unless it was an adequately paying proposition. The Exercise would be in a sorry position if it were left without a journal, and he hoped the appeal which was being made would have the desired result.

ON THE SHELF

This concluded the business, and the members then attended special service in the Priory Church, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon W. H. Gay), who also preached and welcomed the Guild to Christchurch. They were glad to receive them in Christchurch, he said, because they were a band of churchworkers engaged on a very prominent piece of churchwork, and also because, while Winchester and Portsmouth were now divided by diocesan walls, the ringers' guild had remained united. From the diocesan point of view, they were working in different camps, but he was glad that, as a guild of ringers, they had decided not to sever the ancient ties. He was more especially glad to welcome the Guild because, as they knew, they had in the old Priory Church something of very special interest for them. Their tower had just received four new bells to complete the ring of twelve. It had been a ring of ten until a parishioner, a great lover of bells, offered him two additional bells from the funds of a trust which he controlled. It was then found that the addition would necessitate the recasting of the two existing treble bells, but another lover of bells came forward and offered to replace them with two entirely new ones, so that true harmony might be assured. They, therefore, had in their tower 15 bells, the ring of twelve and three on the shelf. His message to them that day was illustrated by the tower above them. The donors decided that their church was worthy of the very best, and in order that they might not risk having anything imperfect by recasting the old bells, they discarded

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PROGRESS.

At West Wickham, Kent, there is an enterprising band of about 12 or 15 ringers (recently formed), who are making good progress in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. They have only five bells, but their ambitions soar above this number. One of the band (A. S. Richards) has had half a dozen practices of Grandsire Triples at Beckenham, and has just succeeded in ringing his first quarter-peal. It was rung for evening service by W. Martin 1, P. Meek 2, A. S. Richards (first in the method) 3, W. Hollamby 4, W. Rawlings 5, G. Wickens 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, S. Humphrey 8.

The parish of Wicken, Northants, has less than 300 inhabitants, but the Sunday band there ring Double Norwich and Stedman regularly for service. They have lately started practising Superlative, and, with the assistance of one outside ringer, seven of them have just scored their first 448 in the method.

At Burnham, Bucks, on St. Peter's Day, at the Church of St. Peter, for the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *B. T. Harrison 1, G. Limmer 2, *J. Jones 3, W. E. Taylor (first quarter-peal of Grandsire as conductor) 4, *W. Birmingham 5, W. Jolley 6, G. Gilbert 7, E. Tuck 8. * First quarter-peal.

TEN TOWERS IN A DAY.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 25th-26th, the Leytonstone ringers visited Ipswich and district for their annual outing, and were joined by the well-known Essex veteran, Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley. Headquarters (the Queen's Hotel) were reached in time for breakfast. A move was made at 8.30 for a round of Suffolk towers. The first to be visited was Holbrook, where a well-struck 720 Beverley was brought round and a touch of Cambridge to give all the members a pull. Then came Stutton, and here 720 Ipswich and 240 Kent Treble Bob were rung. On the way to Copdock a call was made at East Bergholt to view the ancient peal of five (tenor 28 cwt.), which are hung in a cage in the churchyard. Everyone regretted they could not hear the bells rung. At Copdock 720 Wells was brought round, also a touch of York, before going on to Hintlesham, where touches of Southwell and Cambridge were rung before returning to headquarters for lunch. This over, a visit was paid to Rushmere for 720 Durham and a touch of Kent; Hasketon (720 Cambridge) and Burgh, where London (non-conducted) was lost after some very good ringing, but a touch of Cambridge was rung. After tea some well-struck Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung at Grundisburgh. At St. Peter's, Henley, the visitors were met by the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Pearson), a well-known ringer. Touches of Stedman, Kent Major and a course of London Surprise Major were brought round on this light but musical ring of eight. Arriving at Ipswich in time to visit St. Margaret's, some good touches of Grandsire, Cambridge and Double Norwich were rung.

On Sunday morning, at St. Clement's, Ipswich, the party rang 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise for the 11 o'clock service. In the afternoon a visit was paid to Sproughton and Bramford. At the former, 720 each of York and Oxford Treble Bob was rung, and at the latter touches of London and Beverley were brought round. After tea a visit was paid to St. Mary le Tower, where the visitors rank a touch of Grandsire Caters, and some took part in Stedman Cinques with the local company.

The visitors wish to convey their very best thanks to the clergy for granting permission to ring, and to Mr. C. W. Symonds and Mr. F. Bowell, of the Ipswich Bell Foundry, for their assistance in making arrangements.

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and shelved the two trebles and two entirely new ones took their place. There was a parable for them. Church life was ever progressing, each generation was faced with new problems, new difficulties and new opportunities. As in the world of commerce old and antiquated machinery must be scrapped and new substituted, so it must be in a progressive church. The successful practice of their art was built up on team work, and the message of the bells could only be rung out true and harmonious as a result of regular attendance and conscientious practice, and, above all, their spiritual life should be in harmony with their call, for each man and each woman was not a mere unit tolling out a solitary sound, but the member of a team pulling together and proclaiming enthusiastically the Christian message, a message which might be expressed by five thousand and forty or fifty thousand and forty changes, yet was interpreted by one peal under the direction of one conductor, one master. Let them, therefore, remember that this team work demanded their earnest attention and their very best effort, not for their solitary selves, but for the sake of the whole peal, for the sake of others, and that there was such a thing as being de-toned and placed on the shelf and of another taking their place.

After the service tea was served in the picturesque grounds of the King's Arms Hotel, with the ruins of the old Priory as a background. Among those who joined the members were the Vicar and the Mayor and Mayoress of Christchurch. The Vicar and the Mayor extended a welcome to the Guild, and a vote of thanks was accorded to them on the motion of Mr. F. W. Rogers, who also thanked Mr. George Preston, captain of the Christchurch ringers, for having made possible the success which had attended the gathering.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION AND LEEDS SOCIETY MEET.

The quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire Association and the monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society were held at Idle on Saturday, June 25th, when members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bolton (St. James'), Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Guiseley, Northowram, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Keighley, Leeds Parish, Lightcliffe, Liversedge, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Rotherham and Idle, a large company taking advantage of the delightful weather. The bells were kept going to various methods, and tea was served in the schools, where the business meetings were held. The vice-president (Mr. J. Cotterell) presided over the Yorkshire Association meeting, at which nine new members were elected on the motion of Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. W. Mouncey, viz., Messrs. G. F. Swann, R. C. Ingram and W. F. Froggart, of Birmingham; Willie Abbott, Geoffrey Crossley and Jack Slitsen, of Drighlington; E. Farrar, Lightcliffe; J. W. Feildhouse, Armley; and Miss H. Holmes, of Dewsbury.

There being only one nomination for the vacant seat on the committee, Mr. T. W. Strangeways, of Rothwell, was elected.

An invitation to hold the September meeting at Mirfield was accepted, providing that the date was altered so as not to clash with the Yorkshire general meeting, which was being held on the same day. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson and seconded by the chairman.—Mr. F. Skirrow replied on behalf of the Vicar, who had expressed his regret at being unable to be present.

The best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the ladies and the local company for the splendid way in which they had entertained the visitors, and to this Mr. J. Hill responded.

In opening the Leeds and District meeting, Mr. W. H. Senior, the president, associated himself with all the votes of thanks which had been passed. It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Drighlington.

The tower was then again visited until 9 p.m. Mr. J. Cotterell made an appeal to all those who did not take 'The Ringing World' to do so, and thereby help the Exercise to have a bigger and cheaper paper.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Market Weighton on Saturday, July 2nd, and was attended by about 25 ringers and visitors from Easingwold, Goole, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Pontefract, Selby, Sutton and the local company.

The ring of six was kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

Service, fully choral, was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Ferguson, M.A.), who gave an interesting address, and also extended to the ringers a very hearty welcome.

Tea was served in the Railway Refreshment Room, followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar.

Three new members were elected—Messrs. H. Marson, M. J. Baker and D. L. S. Kerman, all of Kirk Ella.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and his address; also to the choir and organist, and to the local company for arrangements.—These were replied to by the Vicar and Mr. Kneeshaw, the local captain.

It was decided to make a presentation to the late secretary, Mr. A. B. Cook, and members are asked to subscribe to the fund as early as possible in order to make the presentation at the next quarterly meeting, which is to be held at Patrington in September.

The secretary and Mr. Cryer (the vice-president) appealed to those present to do all in their power to persuade members to support 'The Ringing World' by taking a copy each week.

This closed a very pleasant meeting, members returning to the tower for further ringing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, July 2nd, at St. Mary's, Woodford. Proceedings commenced shortly after 3 p.m. with ringing on the new eight, and continued at intervals until 5 p.m., when a short service was conducted in church by the Rector of Woodford (the Rev. F. J. Alberty, M.A.). Tea was then served in the Parish Church Memorial Hall.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Rector took the chair, supported by the District Master (Mr. J. A. Waugh) and the District Secretary (Mr. J. G. A. Prior).

The business was of a routine nature, and was soon finished. Four new members were elected, and the place of the next meeting was left for the secretary to arrange.

A return was then made to the tower and further ringing took place until about 8.30 p.m., methods rung ranging from Grandsire to the Surprise methods. This was the first visit paid by the association to Woodford, and it was generally agreed that the experiment was fully justified.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT DARLEY DALE.

Situate in ideal surroundings, amid gorgeous scenery of hills and dales, the Parish Church of Darley Dale, Derbyshire, was the venue of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday, July 2nd. A fine sunny afternoon helped to make the visit more attractive still, and the forty-odd members who attended were well repaid. The bells (8) were kept going to various methods during the afternoon and evening, but some anxiety was felt by the non-arrival of the president and general hon. secretary at the time for committee meeting, and when half an hour had passed and still there was no sign of them, an S.O.S. message was about to be broadcast, when they rolled merrily in. The truth of the matter was that Colin in his folly wanted to see 'Smalley's folly' on the heights from another mountain and got lost! Still, after retraversing some three miles backwards downhill, the aforesaid officers duly arrived. The committee met immediately in the vestry under the ringing chamber and carried through their routine duties, while those above enjoyed their ringing. Various items of expenditure were agreed to, and the conversion of the War Loan investments duly authorised.

Tea was served later at the Church Inn and members were present from each of the eight centres of the association's activities. The President (Mr. E. Denison Taylor) reviewed the work done during the past quarter, and stated that peals had been rung quite up to the average, and consisted of all standard and several Surprise methods. A new method called Shilton Major had been rung at Earl Shilton, composed and conducted by the general hon. secretary. He regretted the passing on of two valued original members, Mr. E. I. Stone, of Burton, and Mr. S. Maskrey, of Derby, and paid tribute to their memory. They had also lost by death Mr. F. W. Turner, of Long Eaton; Mr. J. R. Bartram, of Melton; Mr. G. Dickinson, jun., of Leicester; and Mr. T. Atkins, of Croft; and he asked those present to stand a moment as a silent tribute to their respected memory.

Apologies for absence were received from the Vicars of Bakewell and Tideswell, but the local Rector came along later. The hon. secretary reported an unusual number of new members elected since Easter, viz., 30 ringing, six rejoined, four honorary and three life—a most satisfactory sign of the progress in that direction.

Mr. J. H. Swinfield gave a very interesting review of the Central Council meeting at Plymouth, and, arising out of this, stressed the need of support for 'The Ringing World.' This matter was also spoken of at length by the general hon. secretary, Mr. W. Wallace, of Derby, and Mr. Colin Harrison, of Loughborough.

The secretary will shortly circularise all towers in the association's area, urging ringers to take the paper and further display an interest in their art by this means.

At this point the Rector of Darley Dale came in, and in a very appropriate speech welcomed the association. He urged the younger members to go on and persevere in their art. Although he did not understand the methods they rang, yet he understood fully the message they pealed forth from the belfry, and each ringer should bear in mind the fact that they had many listeners, and while they—as ringers—gloried in their art for its own sake, they should be ever mindful of the message they gave to the English countryside, and should do all to the glory of God.

Mr. Taylor replied on behalf of the visitors and thanked the Rector for coming at some inconvenience to thus welcome them.—Mr. G. E. Paulson and the local society were also thanked for making the meeting such a success.

E. M.

MEMORIAL TO FAMOUS FOUNDER.

TABLET PLACED IN OXFORD CHURCH.

A tablet cast in bell metal has recently been placed on the tower wall of St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, in memory of Robert Taylor, the founder of the famous Loughborough firm, who, in 1820, came from St. Neots, Huntingdonshire, and established his foundry in the parish of St. Ebbe.

On Tuesday, 21st June, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the present head of the firm, and great-grandson of Robert Taylor, visited St. Ebbe's Church, where a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted to commemorate the placing of the tablet in the church. The peal, unfortunately, broke down about half-way, but was successfully accomplished on the following Tuesday.

The site of the old foundry in Blackfriars Road was located, although the tombstone in St. Ebbe's Churchyard could not be found.

After the ringing, Mr. Taylor, who had already made a generous gift of handbells to the tower, entertained the band to dinner at Stewart's, and kept them keenly interested till closing time with stories of Robert Taylor and his connection with Oxford.

The tablet is worded as follows:—

In memory of
ROBERT TAYLOR, Bellfounder,
Born at Riseley, Bedfordshire, 1759.

His foundry was at St. Neots, Huntingdonshire, until 1820, when he came to St. Ebbe's Parish, Oxford, with his two sons, William and John.

He was buried in St. Ebbe's Churchyard, April 7th, 1830.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.**

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', London Bridge, on the 28th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service on the 17th, at 5.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 21st, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GREAT NESS, near Shrewsbury. — The augmented ring of 6 (tenor recast and 3 new trebles added and rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on Friday, July 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Tea and refreshments provided at the Vicarage after the service. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 16th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m.; preacher, Rev. L. Moxon, Vicar of Newport Pagnell, and chairman of North Bucks Branch. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Harlington, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow, in Church Hall. A hearty welcome to all.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. Business nominations for general and branch officers. For tea notify Mr. J. Robinson, North End, Halewood. Please make a special effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 8 o'clock. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Cranford (6) on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea follows.—H. Baxter, Bredon, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Maiden Newton and Cattistock on Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow. The Cattistock carillon will be open for inspection. Other bells available, Bradford-Peverell, Frampton, Stratton and Sydling.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON.—The ring of six bells restored by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on Saturday afternoon, July 16th.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A district meeting will be held at Debenham on Saturday, July 16th. The restored ring of 8 will be available all day. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m., 9d. each.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gosberton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Please come and try this fine peal. All ringers welcome. Tea can be arranged for in the village. There are several outstanding subs. Will those who have not yet paid kindly pay up and be 'sports'?—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Stratford-on-Avon on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, at a moderate charge. Business meeting to follow. Visitors will be welcomed.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Weare on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open 2.30. Divine Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

CHRIST CHURCH, ALSAGER.—The ring of 8 bells, having been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be reopened on July 16th. A meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild will be held on the same day. A short service and opening at 3.30. Tea about 5 p.m. Bells available until 9.30 p.m. Further particulars on circulars. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield (8 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A ring for all. — D. Brown, Branch Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on July 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. There will be a service and tea. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Good attendance requested. Further business re the Haigh Memorial and Library. —H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Rothley (5 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. All ringers and friends welcome. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGE.—The ring of 6, rebung with new fittings in a new frame by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea, by invitation, to those who notify the Rev. C. E. O. Finch, Swavesey Vicarage, Cambridge, by July 21st. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Wickham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at 1s. per head to those who notify me not later than July 18th. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. — A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual festival at Truro, Saturday, July 23rd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), Cathedral (10) from 6 to 8 p.m. only. The Guild will attend Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (free to ringers) 4.45. Opportunities for ringing will be given to odd ringers, but late entries cannot be included in the programme.—W. H. R. Trehwella, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Major P. H. G. Powell-Cotton, the summer meeting will be held at Waterloo Tower (12), Quex Park, Birchington, on Saturday, July 23rd.—Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in the tower.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Huish Episcopi on Saturday, July 23rd. Langport bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Billingborough on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, July 20th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Tea, 5 p.m., in the George Hotel. All requiring tea please notify by July 21st. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Amersham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who send me their names not later than July 18th.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Heckington on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 1/6 per head, at 5, followed by business meeting. For tea please notify Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington, Lincs, by July 20th. This is important. All welcome.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Vicarage Room. Meeting to follow. Will secretaries please notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.)—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names to Mr. S. Baron, 40, West Street, Drighlington. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided (by kind invitation of the Rector) at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Rogers' Café, The Borough, 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to be sent by Wednesday, 20th, to Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Poslingford, nr. Clare, on Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing on the bells (5) from 3.30. Meeting at 5.15. Tea 6 at the Shepherd and Dog. All welcome.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., Sudbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Summer meeting at Brancepeth on Saturday, July 23rd. The bells of St. Brandon (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available after 3. Tea in the Village Hall at 5. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than July 20th.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sherborne St. John on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by July 16th.—Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley, Hants.

HERTS, MIDDLESEX AND BEDS ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting between districts of the above associations will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, July 23rd. Cathedral bells available from 2 until 4 p.m. and after tea. St. Peter's also, but ringing until 5 p.m., when a service will be held at this church. Tea at the Clarendon Hotel. Cheap tickets from all stations on L.M.S. to St. Albans, also Green Line and numerous bus services from all parts. A p.c. to either of the undersigned from intending visitors would greatly help with tea arrangements. Everyone welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield; C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4; A. E. Sharman, 199, Hitchin Road North, Dunstable; Dis. Secs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Tea 1s. per head. Those intending to be present please notify me before Wednesday, July 19th.—F. S. Hawkes, Hon. Sec. Duddage, Twynning, nr. fewkesbury

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Newington on Saturday, July 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea generously provided by the Vicar, Church Council, and bellringers, followed by business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly inform me without fail by Tuesday, July 26th?—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

RANMORE.—On July 30th, combined meeting of the Surrey Association (N.W. District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Leatherhead District). — Well-known bells and scenery, and Sunday and Monday to get back home. Tower open at 3 o'clock, tea at 5. Same place, but under new management, so please let me know early how many will require tea.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

RINGERS' GARDEN PARTY at Barnsley. By the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon A. E. and Mrs. Hone, the Rectory grounds will be open to all ringers and wives on Saturday, July 30th, at 2 p.m. Bells available all day. Barnsley, St. Mary's (8), Monk Bretton (6), Darton (6), Service 4 p.m. Photographs 4.45. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. It is most essential that applications for tea, or by any band wanting to ring at a certain time, be sent to Mr. W. Carbutt, 17, Sackville Street, Barnsley, not later than Wednesday, 27th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30, everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available from noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Farmer, 17, Pollitt Street, Barnsley, not later than first post Tuesday, July 26th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Southwold on Monday, Aug. 1st. Bells (8) available all day. Tea at Chapman's Restaurant at 4.30, 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Crewe on Monday, August 1st. Service in Christ Church at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Archdeacon of Warrington. Business meeting, Christ Church School, 12 noon. Luncheon at the Euston Restaurant, 1 p.m. Tickets, 2/- for non-members, 1/6 members, may be had from the Branch Secretaries, or the General Secretary, the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich Vicarage, Cheshire.

HERTFORD.—Practice at All Saints' (10 bells) on Monday evenings, 8 o'clock during summer months. All ringing friends will be welcome.

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Under the auspices of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild, a special visit was paid to St. Michael's Church, East Teignmouth, on Tuesday evening, July 5th. A good muster of ringers turned up at the appointed time, and the bells were well utilised until 9 o'clock, some capital touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung.

On Sunday evening, July 10th, at St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, for evening service, a quarter-peal of 1,344 Grandsire Triples from J. J. Parker's Four-Part was rung in 45 minutes by F. Wills 1, A. L. Bennett (conductor) 2, J. Hosgood 3, W. A. Wills 4, F. Wreford 5, E. Hill 6, E. W. Biffen 7, A. H. Goad 8.

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