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MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

Among the subjects debated by the Central Council was that of multi-method peals on eight bells and over, and we do not think anyone is likely to quarrel with the decision that, when a peal is rung in more than one method, there must be no repetition of changes. It was to ensure this that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies moved the resolution which was carried, thus amplifying the existing rule regarding true peals which was framed in the days before method-splicing was seriously thought of. The motion, as was made clear in the mover's speech, was prompted by the fact that there had been in contemplation the ringing of four quarter peals in four Surprise methods, linked together by a row of rounds between each. Such a performance would be unique, but we do not think it would present any difficulties to an experienced Surprise company, and it is as well that the Council should have settled the question as to its qualification to be counted as a 'peal' before it has been rung, instead of waiting until a claim had been made.

Peal ringing has reached such a stage in these days that any step which will add increased merit to a performance deserves encouragement, and just as multi-method peals on six-bells are to be desired in preference to seven extents in one or even seven methods, so we look forward to seeing on eight bells and upwards frequent peals in which numerous methods are combined. At the moment there are difficulties in regard to the composition of peals of this character in the Surprise methods, simply because the latter are, for the present, very limited in number, but in due time we may hope to have available a collection similar to the Minor methods, and it is probable that there will then be as much scope for spliced peals on eight bells as there is at present on six.

Nothing should be done to discourage investigation, and advance in this direction, although a suggestion at the close of the Council's meeting, that a peal rung in two Major methods should not be recognised, rather points to a feeling that not all ringers favour peals upon this principle. What the objection to spliced method peals can be we are at a loss to understand. On six bells they are eminently to be preferred to, say, a peal in fourteen methods coming into rounds at the end of each 360, and no one can deny that the introduction of a number of methods into one true extent adds infinitely to the difficulty and to the interest of the ringing. While there can be no question of admitting a repetition of rounds or any other change in a peal on eight bells, the same features of difficulty and interest are introduced by splicing on the higher numbers, and when we come to the limit of intricacy in one-method peals, we ought to welcome any other legitimate manner of widening the scope.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK JOHNSON... ..	...Treble	ALBERT COPPOCK... ..	6
WILLIAM H. JAMES	2	JOHN C. DICKENS	7
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY	8
*GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	4	JAMES F. GEORGE	5
*THOMAS H. KIRKLEY	5	EDWARD C. GOBEY	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

First peal of Treble Eob Royal on the bells. * First peal of Treble Bob Royal. This composition now rung for the first time.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE ... ..	...Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	2	*SIDNEY HILLIER	7
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	THOMAS F. KING	8
ERNEST BISHOP	4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	9
EDWIN J. BROWN... ..	5	WALTER FARLEY	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters in the county.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS ... ..	...Treble	ARTHUR HEAD	6
*CYRIL GENTRY	2	*EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM... ..	7
HENRY W. KERTON	3	*CYRIL PEASE	8
*ARTHUR SALTMARSH... ..	4	*JOHN WOOD	9
*LESLIE J. CLARKE	5	*WILLIAM PEASE... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters, also first of Grandsire Caters on the bells. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOKINGHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, June 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WAINE... ..	...Treble	ARTHUR WIGGINS	5
MISS STELLA DAVIS	2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT... ..	6
MISS VERA ROBINSON	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN	7
JAMES MACKMAN	4	HENRY SIMMONDS	Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

First peal of Stedman by Miss Vera Robinson, daughter of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, a name ever associated with the ringing of the 'Four-part.'

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM CATHERALL... ..	5
JOHN HAYES... ..	2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	6
THOMAS CATHERALL	3	JAMES SWINDLEY... ..	7
EDWARD HARRISON	4	GEORGE R. JONES	Tenor

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF MOORHOUSE'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28½ cwt.

*GEORGE F. NEWMAN... ..Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN... ..5
MAURICE SWINFELD... ..2	CHARLES SANDERS... ..6
JOHN H. SWINFELD... ..3	ALGERNON P. G. STONE... ..7
JOHN HOUGH... ..4	GEORGE BULL... ..Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Grandsire. Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' birthday.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, June 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES SPARKS... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS... ..5
CHARLES EDWARDS... ..2	JAMES P. HYETT... ..6
*THOMAS TAYSON... ..3	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS... ..7
GEOFFERY W. TAYSON... ..4	JOHN HUSBANDS... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight. Mr. J. P. Hyett's 50th peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

EDWARD C. GOBEY... ..Treble	SAMUEL BURGON... ..5
JAMES F. GEORGE... ..2	EDMUND C. CHASTY... ..6
CHARLES GEAREY... ..3	CECIL J. BAKER... ..7
HENRY STRAW... ..4	HENRY HARRISON... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

This composition now rung for the first time by this association. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. W. Bell, Rural Dean, Vicar of Ilkeston.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

ALFRED BLACKSHAW... ..Treble	ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN... ..5
FRED CHAMBERS... ..2	TOM STANCLIFFE... ..6
*HERBERT CHAMBERS... ..3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON... ..7
TOM CHAMBERS... ..4	JOHN WATSON... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal on inside bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Fred Chambers, who was 21 on the above date.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mildred,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. H. GEORGE'S ONE-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

CHARLES TRIBE... ..Treble	HAROLD WANT... ..5
MRS. H. BAKER... ..2	GEORGE BILLENNESS... ..6
HARRY BAKER... ..3	H. CHARLES BOND... ..7
EDWARD R. BURGESS... ..4	*JOSEPH NEVE... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal. Arranged for the ringer of the seventh, who was elected a member, and who had come from Cirencester, Gloucester, for a short stay at Tenterden. This is the first time a lady ringer has scored a peal at Tenterden.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Thursday, June 7th, prior to a sacred concert given in the Parish Church by the Cornish Tin Miners Male Voice Choir, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,344 changes) was rung in 52½ mins.: C. Turner 1, R. S. Bastable 2, C. H. Tomes 3, D. Hill Brown 4, A. J. Haysom 5, G. F. Haysom 6, G. J. Williams 7, W. G. Bishop (conductor) 8.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH E. SYKES... ..Treble	WILLIAM WILSON... ..5
*ALFRED BACON... ..2	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... ..6
RICHARD LYNCH... ..3	GABRIEL LINDOFF... ..7
WILLIAM E. LYNCH... ..4	WILLIAM GIBSON... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Lynch. * First peal of Triples.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

*R. OCKWELL, P.O., R.N. Treble	THOMAS JULL... ..5
WILLIAM SPICE... ..2	WILLIAM J. WALKER... ..6
CHARLES J. ELLIS... ..3	CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR... ..4	ERNEST J. DOBBIE... ..Tenor

Composed by H. DAINES. Conducted by CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

* First peal. The ringer of the third, for whom this peal was arranged, was on a visit from Harwich, Essex, and was re-elected a non-resident life member before starting. Also rung as a birthday compliment to T. Jull and E. H. Spice.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.)

On Friday, June 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

NORAH M. BIBBY... ..Treble	ERNEST PALMER... ..5
WILLIAM BIBBY... ..2	GEORGE H. RANGLES... ..6
HARRY C. COLLYER... ..3	FRANCIS BIBBY... ..7
JOHN E. BIBBY... ..4	CECIL RADDON... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH & THE ALL SAINTS' YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES... ..Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD... ..5
JOHN J. JEFFERIES... ..2	WILLIAM LEWIS... ..6
WILLIAM C. JONES... ..3	WILLIAM PAGE... ..7
SIDNEY T. HOLT... ..4	CHARLES CAMM... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY KILBY... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWITT... ..5
HAROLD W. CLARK... ..2	WILLIAM PYE... ..6
*GEORGE M. KILBY... ..3	JAMES E. DAVIS... ..7
GEORGE R. PYE... ..4	REUBEN SANDERS... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. * First peal in the method.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.—On Wednesday, May 16th after an unsuccessful attempt for Double Norwich, 1,536 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. F. Barnes 1, W. Battle 2, T. Hammond 3, J. Cooke 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, J. Wilkinson 6, H. Ludkin 7, E. Caunce 8. Longest length on the bells, and by all the band.

**TUEBROOK, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ERNEST JONES Treble	JOHN WILKINSON... .. 5
CLAUDE S. BENWELL 2	THOMAS W. GILMOUR 6
GEORGE LUNT 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 4	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. The only previous peal in this method on these bells was rung on Feb. 27th, 1908, but, as was pointed out quite recently, the composition was found to be false.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... .. 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	WILLIAM LATTER 6
HERBERT MARKWELL... .. 3	JOHN W. STEDDY... .. 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PRISTOW.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. THOMAS A BECKETT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILFRED BOOTH Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WALTER FRANKS 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 6
*FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	HARRY PARKES 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* Fiftieth peal.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

LEONARD MANNERING ... Treble	*H. CHARLES BOND 5
*MISS ROSE THOMAS 2	ERNEST W. POWELL 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

* First peal of Major.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Treble	JOHN COOK 5
WALTER CHARMAN 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
PETER CHARMAN... .. 3	WILLIAM STANFORD 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 4	GEORGE ELLIS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

**SUTTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*FRANK DOWNES... .. Treble	CHARLES EDWARDS 4
THOMAS TAYSON 2	GEOFFERY W. TAYSON 5
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	WALTER TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Minor, also first peal on the bells.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

S. A. JOHNSON Treble	A. DISNEY 4
R. BARROW 2	F. J. BOWLEY 5
H. O. OVER 3	K. ELLIOTT Tenor

Conducted by H. C. OVER.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)**

On Tuesday, June 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GIBES Treble	JOHN LLOYD... .. 4
*WILLIAM H. COOPER 2	WALTER J. BRETHERTON 5
JOHN BASS 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First attempt for seven methods away from the treble. Rung to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar.

ELM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 27, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

LEONARD MASON... .. Treble	FRED WIGMORE 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE 2	JOHN RODWELL 5
GEORGE MASON 3	BERT GOGLE... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	THOMAS H. TAYSON 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	HERBERT J. TAYSON 5
GEOFFERY W. TAYSON 3	WALTER TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

First peal in three methods by ringers of 3rd, 4th and 5th.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*CYRIL J. JENNINGS Treble	ARTHUR J. ORGILL 4
HENRY FLETCHER 2	JOHN W. GLEW 5
WILFRED H. BUXTON 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by J. LORD.

* First peal of Minor.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALFRED H. POLLING ... 1—2 *FLT. SGT. F. A. HOLDEN ... 5—6

ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 3—4 MAURICE SMITHER ... 7—8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Witness: MRS. POLLING.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples in hand after many attempts. Rung as a compliment to Rupert Richardson.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

'CONTEST' AT HALIFAX.

In connection with the above Association, an eight bell contest of 672 changes, any method, was held at the Halifax Parish Church tower on Saturday, June 9th, by the kind permission of the Vicar (Bishop Frodsham) and churchwardens. The following companies took part, and the whole of them rung Kent Treble Bob Major: No. 1, Mirfield; No. 2, Birstall; No. 3, Batley; No. 4, Earlsheaton; No. 5, Lightcliffe Parish. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and the last set finished about seven o'clock. Tea was provided in the Schools. Later in the evening the annual meeting was held. The following officials were selected for the next twelve months: President, Mr. J. Hardcastle (Bradford); vice-presidents, Messrs. J. H. Hardy, W. Frith, J. Lawson and J. E. Carter; treasurer, Mr. F. Salmon (Halifax); secretary, Mr. L. Hargreaves (Halifax); trustee, Mr. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe).—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (Bishop Frodsham), and churchwardens, for allowing the association the use of the bells, and for being present at the meeting.—Proposed by Mr. J. Lawson, seconded by Mr. J. Cotterell, Bishop Frodsham, in replying, expressed his pleasure at seeing such an excellent gathering, which numbered about eighty. It was a long time since a contest was held at Halifax, but he hoped it would not be so very long before they would pay another visit to Halifax. He said it was in the 'Church Memoir' that on the first of April, 1691, Samuel Smith, bell founder, cast the Halifax bell called 'Stancliffe,' in his own house at York. It weighed 22 cwt 1 qr. 17 lb., and he said it was no mean effort to ring such bells. The art of bell ringing had several different versions by legal men, but in his opinion the ringing of bells each told its own story, and quoted the following:—

Men's death I toll,
By doleful knell,
'Lightning and Thunder,
I break asunder.
On Sabbath all
To Church I call,
The sleepy head,
I raise from bed.
The musick so fierce
I do disperse,
Man's cruel rage
I do assuage.

The Halifax tower was finished 1470, and had taken twenty years to build the church. The oldest bell was put in in 1472, and recast 1639. The bell, which was known as the 'priest bell,' was called such, because it rings five minutes before the service begins, just to warn the priest that it is time to put on his surplice. In Vicar Ashburn's time it was lent to a Brearby Church, but was fetched back 40 or 50 years later about 1626.

The judges, consisting of Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford), Mr. D. R. Smith (Halifax), aged 76, with Mr. C. E. Carrington (Halifax), marker, gave their decision as follows:—

No. 1, 436 faults, 10 penalties, total 446.

No. 2, rang out.

No. 3, 227 faults, 10 penalties, total 237.

No. 4, 248 faults, 0 penalties, total 247.

No. 5, 290 faults, 0 penalties, total 290.

The No. 3 company, Batley, were declared winners and Bishop Frodsham presented the cup to Mr. Scholey, the conductor, who, in replying, said it was the first time they had tried at an eight bell contest since they had their new peal put in. — Mr. Nightingale (churchwarden) spoke of the very enjoyable time he had spent among the ringers.—A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed a very successful meeting.

WIMBORNE.—At the Minster, on the back eight, on Thursday, June 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Townsend, H. Baverstock, W. Cheater (first in the method), A. F. Martin Stewart, A. Bradley, Rev. C. Carew Cox (conductor), Rev. E. V. Cox, F. Hart. Arranged for the Rev. E. V. Cox, who was on a visit.

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE HONOURED.

TABLET IN CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL BELFRY.

An interesting little ceremony took place in the belfry of Canterbury Cathedral on a recent evening, when the Rev. Canon T. G. Gardiner unveiled a handsome marble tablet placed there by the Dean and Chapter in honour of the 200th peal of the Rev. L. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of the Cathedral, and for thirty-eight years president of the Cathedral Band of Ringers, and who is also treasurer and secretary of the Kent Association.

Canon Gardiner remarked that owing to the absence of the Dean and Vice-Dean it became his good fortune to be allowed to unveil that tablet. Having been for a good many years now in Holy Orders, he had met many bands of ringers in different parts of the country, and had learned to respect highly the services which they rendered to the churches. Ringing was not so fashionable as it once was, but he was confident that the services which ringers rendered, almost wholly without fee or reward, reflected the greatest credit on their loyalty to what might be described as their great craft, their loyalty to the church, and loyalty to the purpose for which the bells were rung. For that reason it was a great privilege for him to be there, but there was a more personal side. Those of them who knew the belfry far better than he did knew how much they were indebted to Mr. Helmore for the very great services he had rendered. Since Mr. Helmore first became associated with ringing in that Cathedral in 1882 he had given of his best, and had succeeded not only in maintaining a high reputation in the craftsmanship of ringing, but in keeping before their minds and the minds of others who associated with him the purpose for which bell ringing existed. His name was known not only throughout the diocese, but through England wherever ringers congregated, and that tablet would perpetuate for all time the memory of his services as a bell ringer. In some respects, however, Mr. Helmore was only a child of the steeple, as he understood there was one there who had rung in the New Year for fifty-one years on that peal of bells. Canon Gardiner then, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter, unveiled the tablet placed there as a tribute and in appreciation of the long services Mr. Helmore had rendered.

Mr. Helmore said he felt his words would be very inadequate to express his feelings to the Dean and Chapter for the very unusual way in which they had shown their appreciation of his long-continued but humble services. He began there in 1882, and rang his first peal in 1884. Since then the number had gradually increased, and he would have completed his 200th peal in 1914 or 1915 but for the war. After the war he set out to complete his 200, and told his friends that would be the extent of his ringing, but he had not been a man of his word (laughter), and had gone beyond that already, and he hoped, if spared in health and strength, perhaps to go on towards 220. He thought that tablet was not only a great compliment to himself personally, but also to their company, and he thought they ought to render the Dean and Chapter due thanks for the notice they had taken of them. A ringer could do nothing of himself, he must have the rest of the band, and he always thought that was a great lesson to them of mutual self-help and co-operation. In conclusion, Mr. Helmore mentioned that they hoped within the next month or two to have the two additional bells (making a peal of twelve) as a memorial to those of their Association who had fallen in the war.

Canon Gardiner then read the tablet, which bears the following inscription:—

'Kent County Association of Change Ringers.

'On February 3rd, 1923, in 3 hours 25 minutes, a peal of Stedman Caters, 5,031 changes, was rung in this tower by the following members of the Cathedral Company: Walter H. Andrews treble, Henry G. Fairbrass 2, Fredk. G. Brett 3, Edwin G. Buesden 4, Charles W. Brett 5, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore 6, Fredk. A. Fairbeard 7, George G. Jenkins 8, Morton W. Pierce 9, George H. Simpson tenor. Conducted by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore. The Dean and Chapter have caused this tablet to be erected to commemorate this, the 200th peal, rung by Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of the Cathedral and for 38 years president of the Cathedral Band of Ringers.

'NON NOBIS, DOMINE, NON NOBIS, SED NOMINI TUO DA GLORIAM. Henry Wace, D.D., Dean.'

The tablet is of statuary and Purbeck marble. The tablet rests on corbels with heavy moulded bases, fluted pilasters and heavy cornices, and bears the Cathedral and county arms. The work was carried out by the Cathedral workmen.

BRENTWOOD.—On the occasion of the unveiling of the war memorial by Brig-General Wigan, and its dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Wild 1, H. Turner 2, A. Rainbird 3, H. Tredgett 4, E. Furbank 5, E. D. Baker 6, W. Leggett 7, S. Carroll 8. First quarter by ringers of treble and 2nd. First quarter-peal by local members of the Essex Association. First quarter conducted by A. Rainbird. First quarter conducted by a service ringer at St. Thomas's Church.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION TRIP.

About 50 members and friends of the Bolton branch of the Lancashire Association had their second annual outing on May 26th. A circular tour had been arranged through the East Lancashire and West Yorkshire district. Two charabanc loads left at 2 p.m., and before Bury was reached a heavy shower necessitated 'hoods up.' Heywood was the first stop, and the party received a hearty welcome from the Rector. The fine ring of eight by Gillett and Johnston (tenor 22½ cwt.) are beautiful in tone, and the 'go' is all that is desired; in fact, many of the party considered them the cream of Lancashire. An hour was spent here with touches in various methods. Brighter weather prevailed for the rest of the run, and passing through Rochdale the excursionists struck into the Pennine Range, with its variety of moorland, hills and valleys. The ride over Blackstone Edge will not be forgotten. At Ripponden, a small hamlet in the Calder Valley, a splendid tea was provided by the local ringers and their friends, after which the church bells were set going. These are a light ring, with tenor 10½ cwt., and were kept going until 7.15 p.m., when a start was made for Christ Church, Todmorden. Late arrival caused the time allowed at Christ Church to be curtailed somewhat, but many would have liked a longer stay for ringing on the fine peal (tenor 23½ cwt.). Home was reached about 11 p.m. A set of handbells was taken and kept going in various places en route.

Everybody voted the outing a success, and suggested another before the season was over. The party wish to thank the authorities for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for their preparation and presence during the stay, and especially the ladies at Ripponden for their kind attentions at tea.

LONDON RINGERS AMONGST SUFFOLK BELLS.

The St. John-the-Baptist's Society, Leytonstone had their annual outing on Saturday and Sunday, May 26th and 27th. Amongst the party were Messrs. T. Faulkner and A. Hardy, of Barking, and W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley. Making Saxmundham their headquarters they arrived there at 8 a.m., and brought round during the two days eighteen complete 720's of Surprise Minor, as well as other touches. Ringing began at the Church of St. Peter and Paul, Feltham, with 720 each of Surfeit and York Surprise. At Ufford, on the handy ring of eight, 576 Superlative Surprise was rung, conducted by T. Faulkner, and touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire, in which the Rev. H. Drake took part. At Wickham Market, London and Cambridge were rung, and this was followed by a visit to Tunstall, where 720 of Lincoln was brought round before returning to headquarters for lunch. In the afternoon a move was made for St. Peter and Paul's Church, Aldeburgh, where Beverley and Durham were tapped off, and then the visitors moved on to St. Margaret's, Leiston, where the local ringers had everything in readiness (including a splendid tea at the White Horse). A good touch of Cambridge Surprise Major and short lengths of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were brought round. Peasenhall was next visited, where, after ringing Cambridge and Lincoln, a social half-hour was spent with the local ringers, and handbell ringing was indulged in.

On Sunday, 720's of Chester and York Surprise were brought round for the 8 a.m. service at St. John-the-Baptist's Saxmundham. After breakfast, a walk through the fields brought the party to Berhali, where Newcastle and Ipswich Surprise were rung for 11 o'clock service. In the afternoon Rotherham and Sweffling were visited. At the former place, Durham and Cambridge were rung, and at the latter Lincoln and Wells. Tea over, Norwich was rung at Saxmundham, and this concluded the ringing programme. Those who took part in the 720's were: A Prior, 13 (conducted 4); W. Miller, 12 (conducted 8); G. Dawson, 12 (conducted 2); W. Theobald, 12; E. D. Smith, 11; W. J. Nevard, 11; T. Faulkner, 9; A. Hardy, 8; J. Monro, 8; P. H. Avey, 8; F. Watling, 2; C. F. Bailey, 2. The members join in thanking Mr. Watling, of Saxmundham, who made all arrangements, Mr. C. F. Bailey and the local ringers, who met the visitors and made them so welcome at Leiston, and last, but not least, Mr. J. Forsdike, of the White Hart Hotel who catered for them in first-class style, and made the brief stay so thoroughly enjoyable.

On Saturday, June 3rd, a merry party of ringers, with their wives and sweethearts, set out from Bonvilston, South Wales, the destination being the Mumbles. Favoured with fine weather, the drive was much enjoyed, and everyone did justice to the dinner awaiting them.

The afternoon was pleasantly spent in exploring the headland. After an early tea, a start was made for Swansea, where arrangements had been made for ringing on the beautiful peal of eight at the Parish Church. The ringers were delighted with the tone and the 'go,' and were sorry they had not more time at their disposal. The visitors went on to Aberavon, where arrangements had again been made for ringing, but this had to be curtailed owing to a concert in an adjacent hall.

The drive back to Bonvilston was much appreciated, after the heat of the day, which, however, was voted a most enjoyable one. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for use of bells, and also those who made the arrangements.

LIVERPOOL RINGERS VISIT STOCKPORT.

A most successful and enjoyable motor trip was undertaken by a company of Liverpool ringers on Whit Monday, Stockport being the venue. At Lymm, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major were rung on this magnificent peal. St. George's, Stockport, was reached at 12 o'clock, and the visitors were received by Messrs. Gordon, H. and W. Jackson, Warburton, and others. After ringing touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Ten, an adjournment was then made to the White Lion Hotel, where an excellent lunch was partaken of. Afterwards several touches were rung on the peal of ten at St. Mary's, and Stockport ringers have good reason to be proud of possessing two such fine peals of ten. On the return journey calls were made at Cheadle and Bowdon. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Double Norwich were rung at the former place, and Stedman, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise at the latter. The company would like to thank the clergy for granting permission to ring at the respective towers and the tower keepers, particularly Messrs. Gordon, Jackson, Carr, Ollier and Bradburn, for so kindly having everything ready. It was also a special pleasure to have the company of Mr. J. P. Fidler to Cheadle, and Mr. R. Davies (Manchester) to Cheadle and Bowdon, as well as at Stockport. Mr. H. Jackson, of St. George's, Stockport, accompanied the party to all the towers except Lymm, and the success of the outing was largely due to him for his excellent arrangements.

WINDSOR RINGERS' PICNIC.

The ringers of the Parish Church, Windsor, had a most enjoyable annual outing on Saturday, May 26th, when the party, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Hamilton), Mr. Churchwarden Burns, of the Parish Church; Mr. Churchwarden Foreman, of All Saints' Church, and the vergers (Mr. Ponder), went for a charabanc tour. The ringers assembled at 7.30 a.m. to ring in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's birthday, and after two excellent touches, conducted by Messrs. Stilwell and Harman, a start was made by charabanc for Henley, through the lovely scenery via Twyford. On reaching Henley, the ringers adjourned to the church, where some excellent touches of Grandsire Triples and Oxford Bob were rung, whilst the Vicar and churchwardens viewed the celebrated regatta course and riverside scenery. A start was then made for Watlington, where the party was met by the Rector and steeplekeeper, the former showing the visitors over the fine old church. Some excellent ringing took place, and after expressing thanks to the Rector a start was made for Dorchester, where the party were met by Mr. William Huxton, steeplekeeper, and some excellent ringing took place upon what is probably one of the finest and most historic peals in the country. Afterwards Mr. Huxton kindly explained some of the interesting features of the Abbey church. The Abbey is well worth a visit, it dates from the very early ages, although in a wonderful state of preservation, the date of the Abbey foundation being 1140—parts of it probably existed even before this date. The stained glass windows and frescoes are very beautiful, as is also some old stonework, dug up in the neighbourhood and placed on exhibition. Three stone monuments believed to date from the reign of Edward I. are also worthy of note; but one deplores that these beautiful figures are mutilated by visitors carving their names on them, truly doing damage in these educated times to edifices probably overlooked by the soldiers of Oliver Cromwell. On the way to Benson a halt was called 'somewhere in Oxfordshire' for lunch. This was served in picnic fashion. Mrs. Smith, wife of the steeplekeeper, having provided an excellent meal. At Benson the bells were found to be very noisy, the ringing chamber being just underneath them. However, some very good touches were brought round, although the conductor had to assume the vocal powers of a drill sergeant to make himself heard. After a wayside halt for tea, Newbury was made the last point of call. Here the party, much to their surprise, were met by the Rev. Deacon, who was at one time curate at Windsor. Mr. Quinton and other ringers at Newbury were in the tower, and excellent touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Stedman, etc., were successfully brought round, and amid hearty wishes a start was made for home. But a halt was made by the roadside for supper. Mr. Burns thanked the steeplekeeper, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Smith, for the excellent arrangements that had been made. He also thanked the ringers for their kind invitation, on behalf of himself, the Vicar, and Mr. Foreman, and said how much they had all enjoyed the outing. Mr. Smith suitably responded, and the journey resumed via Reading and Slough to Windsor, which was reached shortly after 11.30 p.m. During the day 3,500 changes were rung, conducted by Messrs. Stilwell, Cross, Harman and Farr.

The Mereworth band of ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, 16th June, journeying by motor to Snodland for the first ring, and then visiting the following towers: Halling, Cobham, Meopham, Ash, Wrotham, Seal Chart and Shipbourne, ringing touches in Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor, and Bob Major. The total amount of changes rung during the day numbered 7,272. The band wish to thank the clergy and ringing members of each tower for having everything ready for them.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT BARLBOROUGH.**

The members of the North Notts Association held a meeting at Barlborough, and the proceedings were of an exceptionally interesting character.

Ringers were present from Anston, Eckington, Killamarsh, Treeton, Harthill, Shireoaks, Norton Cuckney, West Retford, Ordsall and Worksop, along with a full muster of the local company, bringing the total up to 40.

Some good ringing was done on the fine peal of six bells put in by Taylor's in 1914. Service was held in the Parish Church, and an address was given by the Rector (the Rev. J. D. Griffiths) based on the words, 'O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together.' The hymns, 'O God, our help in ages past' and 'Ye servants of the Lord,' were sung, with accompaniment on a sweet-toned peal of handbells by the Barlborough ringers, who also gave further selections in the Church Institute, which were much appreciated.

Tea was provided by the lady workers, and was presided over by the Rector.—At the business meeting which followed, E. Dalingwater and J. Dixon, of Gainsborough, were elected non-resident life members, and Messrs. J. Wilson and E. Shirman and Miss Emie Bunting, of Barlborough, as efficient members.

The next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on August Bank Holiday, when fine weather and a good attendance is desired.

Votes of thanks were proposed by the Hon. Sec. (Mr. H. Haigh), and seconded by F. Hargreaves, to the Rector for the use of the bells, for presiding over the tea and meeting, and also for his admirable address in church; also to the lady workers for providing such an excellent tea, and the Barlborough ringers for the excellent arrangements made for the welfare and happiness of the ringers, and their selections on the handbells.

The Rector briefly replied. He had very little knowledge of the art of bell ringing, and he had often wondered why the bell ringers at Southwark Cathedral locked themselves up for nearly twelve hours in the belfry on such a beautiful day as Whit Monday. But he wondered no longer now he had become enlightened a bit, and if all their attempts at new methods and long peals were successful the first time, their interest would wane. He realised that it was an important branch of church work that always kept them interested, and would do so until the end of time.

The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Plain Bob, Sandall, Oxford, Kent, Violet, Duke of York, Kill-

marsh, London and Cambridge Surprise. The conducting was done by the junior 'G.T.' of Anston. He rang his bell in London and Cambridge Surprise very cleverly indeed.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION.**

A quarterly meeting of the above division was held at Fittleworth on Saturday, June 23rd. Thirty members and friends were present, including a lady member.

The following towers were represented: Shipley, Heene, Pulborough, Steyning, Shoreham, West Grinstead, and the local band; also Miss K. Willers from Cambridge.—The Rev. A. C. Luedy welcomed the members at the church, and invited them to tea at Church Room. Touches of various methods were rung during the afternoon.

At the business meeting which followed tea, presided over by the Rector, one new member was elected—Miss K. Willers.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Shoreham, in September. — A hearty vote of thanks was given the Rector for granting the use of the bells, and also for providing the tea.—The Rector, in responding, said how pleased he was that the association had paid them a visit, and also gave an account of how a previous Rector (Canon Simpson) had chipped the bells to get that well-known principle out of them. The meeting then closed, and the members again paid a visit to the belfry, and after various touches made their way to Pulborough, where, thanks to Mr. P. Doick, the members were able to enjoy some very good Major ringing.

DISPUTED PEAL.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In reference to the peal of Bob Minor rung at Tilney All Saints, on May 23rd, this was false. In the first 720 a bob was missed, and the bells were brought round, after ringing only 604 changes, and then went on for the second 720. As you will remember, it was the same 720 repeated, but instead of repeating it seven times they finished up with repeating it only six times. They may well say it was the quickest peal on the bells. The tenor was recorded as 17 cwt., but it is 22½ cwt. With a draft of 75 ft, the quickest peal rung on the bells so far is 3 hrs. 6 minutes, but it looks as though the weight was cut down to accord with the time. The tenor is in F sharp, and not in E flat as stated.—Yours truly,
WM. ROSE.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Loughborough's war memorial, which appropriately consists of a tower and carillon of bells, will be opened by Field Marshal Sir William Robertson on Sunday, July 22nd. There are 47 bells of a total weight of 21 tons.

The largest bell, weighing $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons, has been given by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, of the Loughborough Foundry, in memory of his three nephews, the sons of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, who fell in action.

Mr. Conor O'Brien, one of the ringers at St. Patrick's, Dublin, has just left Ireland, with two companions, upon a voyage round the world in a twenty-ton yacht. He proposes to sail via Madeira, Cape Town and Tasmania, and between the two latter places may not see land for three months. He will return by way of Cape Horn, and hopes to be home again in September, 1924. He will carry with him the good wishes of his ringing friends.

Mr. Ernest Jenkins, of Stretton, under whose conductorship much good work has been done in Cheshire, has, unfortunately, been debarred by his doctor from doing any ringing for three months.

Deprived of their leader, the band encouraged a young conductor, and Mr. J. E. Bibby, has now called a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major—his first peal as conductor. Another young member of the band is also showing his worth, and any success which may attend their efforts will in a large measure be due to Mr. Jenkins for the time and pains he has bestowed in initiating the younger members of the band in this department of the art.

On July 8th, 1817, James Barham, whose fame in connection with the 40,320 of Bob Major at Leeds, Kent, is well known, rang his last peal, a peal of Leeds Treble Bob. He was then 91 years of age.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Lawrence's, Reading, on July 8th, 1734.

Among the peals rung by John Holt, was a 6,000 of Bob Major, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 9th, 1749.

Mr. J. Cherry, who is following in the footsteps of his father, the late Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, as a ringer at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, won four events at St. Stephen's Green School Sports the other day.

The names of the ringers of the treble and fourth in the peal rung at Ilkeston on June 14th should be Edmund for Edward and Gilbert for George.

LONDON'S THREATENED CHURCHES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with keen appreciation your apposite remarks on the use made of that artifice in debate known as 'the previous question' to dispose of the resolution against the demolition of Wren's Churches. Permit me to add a few words on the subject.

First let it be said that the proposer and seconder of 'the previous question' at Salisbury were both gentlemen well known to me, and for whom personally I have the highest regard. Their point of view I can quite well understand—that the Central Council meets purely and simply to deal with matters affecting the interests of ringers, and consequently anything outside that category is ipso facto outside the Council's province. If I had had the opportunity of replying to objections, I could have cited instances, in which the Council has on previous occasions passed resolutions on matters of public interest, so that it would have constituted no violation of any established principle to do so in this case. As it was, the form of procedure adopted deprived me of such opportunity. As you rightly observe, sir, 'the previous question' is a poor way of getting rid of any matter, and as it transpired in the course of proceedings that neither our esteemed president nor that distinguished luminary of the legal world, whose presence graces our assembly, could explain what the said 'previous question' really means, it will be all to the good, if in future this practice be recognised by tacit consent as a discredited device for 'hitting below the belt.'

To turn for a moment to the subject of the resolution, many arguments could—and would—have been adduced in support of it both by me and by others. Suffice it for the present purpose to state two concrete facts. The list of city churches threatened with destruction—and desecration of the sites—contains two names well known to ringers. One is St. Dunstan's-in-the-East—a thoroughly 'live' and well ordered Parish Church, with a stately tower and eight magnificent bells. The other is St. Magnus—a church almost perpetually used for private worship, and often filled, not once a week, but on three or four days in the week, with a devout congregation. At a recent festival a hundred people or more were unable to find standing room half an hour before the service. The church rises as a monument of grace and dignity in one of the most squalid parts of London. From its tower the Angelus rings out thrice daily, and ringers are heartily welcome to the use of its ten bells.

If churches such as these were ever demolished for the commercial value of their sites, it would be an act of sacrilegious infamy without parallel since the days of Cromwell.—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

OLDHAM'S BELLS.**BIG PEAL IN A SMALL TOWER.**

Great interest was taken in the reopening last Saturday of the peal of twelve at Oldham. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have recast the whole peal, the new tenor being just over 35 cwt., compared with the 32½ cwt. of the former bell.

The peal has been hung in entirely new fittings of the latest type in a new strong and massive iron framework, specially designed and constructed to suit the peculiarities of the tower, which is very small to carry such a large peal of bells, the internal dimensions of the bell chamber being approximately 13ft. square.

The bells are of beautiful tone, and the large number of ringers from Lancashire and Yorkshire who were present at last Saturday's gathering were delighted with Oldham's new possession. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have provided a magnificent peal.

SAFFRON WALDEN TERCENTENARY.

The unique history of the Saffron Walden Ringing Society, which is probably the oldest ringing organisation extant, reached a memorable milestone on Wednesday of last week, when the three hundredth anniversary of its foundation was celebrated.

Throughout all this long period there has been a 'ringing day' and an annual sermon preached, to commemorate the deliverance of one of Saffron Walden's townsmen, who, being lost in the forest, was guided to safety by the sound of the bells. He left a sum of money for the commemoration, and at last Wednesday's event the ringers and visitors, who attended in large numbers, were entertained to tea by the Mayor and Corporation, while the townsfolk at large entered into the spirit of the celebration.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at Haxey last Saturday. Members were present from Arksey, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster, Thorne, Hatfield, Treton, Gainsborough and Retford. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, were rung on the beautiful toned peal of six bells, with tenor of 28 cwt. The visitors found the bells very difficult to ring at first, but all went well when they had got used to the ropes.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar of Haxey (the Rev. W. H. Sheppard).

At the business meeting, which was held in the vestry, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rawmarsh.

A resolution was carried expressing regret that it had been found necessary to stop all ringing on the bells of St. Mary's, Tickhill.

Tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, and afterwards Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells. Many of the visitors accepted the Vicar's kind invitation to look round his grounds and to inspect his collection of old relics, etc.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Sully, near Barry, on Saturday, June 30th, and was well attended. The musical ring of bells was made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. John Evans), and immediately followed tea, kindly provided by the Rector. At the subsequent business meeting in the Parish Hall, instructors' report were received, and a report of the Central Council meeting was given by the representative (Mr. J. W. Jones).—New members were elected, proposed restorations discussed, and St. Andrew's, Dinas Powis, was chosen for the place for the next quarterly meeting. A pleasant and successful afternoon and evening were spent.

TETBURY BELLS.

The bells at St. Mary's Church, which have been unringable for some months, owing to one of the bells breaking from the canons, have been thoroughly overhauled and rebung by Messrs. Llewellyn and James, of Bristol. On Sunday, June 24th, on the invitation of Mr. F. Tyler, a few members from Cirencester journeyed to Tetbury, and the following touches were rung for evening service: 672 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis 1, F. W. Bond 2, H. Lewis 3, F. Edwards 4, A. Townsend 5, S. R. Hicks 6, H. O. Bond (conductor) 7, F. Tyler 8. After service, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 2, H. Lewis 3, H. C. Bond 4, S. R. Hicks 5, F. Tyler 6, A. Townsend 7, F. Edwards 8. 336 Bob Major: F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, H. Lewis 3, S. R. Hicks 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, F. Tyler 6, A. Townsend 7, H. O. Bond 8. 447 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Bond 1, F. Tyler 2, A. Townsend 3, F. Edwards 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, H. C. Bond 6, S. R. Hicks 7, H. Lewis 8. The ringers found the bells in splendid going order, and congratulated Mr. Tyler on the excellent job he had made.

LOCAL PEALS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—I do not agree with 'Keep Smiling's' definition of the word 'local.' To be strictly accurate, the local is born, not made, but there is no credit in boasting of one's birthplace, since no man can control his origin. Everyone knows what is meant by a village local, yclept 'yokel,' who, far from the madding crowd, pursues the noiseless tenor of his way, but when we come to large towns and cities, the word takes on a wider meaning. It is not confined to borough or parish boundaries. If it were otherwise, then few mayors and aldermen of our cities would be local men, but he would be a bold man who asserted that they were not! Not everyone can live within a borough boundary, and in its wider range, a 'local' is a resident in the locality.

In the peal of Superlative rung at St. John's, Leicester, seven of the band were living well within the boundary. The eighth had settled in Leicester, and had lived in lodgings in the city for some time. Unable to rent a house, he bought one, ten minutes' walk from the tram terminus. He attached himself to St. John's Church, and rang there regularly. Query for 'Keep Smiling': If he or I take a house similarly, shall we cease to be local men? I think not.

If a man works within the boundary and sleeps outside it—or vice versa, or of two men (both from elsewhere); is the one fortunate enough to obtain a house within the boundary more entitled to locus standi than the other (unfortunate) one?

What credit is there anyway? There is credit to a band ringing their first intricate peal unassisted.

The latter part of your correspondent's letter: 'Why don't they get together and do it?' I am unable to answer, having been at all times willing to co-operate; but I presume the reason is because 'they' have not been asked, and since the M.C.A. reports show that not a single Surprise peal except that under discussion, has been rung unassisted either in or out of the city, that fact tells its own story.

Moreover, I doubt whether it would be a good thing to ring all the bells in a city at one time, except for some public reason. As I grow older I see two sides to the question, and am under the impression that, much as we love change ringing, we can ride our hobby to death, and peal ringing that becomes too common loses its charm and its value.—Yours truly,

W. WILLSON.

P.S.—In my previous letter the word 'tower' should have read 'town.'

Dear Sir,—I am not aware who your informant is who raised the dispute re the first Surprise peal rung by a local band in Leicester. The idea of most ringers is that a local band means actual residents of the place where the peal was rung. If the surrounding villages contribute towards the band, where do we stop? A local Leicester band could be made to include ringers from Melton Mowbray, Market Harborough, etc. Recently a peal of 'Princess Mary' was rung at St. Martin's by nine residents, and one member from outside the city area. Although this one member is a regular Sunday Service ringer at St. Martin's the peal was not and could not be claimed as being rung by an entirely local band. The same applies to Mr. Willson's claim. The other claimant for the honours was so very sure, that he has emphasised his claim in large capitals, then most modestly crawled under a nom-de-plume. The fact still remains that the first Surprise peal by a resident band of Leicester ringers in the City of Leicester has yet to be rung.—Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

'Locumitis' writes: Surely in the case of a city, 'local' can only mean residents in the parish to which the church belongs. The fact that a ringer does all his ringing in Leicester does not make him a Leicester ringer any more than the man selling Spanish onions is a Spaniard. So far as my knowledge goes there has been no peal of Surprise Major or Royal by a Leicester band. Certainly St. John's claim comes as near as any, but it is not quite sufficient.

REOPENING AT WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

The bells of St. James' Church, Wigmore, after being silent for upwards of 20 years, were reopened on June 21st.

The bells are a musical peal of six (tenor 9 cwt. in A flat), cast by Rudhall in 1721. The 5th was recast by Taylor in 1889. The work of restoration has been most ably carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who fitted new wheels, bearings, headstocks, and strengthened the frame. The service was attended by a large congregation. The opening ceremony was performed by the Rev. Preb. S. Cornish Watkins, Rural Dean, and the bells were rung for a minute by ringers representing six towers in the Guild. The Rural Dean preached a most appropriate sermon, in the course of which he paid a warm tribute to the influence of the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Ringers. After the service, a supper was served to the clergy, ringers and choir.—The Rural Dean, on behalf of the clergy and ringers, thanked those who had provided the supper. — The Vicar responded, on behalf of his people, by thanking those who had taken part in the service.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The annual meeting was held at Lichfield on June 16th. Members who availed themselves of the opportunity to visit Messrs. Bridgman's works were well repaid—the specimens of carving, both in wood and stone, being exquisite. The bells of St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) were made good use of until tea-time. At the general meeting which followed, protests were made at not being able to ring on the bells of the Cathedral.—The Chairman (the Rev. Canon Penny) intimated that if it was their wish to pass a vote of censure on the Dean and Chapter, he, as one of that distinguished body, would vacate the chair, as he felt that he could not remain in that capacity under the circumstances. The Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary) advised that discretion should be used rather than a drastic resolution. 'That we proceed to the next business' was moved, and seconded, and upon a vote being taken was carried by a strong majority. The balance sheet was read and passed, and ordered to be printed, together with the report. The officers were re-elected, with the exception that W. and J. Evans take the places of A. Law and E. J. Tyler as auditors, and T. J. Elton in the place of W. Fisher as representative at the Central Council. The following places were chosen for the coming meetings: Cannock in September, Wood Green in January, Tipton in April, and Lichfield (annual) in June. Several new members were elected.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT, 1922-23.

During the year 24 new ringing members have been admitted.

The number of peals rung was 32, made up as follows: Grandsire Doubles (on handbells), 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Stedman Triples, 13; Stedman Caters, 6; Plain Bob Minor, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; London Surprise Major, 1; total, 32.

Restorations are taking place at Cannock and Kingswinford, where each ring of six are being augmented to eight. At the former tower the bells have been unringable for about 30 years, and the local ringers are to be congratulated upon the result of their untiring efforts. It is hoped that the ring of eight at Tettenhall will also be put into working order in the near future.

We are glad to take this opportunity of thanking the Ven. Hugh Bright, Archdeacon of Stafford, for consenting to be our president. We feel sure we can count on his support of our work. We acknowledge with gratitude the hearty welcome we receive as a rule when we ask permission to hold a quarterly meeting in most parishes of the Archdeaconry. We look upon the readiness with which permission to use the bells is given, and the trouble expended on the service and tea, as an appreciation and encouragement of the work of the society. It is unfortunate that the one exception should be the authorities of the Mother Church of the Diocese. It rests with the Dean and Chapter, who are the custodians for the time being of the Cathedral bells, to give or withhold permission to use them. They, of course, have good reasons for the decisions they make, but it is none the less difficult for the ordinary ringing members of our society to understand why one recognised ringing society for the whole Archdeaconry should be refused permission to ring once a year.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Members of the North and East District attended the meeting held at Northaw.—The President of the Association, the Rev. F. R. Bousey (Vicar of Northaw), gave the visitors a hearty welcome.

A short service was held at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the village hut. After tea, the business meeting was held. The president (in the chair) was supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. F. A. Milne), hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), Master (Mr. W. Pve), District Master (Mr. G. B. Lucas), and members from Clapton, Tottenham, Barnet, Hadley, Finchley, Hatfield, etc., and included Mr. J. B. Williamson, of Ventnor, I.W.—Five new members having been elected, the Hon. Secretary announced that arrangements were being made for the memorial tablet to the late president to be unveiled on Saturday, July 14th, at Barnet, when it was hoped that all members of the association would make an effort to attend. The fund, which it was proposed to close, amounted to £33 18s. 6d., which was sufficient to cover the cost of both tablets and sundry expenses.—Mr. Milne gave an explanation of the difficulties in obtaining the necessary faculty for the erection of the tablet in Barnet Church, and the work of cutting the inscription was now in hand.—A vote of thanks to the president was unanimously passed, and Mr. Bousey suitably replied.

The ringing done during the day was generally good, and in a large number of methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, and a 720 of Bob Minor, conducted by the president.

SIDDINGTON, GLOS.—Recently for practice, 720 Bob Minor: A. Parsons first 720) 1, H. Lewis 2, F. J. Lewis 3, C. Martin 4, W. C. Guss (conductor) 5, V. R. Williams 6—720 Kent Treble Bob: W. G. Cook 1, H. Lewis 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, C. Martin 4, W. C. Guss 5, V. R. Williams 6. First 720 Kent by all except conductor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Beverley, the ancient capital of the East Riding. Viewed from the park-like expanse of Westwood, the town presents a picturesque appearance, with its two great churches towering high above the red tiled roofs below. On the left, the graceful turrets and open-work battlements of St. Mary's Church are seen through the trees; and to the right the lofty fretted towers of the Minster, dedicated to St. John of Beverley.

The bells of Beverley Minster have always been famous. They are now thirteen in number, three of them in the south-west tower, 'Brithunus' and 'Peter,' Pre-Reformation bells, being the second and tenor of a ring of four mentioned in the Chapter Act Book of the fourteenth century. The other, 'Great John,' was founded by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and was given by the then Vicar, Canon Nolloth, in 1931, as a thankoffering for 21 years of happy work in Beverley Minster and its parishes. Its note is G, the octave below the sixth bell in the peal, and weighs 7 tons 3 qr. 1 lb. The diameter is 7 ft. 2 ins.; thickness at the sound-bow, 6 ins. It is hung in an iron frame, and swings on roller bearings, and is rung every Sunday on the ceasing of the peal for five minutes, without causing the slightest vibration in the tower.

The north-west tower contains the fine peal of ten, with a tenor of 4½ cwt. in C. The clock is a very powerful one, by Messrs. Smith, of Derby, and is, we believe, the only clock in the world which strikes upon bells in two towers.

By kind permission of the Vicar of the Minster (the Rev. W. H. Rigg, D.D.), these splendid bells were placed at the disposal of members, as were also the bells of St. Mary's (10), by the courtesy of the Vicar (the Rev. E. Hope, M.A.), an honorary member of the association, and fullest use was made of the opportunity so readily granted.

Service was held in the choir of the Minster, an address being given by the Rev. Dr. Rigg, which was greatly appreciated by those present. A short voluntary was given by the Minster organist, Mr. J. Camidge, on the fine four-manual organ, which contains 68 stops, and is a notable instrument, both for the power of the full organ and for the sweetness and variety of the softer stops.

Tea was afterwards served in the Minster Parish Room, at which no fewer than 70 sat down, hailing from Goole, Hemmingbrough, Hull, Market Weighton, Selby, Sutton-on-Hull, and York, and also several members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, from Barton Grimsby and Thornton Curtis.

The business meeting followed, Dr. Rigg occupying the chair.—Letters of apology were received from the Rev. R. G. Pyne, M.A., Rector of St. Cuthbert's, York, who had hoped to be present, and also Mr. H. Fairlam, Ringing Master.

It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Hemmingbrough, on the invitation of the Vicar and ringers.

Five new members were elected, viz.: Mr. C. R. Woodard, Selby; Mr. F. Thornton, Sherburn-in-Elmet; Mr. H. Cowton, Barton-on-Humber, Lincs; Mr. J. Atkinson and Mr. G. Atkinson, Thornton Curtis, Lincs. The Rev. Dr. Rigg was also elected as an honorary member.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, was proposed by Mr. A. E. West (vice-president), and seconded by Mr. A. M. C. Field.—Dr. Rigg, in responding, spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to have the association at Beverley, and said that they would always be welcome at any time during his vicariate.

Great credit was due to Mr. W. Gibson and the local company for their excellent arrangements, and also the ladies who prepared and served tea. Thus another pleasant meeting was brought to a close, the glorious day contributing no little to the enjoyment of all.

A. B. C.

EALING RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Ealing, together with a few friends, held their second annual outing on Whit Monday. Hand bell ringing was indulged in en route, and the party commenced their programme at St. Mary's, Slough, in good spirits. The methods rung here and the two other towers visited were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. An excellent lunch was partaken of at Messrs. Lidstone's. An hour's ringing at St. John's, Windsor, was greatly enjoyed, and the party then dispersed for a while, roaming over the castle and town. Messrs. Lidstone's was again visited to dispose of an appetising tea.

A pleasant motor journey to Burnham was accomplished, and the tower of St. Peter visited. The 'bus' returned all too quickly, and the pretty little village reluctantly left. The train journey from Slough to Ealing was as jolly as a rail journey could be, and when 19 people (!) travel in one compartment some fun could be expected. Thanks are due to the local ringers for so kindly arranging things and assisting in the general ringing.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, July 1st, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Catons (1,299 changes): R. G. Knowles 1, J. Hemming 2, G. Hinton, junr., 3, W. Ranford 4, J. D. Johnson 5, J. R. Newman 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, J. J. Jefferies 8, C. Camm 9, S. T. Holt 10.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, previous to evensong, on Sunday, July 1st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 52 mins.: E. W. Day 1, H. W. Else 2, T. R. Scott 3, G. T. Croft 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare (conductor) 6, H. E. Day 7, W. J. Croft 8. First quarter-peal in method as conductor.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of spiced Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: R. Fletcher 1, H. Harrison 2, J. F. George 3, H. Straw 4, S. Burgoyne 5, H. Fletcher 6, C. J. Baker 7, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, July 1st, for evensong, 1,216 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 43 mins.: Geo. Durling 1, T. Groombridge, senr., 2, Geo. James 3, E. F. Pike 4, I. Emery 5, Geo. Huxley 6, Percy Spice 7, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Minor, being 1,080 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob in 41 mins.: A. Booth 1, A. Mansfield 2, F. Lucas 3, J. M. Gray 4, Geo. Mansfield 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 1st, at the Church of St. Mary, for evening service, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, F. W. Rogers 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor) 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, July 1st, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbots Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Brown 1, T. V. Sinkins 2, G. Mackman 3, A. E. Bradley 4, A. V. Selby 5, G. W. Roberts (conductor) 6, W. E. Garrard 7, E. Newell 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, for morning service, on Sunday, July 1st, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, W. Trueman 2, W. G. Lancaster 3, L. Wilson 4, E. Bishop 5, H. A. Hearl 6, J. H. Shepherd 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

BOW, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob, in 46 mins.: W. Tanner 1, J. Scholze 2, R. Turner 3, E. Andrews 4, A. Scambler 5, A. Baynes 6, E. Smith 7, A. Hardy (conductor) 8.

BEOCKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, June 24th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 48 mins.: P. Meek (first in the method) 1, J. Hurrell 2, W. Smith 3, F. Scutcher 4, F. King 5, Cyril Brett Smith 6, F. Terry 7, R. Brett Smith (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by P. Meek and F. Scutcher, and first on tower bells by Cyril Brett Smith.

WEST BAILING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, June 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, H. Folkard 2, P. E. Clark 3, G. Iles 4, C. Edwards 5, E. Harris 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 24th, as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Dixon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 51 mins.: M. Wilson 1, C. Lake 2, J. A. Dixon 3, J. Tuke 4, R. Harrison 5, J. Evinson 6, C. Harrison (conductor) 7, H. Hirst 8. First quarter-peal on eight bells by the ringer of the 4th. Rung by the local company.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, June 24th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Ben S. Thompson 1, W. Clover 2, E. Bailey, senr., 3, G. Cross 4, G. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton 6.—For evening service, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: L. Naunton 1, G. Cross 2, E. Bailey, senr., 3, B. S. Thompson 4, W. Clover 5, F. W. Naunton 6. Conducted by F. W. Naunton.

SANDHURST, Near GLOUCESTER.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, June 24th, for evening service, 504 changes of Grandsire Triples by the following members of the Tewksbury and District Guild of Change Ringers: W. Pugh 1, W. Yeend 2, H. Daniels 3, G. Watts 4, R. Harris 5, O. Attwood 6, C. Dyson (conductor) 7, W. Hughes 8. Also a touch by W. Pugh, junr., 1, W. Yeend (conductor) 2, C. Dyson 3, G. Watts 4, W. Pugh, senr., 5, E. Pugh 6, T. Pugh 7, R. Duck 8. Previous to ringing the members were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Pugh.

SPRINGFIELD.—On Sunday, June 24th, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), as follows: 180 Plain Bob, 360 Oxford and 720 Kent was rung by the following local members in 45 mins.: J. H. Myhill 1, W. Prall 2, I. J. Poullan 3, A. E. Davis 4, E. Kemp 5, E. P. Buckingham (conductor) 6. Also 720 Double Court, at evening service, with W. Hawkes taking part.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on June 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Catons (1,277 changes), in 50 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, G. Large 2, W. Bolton 3, E. Smith 4, E. Hunt 5, W. Richards 6, A. Parnell 7, E. Coombes (first quarter as conductor) 8, F. Chamberlain 9, R. Barker 10.

NEWCHURCH-IN-ROSSENDALE, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, June 24th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, for evensong on the occasion of the annual school sermons, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 40 mins.: James Taylor 1, Thomas Harrison 2, James Butler 3, Lawrence Taylor 4, Ormerod Eastwood 5, Walter Taylor (conductor) 6, J. T. Wright 7, J. W. Ormerod 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, June 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Webb 1, J. D. Hambledon (Midsomer Norton) 2, J. Judge 3, H. Miles 4, L. Tuffrey 5, W. Stone 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, C. Bennett 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—At the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints, on June 24th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. Webb 1, F. E. Kempton 2, B. D. Buttriss (conductor) 3, E. G. Hibbens 4, G. Bridge 5, J. T. Newington 6. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. E. Kempton 1, B. D. Buttriss (conductor) 2, J. T. Newington 3, E. G. Hibbens 4, G. Bridge 5, C. Hall 6.

BLEDLOW, BUCKS.—On Sunday, June 17th, in 55 mins., at the Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Aubrey Seymour 1, Leslie Nicholls 2, Frederick Nicholls 3, Jack Williams 4, George Seymour 5. Conducted by George Seymour. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the 2nd and 4th.

CHINNOR, OXON.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks branch).—On Saturday, June 16th, in 55 mins., a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being five callings of Bob Doubles, and five and a half of Grandsire Doubles: Jack Poulton 1, J. W. Wilkins 2, Aubrey Seymour 3, Arthur Poulton 4, Gordon Strathdee 5, John Free 6. Conducted by Gordon Strathdee Aubrey Seymour, J. W. Wilkins. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the tenor.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, June 10th, at St. Allege for morning service, 309 Stedman Catons: A. Beer 1, H. Hoskins 2, W. Rawlings 3, J. J. Lamb 4, E. E. Richards 5, G. Rawlings 6, I. G. Shade (conductor) 7, T. W. Thornton 8, T. Jakeman 9, W. Billings 10. The ringer of the treble hails from Portsmouth, and the ringer of the 8th from Didcot. Both were formerly members of the Greenwich local company.

CROMER, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, June 10th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, 360 Bob Minor: R. Amos 1, W. Tennant 2, E. Wilson 3, J. W. Wright 4, W. Tilley 5, A. W. Ward (conductor) 6.—After service, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: W. Tennant 1, J. W. Wright (Wymondham) 2, E. Wilson 3, C. Pooley 4, W. Tilley (Market Deeping) 5, A. W. Ward (Bottesford) 6. Conducted by A. W. Ward. The 720 was specially arranged for the ringers of 2, 5 and 6, who were on a visit to Cromer.

BIOESTER.—On Sunday, June 10th, at St. Edburgh's Church, Bi-caster, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for service: E. A. Clifton 1, W. Scarrott 2, J. Grimsley 3, F. Neale 4, B. Cox 5, Supt. Fairbrother 6, E. Hims 7, W. C. Farmer 8.—On Sunday, June 24th, at St. Edburgh's Church, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, by service ringers, for service: T. Clifton 1, W. Scarrott 2, T. Hudson 3, F. Neale 4, B. Cox 5, E. A. Clifton 6, E. Hims 7, W. C. Farmer 8. First quarter ever rung by local service ringers.

SHROWSBURY.—On Sunday, June 10th, at St. Chad's Church, 377 Grandsire Catons: F. Lycett 1, J. Griffiths 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, J. E. Lilley 4, D. J. Boucher 5, D. James 6, A. Griffiths 7, W. Fairhead 8, G. Jones 9, J. Evans 10. For evening service, 112 Double Norwich on the back eight. This is the first course rung for Sunday service.—Also 418 Grandsire Cinques: F. Lycett 1, J. Griffiths 2, G. Boylin 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. Pole 5, J. E. Lilley 6, G. Jones 7, A. Short 8, T. Pritchard 9, D. J. Boucher 10, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 11, D. James 12.—On June 7th, 315 Stedman Catons, conducted by Mr. G. Boylin.

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By A. J. PITMAN.

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WEDDING PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Saturday, June 30th, the marriage was solemnised between Miss L. Kemp and Mr. L. P. Cook, both of whom are regular ringers at the Portsmouth Parish Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket. As the happy couple left the church, the local company started in an attempt for Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief through a shift-course in the 4th part: F. A. Burnett (conductor) 1, Mrs. F. Burnett 2, Miss E. M. Burnett 3, P. Giles 4, W. L. Ayles 5, E. C. Martin 6, H. L. W. Aitken 7, W. Scaife 8. All who rang in the attempt are regular ringers at the church.

NOTICES.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Next meeting at Evesham, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30; business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Please turn up in crowds, as efforts are being made to create interest.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingborough on Saturday, July 7th. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Exeter, on Saturday, July 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Buller Hall 5 p.m. Tea provided for non-members at 1s. per head. All ringers welcome. The following towers will be open: The Cathedral (12), St. Sidwell's (10), St. Thomas's (8), St. David's (8), Heavitree (8), St. Petrock's (6).—J. C. Oke, 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, July 7th, from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Huntspill on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Please turn up in crowds, as efforts are being made to create interest.—C. Evans, Local Sec., Weston Road, Bridgwater.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—A Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at Hinton Blewett. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meetings will be held in Winchester on Saturday, July 7th, as follows: Central Committee, 11 a.m.; general meeting, 2.30 p.m.; and tea 5 p.m. (members 6d., visitors 1s.) in the Oddfellows' Hall, St. George's Street. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Winchester.—(Revd.) N. C. Woods, Gen. Hon. Sec., Symond's Street.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting arranged for July 7th has been unavoidably postponed, and will now be held at Seend on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Meeting directly after tea. Will those requiring tea please write to F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

LONDON.—St. Clement's Youths, St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday 6.30 till 8 p.m. Ringing, Sunday mornings, July 8, 15, 22, 29,

10 o'clock till 11 o'clock, also Sunday afternoon, July 8th, 2.15 till 3.15. Monthly business meeting, Wednesday, July 25th, at 8 p.m.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for July:—St. Clement Danes, Sunday 1st, 10 a.m.; Monday 9th, 6.30 p.m., business meeting afterwards (8.15) at headquarters; Monday, 23rd, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 19th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 24th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Monthly meetings for the practice of Cinques will take place in the Exeter Cathedral belfry on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. sharp. Next practice Wednesday, July 11th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at Henbury on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow. Please notify by July 9th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6), which have recently been augmented and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those intending to be present must notify me not later than Wednesday, July 11th. Freiston bells (6) will also be available if required.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 14th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea arranged for 5.30, but please let me know by July 9th, those intending to be present, and oblige. Trains from Ealing Broadway at 2.14, 2.19, 2.43, 3.9 (G.W.R.) to Hayes Station.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secretary, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The opening meeting will be held at Wigmore on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 5.45 at the Church Room, to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, July 10th.—A. Talbot, Dis. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Will members intending to come please send word so as to arrange for tea?—H. Tyson, 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, July 14th. Tea on Rectory

Lawn. Those requiring tea notify me by Tuesday, 10th.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at Shore. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at High Halden on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, July 14th, in St. John's School, at 3 p.m. Tea to follow at 1s. per head. Service in the Parish Church at 4.45 p.m. Please let Mr. J. E. Baker, 102, Eastland Road, Yeovil, know by Tuesday, July 10th, if you require Tea. Bells (10), available during afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., "Dunkery," Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Summer meeting will be held at Barnsley on July 14th. The Rector has kindly offered the use of the Rectory grounds, and trusts to have the presence of all members, with their wives and lady friends. Tea will be provided by Mrs. Hone at the Parish Rooms. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, which must be applied for before July 7th, addressed to Mrs. Hone, The Rectory, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, July 14th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon E. L. Gedge. Tea and business meeting in Church House. A small charge per head will be made for tea, and all who intend being present must notify me by noon on Wednesday, the 11th. These bells have been recast by Messrs. Taylor, and all ringers will be welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The memorial to the late president of the above association, A. T. King, I.S.O., will be unveiled on Saturday, July 14th, at St. John the Baptist, Barnet, at 6 p.m. There will be ringing, with half-muffled bells, from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at about 1s. for those who advise me by Wednesday, July 11th. This will be at 4.45 p.m. Short N. and E. District business meeting at 5.30. Ringing for service at 5.45. The bells will be rung open after the service, and the bells at Hadley will also be available from about 7 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that all members of the association will attend, as well as friends of the late Mr. King, who will be heartily welcomed. The peal tablet will be unveiled at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Thursday, July 19th, at 7 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec. to Memorial Committee.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Schools. Will all wishing for tea notify me before July 9th? All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. At this meeting a peal tablet will be un-

veiled, and the usual good attendance is requested.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Church Room at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, July 21st. Service in church, with sermon by the Venerable Archdeacon Farmiloe, at 3.30. Ringing as usual.—Herbert Drake, Hon. Sec., Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Crayford on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. It is particularly requested that all those who require Tea, let me know by Tuesday, 17th, the latest. Half fares up to 2/- paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7. These bells have only recently been re-hung, and are now in good ringing order.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Oadby on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m.—H. E. Norman, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, 1923.—The festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 21st (D.V.): Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher: The Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, Master of Bedfordshire Association. Business meeting in Chapter House, immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Dining Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2/6 each to members, 3/- to non-members. Application for dinner tickets, accompanied with remittance, to be made to General Sec., by Wednesday, July 18th.—Richard T. Hibbert, Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Goudhurst on Saturday, July 21st. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Annual meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available for ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at the 'Fox and Hounds' at 1s. 9d. per head for all who notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, July 17th. Ringers in the district who generally arrange an annual outing cannot do better than come to Carlton on Saturday, July 21st. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.—A. L. Henderson, Secretary, Mayfield, Pickering.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Business meeting after. I will endeavour to arrange for tea should sufficient notify me by the 14th. All ringers welcome.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, July 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 18th.—Miss H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, July 28th, at Hyde, Service in St. George's Church, at 2 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

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