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NOMENCLATURE.

The most contentious business before the Central Council was the report of the committee appointed last year to deal with method nomenclature. The subject, which may to some people appear to be a minor one, is, in fact, of some importance, for the haphazard methods of the past have led to endless confusion as well as to the use of terms which, to say the least, have been out of place. The terminology used in ringing has always been quaint, and, to the uninitiated, amusing, yet little or nothing had ever been done to improve it. A few years ago, however, the Analysis Committee of the Council were called on to give names to certain hitherto unnamed methods, and, with a great opportunity to improve nomenclature, adopted a group of titles which not only maintained some very unsuitable names, but actually accentuated their absurdity. It was the feeling created by this action which led eventually to the setting up of a special committee to deal with the naming of methods, their terms of reference being not merely to revise names already allotted, but to suggest lines of guidance for the future.

This committee admittedly had a very difficult task, but those who read their report will agree with the view expressed at the Council meeting that they have tackled it in a reasonable and moderate manner. First they had to face the fact that, in the past, the author of a method or the band who have been first to ring it have claimed the right to name it. It has been this freedom which has allowed many of the absurdities to grow up, for those who have had the opportunity of applying names have been guided by no principle, and simply christened their methods as fancy dictated. Another thing with which the committee was faced was the fact that certain terms have been so established by long usage that no tampering with them—however ludicrous they may appear to outsiders—would be permitted. History and practice have given them a position unassailable in these days. To carry out their task the committee had to make a break with tradition, and not the least difficult of their problems was to decide where the cut was to be made. That decision, we think, has not been finally arrived at. The report which the committee presented seems to be but a first instalment, for it opens up the question of a much more far-reaching revision of terms than the mere changing of names among the methods.

In principle we think the committee have struck right lines; in detail their report is liable to considerable amendment. The Council could not possibly have discussed it with intelligence and with the care which the subject requires without first seeing it in print, and they took the

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only reasonable course of adjourning debate until this opportunity had been afforded to them. Probably before the Council meets next year, the committee themselves may have something more to say on the subject; certainly their critics will have ample opportunity of framing amendments. We suggest that it might save time if those who have substantial objections to raise, put them forward in our columns, so that they, too, may be considered by members of the committee and Council before the meeting, and adequately dealt with when the matter comes up for discussion. On a subject of this sort, it is almost as difficult to deal offhand with previously unpublished amendments as it is to deal with an unpublished report.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*RICHARD CHAMMINGS ... Treble	FREDERICK W. WADE ... 6
EDWIN J. BROWN ... 2	FREDERICK E. TYLER ... 7
JOHN A. DART ... 3	ISAAC LONG ... 8
JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... 4	HENRY T. HOWELL ... 9
RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 5	E. GEORGE TREW ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. BARBER.

Conducted by E. G. TREW.

* First peal of Royal. Rung to celebrate the 61st birthday of Mr. H. T. Howell.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

RALPH E. BAILEY ... Treble	ALFRED PARNELL ... 6
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	WILLIAM HEATH ... 7
FREDERICK BAILEY ... 3	SIDNEY DAVE ... 8
GEORGE LARGE ... 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 9
ERNEST H. HUNT ... 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. William Coombes, one of the oldest members of this tower, a past Master, and one of the originators of the association. He succumbed to a severe attack of paralysis.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CYRIL D. NICHOLLS ... Treble	†FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 6
HARRY BAXTER ... 2	†WALTER SEAR ... 7
HARRY MARLOW ... 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... 8
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 4	GEORGE BASFORD ... 9
ARCHIE HENMAN ... 5	ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

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GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	THOMAS K. DEACON ... 5
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 2	*JOSEPH BEALE ... 6
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	†ERNEST W. TIPLER ... Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major, and first peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method on the bells.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ALFRED H. WINCH ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... 6
JOHN A. COLE ... 3	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, SEN. ... 2	FREDERICK J. COLEY ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	C. S. M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... 4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

*THOMAS E. SONE ... Treble	LEONARD E. LAST ... 5
*FREDERICK WHITE ... 2	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	*HERBERT MARKWELL ... 7
*MISS DOROTHY E. ORLEBAR ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Ven. Archdeacon A. T. Scott, late Rector of St. James', Tunbridge Wells, a vice-president of the association, and himself a change ringer in his younger days. * First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*REV. ROBERT MARLE ... Treble	*ARTHUR BOTTOMLEY ... 5
WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 2	*JAMES H. LEES ... 6
*JAMES INGHAM ... 3	*WILLIAM HORAN ... 7
*WILLIAM H. MARSLAND ... 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

* First peal in the method (treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th). First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the treble and 7th belong to Cross-stone, Todmorden; the 2nd and tenor to Todmorden Parish; the 6th to Balderstone, Rochdale; and the rest to the local company, being non-resident members of the Lancashire Association.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT TAYLOR ... Treble	ALBERT PARKER ... 5
ERNEST BIRCHALL ... 2	JAMES WM. GROUNDS ... 6
SYDNEY FORSHAW ... 3	JOHN BOOTH ... 7
WILLIAM AUSTEN ... 4	JOHN ALLRED ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WM. GROUNDS,

First peal by third and tenor.

ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.) in E.

*RICHARD BIGGS ... Treble	THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... 5
†GEORGE H. EDWARDS ... 2	WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 6
ARTHUR ALLEN ... 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7
*ALICK HAYNES ... 4	WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells. This is also the first peal rung on these bells by a local band since 1730, and each ringer was born and resides near the church. Rung at the third attempt.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, and 1440 each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

*RONALD RUSSELL ... Treble	HARRY BAXTER ... 4
MISS CECIL E. HEPHERN ... 2	*C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 5
WALTER T. WILSON ... 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal in five methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Russell, who was elected a member previous to the peal.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 six-scores of Canterbury, 10 of Plain Bob and 28 of Grandsire 30 callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. DAVIES ... Treble	WILLIAM EVANS ... 4
†PERCY H. YOUNG ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... 5
†TREVOR JONES ... 3	ALBERT E. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

E. A. BULLOCK ... Treble	W. COUSINS ... 4
A. E. BACON ... 2	J. H. RAPER ... 5
J. R. SMITH ... 3	C. COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RAPER.

First peal as conductor.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 18th, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten different callings.

* W. I. JOHNSON Treble	† A. A. BOOTH 4
G. HOWARD 2	J. W. SHARP 5
J. W. HAYNES 3	* J. ROFF Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SHARP.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. † First peal in the method.

CADOXTON, Near NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

JOHN HAMMOND Treble	DAVID J. LEWIS 4
HARRY BOYCE 2	ERNEST J. STITCH 5
JOHN E. BLOXAM 3	RONALD ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by RONALD ELLIS.

First peal in method for the Guild, and for the ringers of the 4th, 5th and tenor.

TYSOE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 12 different callings. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

* SYDNEY DRINKWATER ... Treble	LAURIE HAWCOTT 4
HORACE TERRY 2	FRANK SMITH 5
WILLIAM ADAMS 3	LEONARD BRYAN Tenor

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

Banbury ringers' 3rd annual outing (on June 16th, to Loughborough included a visit to Messrs. Taylor and Sons' bell foundry. Loughborough was reached at 11.20, and an hour's ringing at All Saints' Parish Church on the very fine peal of ten was much enjoyed, short touches of Stedman and Grandsire being rung. After dinner, a visit to the foundry proved very interesting, the party being shown round, and the various processes explained by Mr. Stubbs. The foundry ten proved too much of a handful, only one touch of Grandsire Triples being brought round.

After tea, a visit was made to the park and the Carillon War Memorial. The company journeyed on to Leicester, being met by Mr. Ernest Morris, and several of St. Margaret's band, with whose assistance two courses of Grandsire Caters were rung, as also touches of Stedman on the back eight.

The Banbury ringers take this opportunity to thank Messrs. Taylor and Sons for permission to visit the foundry, the Vicars of the two churches for permission to ring, and the members of St. Margaret's band who so kindly helped to make their visit so successful.

CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

On Sunday, June 14th, twelve members of the Cheltenham and District Branch had a motor trip to Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water. On arriving at Stow, where there is a beautiful ring of eight, with tenor 30 cwt., just overhauled by Messrs. Taylor, they were welcomed by Mr. Pardon and other members of the local band. The first touch was 504 Stedman Triples by W. Townsend (conductor) 1, C. Martin 2, W. Hunt 3, W. Hale 4, W. Dyer 5, W. Devereux 6, J. F. Ballinger 7, R. Hemming 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples, from Thursday's: A. F. Hunt 1, W. Yeend 2, E. Pardon 3, M. Hicks 4, C. Martin 5, W. Townsend 6, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 7, W. Devereux 8. After tea, they were met by Mr. W. Large, of Stretton-on-Fosse, who has done so much for change ringing in the outlying districts of the association. For evening service touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and a touch of Plain Bob Major by M. Hicks 1, C. Martin 2, E. Pardon 3, W. Hale 4, W. Large 5, W. Yeend 6, W. Dyer 7, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 8. At Bourton-on-the-Water they were met by Mr. T. Banning, and other members of his band, where 504 Stedman Triples was rung by C. Martin 1, W. Hale 2, William Dyer 3, W. Devereux 4, M. Hicks 5, J. F. Bal-

lenger (conductor) 6, W. Hunt 7, W. Townsend 8; and 336 Plain Bob Major by W. Hunt 1, W. Yeend 2, C. Martin 3, W. Hale 4, W. Devereux 5, J. F. Ballinger 6, T. Banning 7, W. Townsend (conductor) 8. Weight of tenor 14 cwt. in F. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Hale.

ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS (LONDON).

On Saturday, June 13th, the St. Giles-in-the-Fields (London) Ringers' Guild held their annual outing, the members and their friends paying a visit to Cookham-on-Thames, the same tower as last year. The party numbered twelve, and were favoured with perfect weather. On arrival at Cookham the ringers proceeded to the church (Holy Trinity), the bells of which had been kindly placed at their disposal, where ringing was enjoyed for over two hours. Tea at the Royal Exchange was much enjoyed. More ringing, boating, light refreshment, and a 'sing-song,' concluded the afternoon's programme.—A vote of thanks to Mr. Fowler and the Vicar was carried with enthusiasm.

BONVILSTON RINGERS.

On Saturday, June 6th, the ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends, took their annual outing by charabanc to Brecon Beacons via Pontypridd and Merthyr. A halt was made at Brecon, the party visiting St. Mary's Church, with a good peal of eight, and going well. At Gilwern, Mr. S. Rackham kindly conducted the party up to Llanelly Church, with its nice peal of six, which was rung up, and soon into Doubles. The next stop was made at Newport. Members take this opportunity to thank the incumbents and Mr. S. Rackham and Mr. Evans for their kindness in granting the use of the bells.

The ringers of St. Martin's Church, Fenny Stratford, had a most enjoyable outing on Whit Monday, when they made a charabanc tour through North Bucks. The first stop being made at Stewley, a good ring of six on the heavy side was soon going to Woodbine Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. The grand old Norman church, with its architectural beauty and massive tower, were greatly admired. The next tower was Swanbourne, where the party were met by the Vicar, who was keenly interested in touches of Cambridge, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Then on to Winslow. Here a perfect 'peal' of rounds was taken part in, but as this was round the dinner table, it is unnecessary to say it was successfully accomplished. An adjournment was afterwards made to the church, where Plain Bob only was rung, after which the journey was continued to Calverton. Here the ringers were at home on the beautiful ring of six, the methods rung being Beverley, Double Court, Woodbine, Cambridge and Plain Bob. The next stop was Stony Stratford, where, after an hour's good ring, tea was partaken of. The last call was at Old Wolverton, where touches of Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung. Home was reached about 10.15, after a most enjoyable day's ringing. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the respective Vicars for their kindness in giving permission to ring, and to the foremen of the towers for getting everything in such excellent order for them.

Salehurst ringers had their annual outing on Whit Monday, when they spent an enjoyable day in visiting Sussex towers. The outward journey was made via Battle, and through the pretty villages of Catsfield, Ninfeld and Hove, and past Pevensey Castle to St. Mary's, Eastbourne, where a halt was made for an hour, and several short touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round. Going on to Seaford, they found a lovely peal of eight at St. Leonard's Church, and after several good touches, resumed the journey to St. Peter's Church, Brighton, where again ringing took place for an hour. Returning via Lewes, a call was made at Southover, and another hour was spent in ringing Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, while some of the party explored the ancient town. Home was reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. The party numbered 36.

IDLE RINGERS.

On Whit Tuesday, the Idle company of ringers, together with their wives and friends, to the number of twenty, went on their annual outing by charabanc, via Otley, Follifoot, Boroughbridge, Thirsk, Cotswold, and arrived at Helmsley for dinner. The ringing members of the party first made for the tower, while the others went to look round the castle. After dinner the party went on to Pickering, where some fairly good ringing was enjoyed, the ringers being congratulated on the standard of ringing by the natives. The homeward journey was via Malton to York, where a halt was made to give the party an opportunity of visiting the Minster. Leaving York, the party motored through Tadcaster to Wetherby for tea, after which the church was visited, and some ringing was done on a delightful peal of bells. The homeward journey was made via Harwood and Otley. Methods rung throughout the day were Kent Treble, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and Stedman. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the respective incumbents for the use of the bells; also the local company for their kind arrangements.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT BOLSOVER.

A most successful meeting was held at Bolsover on Saturday last, when ringing on the fine peal of eight was indulged in throughout the afternoon. All the standard methods and many Surprise methods, both old and new, were rung. A committee meeting was held in the Church Hall, and after the usual routine business, appeals for grants from the Bell Repair Fund were read from Belper and Creswell. At the former place a peal of six steel bells are to be rehung, but this appeal was left over for the president to get further details. The Creswell scheme is a huge one to build a tower and put in a peal of eight.—Mr. J. Flint gave an outline of the scheme, and it was finally decided to promise a sum of ten guineas, after the tower was completed, to go towards the cost of bells. Following this, the members, to the number of 30, from Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Ilkeston, Nottingham, Southwell, Sheffield and Leicester, sat down to tea, which was catered for by the local ringers and their wives. The general business followed, the president (Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P.) presiding, supported by the Vicar of Bolsover (the Rev. J. E. Pagett), Dr. Stretton, the hon. treasurer (W. Willson) and hon. secretary (E. Morris). The minutes of the annual meeting were passed, after which Mr. A. Coppock gave a brief account of the C.C. meeting at Chester.—The President also explained that a letter of appreciation had been read to the committee from Mr. J. Griffin, an original and valued member of the M.C.A., who is an hon. member of the C.C., and attended on their behalf since its inauguration. The list of new members elected since the last meeting was read and confirmed, and four new hon. members from Bolsover were unanimously elected.—Mr. W. Willson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local band (especially Mr. Flint) and the ladies for arrangements and tea; to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his presence at the meeting.—Mr. J. H. Swinfield, of Burton, seconded.—The Vicar acknowledging, said how pleased he was to welcome the members to Bolsover, and was pleased to become an hon. member of the M.C.A. He was supported by Dr. Stretton, who, whilst giving appreciation to the ringers and their services to the church, held out a note of warning to them never to neglect their duties after calling other people to church, by omitting to go themselves. He was also pleased to become an hon. member, and to propose his colleague, Mr. Lockwood.—This was carried unanimously, and concluded the business, after which ringing was again indulged in. E. M.

DEDICATION OF RAYLEIGH BELLS.

Great rejoicing in the old Parish Church of Holy Trinity, on Sunday, June 21st, the occasion being the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford of the bells, after recasting, rehanging, etc. The work, entrusted to the firm of Gillett and Johnston, the Croydon bell founders, entailed the clearing out of the old frame, fixing new steel girders and iron frame, recasting six bells, one new bell, and tuning the whole to the existing 5th (a fine old bell, dated 1510). The old 6th, 1415, no longer of use for ringing, is placed in view within the church. The whole of the work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner, the tone and tune of the bells being greatly admired by the crowds congregated to hear them. The peal is in the key of F, the tenor weighing 16 cwt. 3 qr.

Immediately following the dedication, the bells were rung round by the local ringers. At the close of the service, the ropes were handed to an expert band from Prittlewell, who delighted the listeners with something of everything, from Grandsire to Cambridge, the conductors being Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, Mr. H. T. Wilson and Mr. W. H. Judd. Ringers attended from Prittlewell, Leigh, Birehington-on-Sea, Kent, Bury St. Edmunds, Brentwood, Springfield, Rettendon, Chigwell, and, of course, London.

It is interesting to note the clapper of the 3rd bell bears an inscription, stating that the King and Queen saw it forged on their visit to the foundry to hear the carillon cast for New York.

WASHBROOK MEMORIAL FUND.

In addition to the subscriptions already published, the following have been received: Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, £5; Salisbury Diocesan Guild, £2 2s.; Hereford Diocesan Guild, £3 3s.; Essex Association, £3 3s.; Oxford University Society of Change Ringers, £5 5s.; North Bucks Branch of Oxford Diocesan Guild, £3 3s.; Rev. F. L. Edwards, 10s.; Rev. H. L. James, 10s.; Capt. Acland, 10s.; Mr. J. S. Pritchett, £1 1s.; Mr. W. L. Nevard, 5s.; Mr. Martin Stevens, 5s.; J. Waghorn, 2s.; Mr. A. W. Hill, 6s. 6d.; Mr. T. Trollope, 7s.; Mr. C. Clarke, 2s. 6d.; Mr. R. Runham, 1s. Towers: Leafield, 10s.; Middleton Stoney, 3s.; Great Milton, 10s.; Great Haseley, 2s. 6d.; Islip, 4s.; Yarnston, 7s.; Thatcham, 14s.; Chilton, 7s. 6d.; Newport Pagnell, 5s.; Calverton, 5s.; Stoney Stratford, 10s.; Henley, 10s.; Beaconsfield, 10s. This brings the total up to £136.

It is hoped that the amount required will be received before the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers (July 18th). It would be a great help if all those who intend to subscribe would do so before that date. Subscriptions may be paid to Lloyds Bank, Reading Branch, or to the hon. treasurer, A. J. Wright, 40, Hamilton Road, Reading.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

In the annual report, recently issued, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) says: Our numbers are increasing every year, and our list of towers affiliated also increases, the number now being 20; the subscriptions of members are paid with better regularity. In respect to ringing some of the towers have reached a good standard of excellence, whilst in other towers there is plenty of room for improvement. There are towers where a regular practice night is almost out of the question. Ringers must have practice, first to keep up and improve their own standard of ringing; and, secondly, to teach young ringers how to handle a bell; otherwise ringing will in time cease at churches where no practice takes place.

In the matter of bell restoration, the two principal events of the year have been: (1) The rehanging and retuning of the old peal of five bells of St. Peter's, Gamston, and the addition of a new treble bell to make a ring of six. A new ringing chamber has been provided six feet below the old one, and comfortably furnished. Everything in the tower is new with the exception of the old five bells; and the ringers, under the tuition of Mr. H. Revill, of Ordsall, are making good progress in the art of change ringing; (2) the bells of St. John-the-Baptist, East Markham, have been increased from six to eight by the addition of two new trebles, the gift of Mr. W. T. Hopps, of Leamington, as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. H. Cowlishaw. The late Mr. Cowlishaw was a vice-president of the association for many years. The full octave is a splendid ring of bells, an excellent splice having been made, and together with a new intermediate chamber to deaden the sound in the ringing chamber, leaves nothing to be desired. A new clock has also been given by the donor of the bells. In the matter of meetings, a very successful year has been accomplished. Apart from the annual meeting, six district meetings have been held during the year, and a good standard of ringing maintained; at some of the towers the methods rung were from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

Our list of new members for the year is three vice-presidents and 16 ringing members, including Herbert Smith, Esq., as vice-president and life member; H. Caferlatia, Esq., of Sutton-on-Trent, and the Rev. P. E. Boswell, Rector of Harthill. In the list of special performances during the year 1924 the South Anston company again head the list with 104 720's, 100 six-bell methods, a wonderful record, which we imagine has seldom, if ever, been excelled. In the previous year they rang 60 720's in 54 methods, which was also a meritorious performance, but this achievement for 1924 is a really remarkable one. The membership roll up to December 31st, 1924, is 212 members (performing, probationary and unattached), and also 19 ex-officio members. Total 231.

The financial statement for the year shows a sum of £24 invested in Workshop savings bank, and £3 4s. 3d. in treasurer's hands, making a total of £27 4s. 3d., and the largest gain in one year in the history of the association, but this includes the subscription of a life member of £2 2s.

FAREWELL GATHERING AT PUDSEY.

On Saturday, June 20th, a peal of London Surprise Major was attempted at Pudsey, Yorks, as a farewell to Mr. T. M. Kitchen, who is leaving the district.

Unfortunately the peal came to grief, after two hours' excellent ringing, the band standing as follows: P. Cordingley 1, S. Ward 2, J. Baxendale 3, J. E. Proctor 4, Wm. Barton (conductor) 5, T. M. Kitchen 6, J. Ambler 7, J. W. Cordingley 8. The losing of the peal was unfortunate in more respects than one, as in addition to being a farewell peal, had it been successful, it would have been the first peal in the method on the bells, and by all the ringers.

After tea, Mr. Baxendale, on behalf of the local company, with a few well-chosen words, presented a leather travelling bag to Mr. Kitchen. He said, that whilst all offered their hearty congratulations to 'Tommy' on attaining his new position, they wished him the best of health and prosperity. It was with a great feeling of regret that they met that day to bid farewell to one of the band's most promising ringers.—'Tommy' suitably responded, and said that he would never forget the happy times he had spent with the ringers of Pudsey Church, and hoped that he would be spared to have another attempt for the peal of London. The handbells were then brought into use, and touches of Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob Major, Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were successfully brought round.

During the evening, the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going to touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Superlative.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, H. T. Hughes 3, R. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Robert Head, the parish church organist, who is leaving to take up a similar appointment at Richmond, Surrey.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND TOWERS BELOW STANDARD.**

The annual report of the Winchester Guild has just been published. During the year, seven compounding members joined, and, in addition, the numbers who have paid contributions, were: Hon. members 59, full members 553, probationers 32. The peals rung in 1924 showed a decrease of five compared with 1923, but there was a large increase in the number of Surprise peals rung. The peals were rung in 35 different towers.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), in his report, remarked that the Guild suffered a great loss by the death of the Rev. W. E. Colchester, a former general secretary and treasurer, and for many years an enthusiastic member and friend. The loss will be keenly felt, more particularly as ringing clergy in the diocese are so deplorably few.

Restoration work has been going on steadily, and in addition to the completion of the work at Brockenhurst and Leatherhead, it is hoped that the ring of five at Sopley, with a pit for an additional bell, will be reopened shortly. A movement is also afoot to add a treble to the existing ring of five at Woolton Hill, and there are whispers of a ring of eight at Milford-on-Sea. Owing to tower weakness, it is much to be regretted that the fine ring of eight at Shanklin are unringable; also that the recast bells for St. Michael's, Southampton, are still waiting the verdict as to tower safety.

Although considerable progress has been shown in some quarters, the apathy towards change ringing and the Guild by many of the clergy and a good number of ringers is much to be deplored. In this connection it should be noted that the number of both members and towers in union fall much below standard. All members should strive to remedy this, as only by making new members can the work of the Guild be successfully carried on. It is regretted that no charge for instruction appeared in the balance sheet, and bands are reminded that the Master, general and district secretaries are always pleased to answer queries on this very important item, and this applies to the higher methods as well as Grandsire.

The general fund of the Guild had a balance in hand of £37 16s. 7d., against £41 0s. 2d., at the end of 1923, and there is £39 1s. 4d. in the special purposes fund. The various districts also hold balances of £6 1s. 3d.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DISTRICT'S ENJOYABLE MEETING.**

An enjoyable meeting of the Western District was held at Chester-le-Street on June 20th, which was well attended, some thirty members and visitors being present from Pullham St. Mary, Norfolk, Newcastle Cathedral, St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle, St. John's, Darlington, Shildon, Consett and Heighington.

The fine toned peal of eight was set going soon after 3 o'clock, with touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major and Plain Bob. After tea, some keen ringing was kept up till 8.30. Mr. Wm. Story, ex-president, and Mr. E. E. Ferry, secretary of the association, were present.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Consett on Saturday, 22nd August.

Among the visitors was Mr. C. J. P. Brice, of Pullham St. Mary, Norfolk, who at present is engaged on the restoration work at Durham Castle. Being an old campaigner, he was very pleased to make the acquaintance of North Country ringers, and spoke in high praise of the bells. He conducted a short course of Kent Treble Bob, and promised to attend other meetings.

Mrs. Blenkinsop, of Heighington, was successful in ringing a touch of Bob Major on the treble, and congratulations were extended to her.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Chester-le-Street for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Harry Tyson and Fred Sheraton for the arrangements locally.

LADIES' GUILD.**MIDLAND DISTRICT.**

The members held their meeting at Hampton-in-Arden, where a very pleasant time was spent. The Rev. Colthurst's ringing party joined the Church Union Society at tea. After tea, the ladies held their meeting, and Miss Foster was elected to the chair. Mrs. Groves was re-elected secretary; Miss F. Saunders, of Smethwick, was elected on the committee; all the other members were re-elected.

It was decided to hold only two business meetings a year—June and December, respectively. Monthly or quarterly ringing meetings to be arranged when possible to get permission for use of bells at various places. Harborne was chosen for the next business meeting if permission could be obtained.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 21st, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: R. Leggett 1, G. Balls 2, G. Clarke 3, A. Ives 4, E. Leggett 5, F. Clarke 6. This is the first 720 by the treble ringer.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

Some 30 members of the North and East District of the above association spent a very pleasant afternoon at Northaw on Saturday, June 20th, on the occasion of the summer meeting. The bells were raised about 3.30, and ringing continued until 5.30, when the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Allen) gave those present a very hearty welcome to the service. After an excellent tea, the usual business meeting was held. The president (Mr. F. A. Milne) had to leave early, and in his absence the chair was taken by Mr. W. Pickworth, district vice-president.

Three new members were elected, and the hon. secretary gave an interesting report of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Chester.

Stanmore was chosen for the next meeting, on July 25th.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his address at the service; to Mr. B. McKie for the excellent arrangements made; to Mrs. Taylor, who had prepared tea; and to Mr. Stevenon, the organist, who had added considerably to the harmony of the proceedings. Ringing again took place after the meeting, amongst the methods rung being Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and Cambridge Surprise.

CUP CONTEST AT HOYLANDSWAINE.**ANSTON'S SUCCESS.**

The cup contest promoted solely by Hoylandswaine ringers, under the auspices of Barnsley and District Associations, was held on Saturday, June 13th. Nine bands had entered, but Wortley were unavoidably absent. The remaining eight companies turned up full of hope and bright ideas, but, alas! the slips not missed by the judge, would have filled the cup. Wath, Darfield and Sandal 'rang out,' so the judge advised them to be wise as well as good. The remaining five rang through, and the following is the list of towers with faults attached: Anston, 265; Wath (rang out), 127; Rawmarsh, 593; Darfield (rang out), 348; Sandal (rang out), 287; Cawthorne, 125; Shelley, 219; Penistone, 158. Mr. W. Broadley, Bradford, was the adjudicator, and declared Cawthorne to be the winners. The names of the successful band were Henry Crossland (aged 81), Joseph Matthews 2, Henry Crossland, junr., 3, Aaron Fish 4, Edgar Crossland, junr., 5, Jack Fish 6. The cup is held for one year, and each member received in addition a plated cake stand.

The Rev. J. Hewitson (Vicar) kindly presided over the meeting, and presented the prizes. The tea provided for the occasion was partaken of by upwards of 120 ringers and others.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District held a very successful business meeting at Beddington last Saturday, June 20th. The tower was opened at 3.30, and the bells were soon set going. At 5 o'clock, tea was partaken of, and the usual business meeting followed. After this a move was made to the church for some more ringing, when most of the standard methods were rung.

The ringers present expressed their thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Trappitt for making the arrangements for the tea, etc., and also to the local society for making the company welcome amid such delightful surroundings. Many of the ringers admired the tone of the bells, and also the 'go' of them.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**SWINDON BRANCH.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 20th, with a small attendance. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and continued until 5 p.m., when tea was partaken of on the Vicar's lawn, who welcomed the visitors to Bishopstone. The usual business meeting followed, Mr. C. J. Gardiner presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and passed. A letter, re the Washbrook Memorial, was brought before the members by the secretary, and it was proposed by Mr. T. Moulding, and seconded by Mr. S. Palmer, that each tower secretary in the district should make a collection in his tower, and forward it to the district secretary as soon as possible.—This was carried.—Places for the next meeting were Blunsdon in July, Highworth in August, and the quarterly meeting at Chippenham in September. This concluded the business, and a return to the tower was made, where touches of Kent and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

Towers represented were Blunsdon, Faringdon (Christ Church and St. Mark's, Swindon), Stratton St. Margaret's, and Wanborough.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, at St. George's, Beckenham, S.E., 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: *Miss E. E. Chapman 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, *Miss F. E. Orr 3, F. J. Skelt 4, W. Smith 5, E. J. King 6, C. J. Tribe 7, J. R. Gammon 8. * First quarter-peal of Surprise.

BRADFORD'S FIRST LADY RINGER MARRIAGE OF MISS GILL.

The marriage took place at St. James' Church, Bolton, Bradford, on May 30th, of Mr. Arthur Beason to Miss Polly Gill, only daughter of Mr. Arthur Gill. Both father and daughter are members of the local band, Miss Gill being the first lady ringer in Bradford. There was a good muster of ringers from Bradford Cathedral, Shipley, Drighlington, and the local band, to witness the ceremony. With the Vicar's permission merry touches were rung on the bells, but these were only short, owing to their running badly, and it is hoped they will shortly be ringing.

The company were invited to the wedding feast at the bride's home. During the repast, Mr. J. Broadley proposed 'The health of the bride and bridegroom,' and expressed best wishes for their happiness. The happy couple left shortly after for Scarborough for the honeymoon.

A RINGER'S ADVENTUROUS TRIP. MR. CONOR O'BRIEN SAFE HOME.

Mr. Conor O'Brien, of Dublin, who was an active ringer in London some years ago, has just concluded his adventurous trip round the world in the 20-ton ketch, 'Saoirse.' He dropped anchor at Dunlaoghaire on Saturday evening, his journey having lasted exactly two years to the day. He was given a most enthusiastic welcome.

Mr. O'Brien, in the course of his voyage, has circled the globe. A Free State plane and over 150 yachts welcomed him to Kingstown Harbour, and nearly 50,000 people were on the pier.

When he left Dunlaoghaire on June 20th, 1923, he had two of a crew, but with these he parted company at Durban.

On two subsequent occasions he had trouble with his crew, and when he arrived home he was accompanied by his sister, Miss Kitty O'Brien, who had joined him in the Azores, and by a Tongan native called 'Kroo,' but renamed Joseph H. Percival, and whom Mr. O'Brien had taken from Friendly Island.

RINGING FOR KINGS.

The visit of His Majesty King George V. to Newcastle-under-Lyme on June 5th coincided with the 21st anniversary of the wedding of one of the bell ringers of the Parish Church, named King.

The ringers engaged to ring in honour of the Royal visit thought it appropriate to celebrate both events simultaneously, and a well-struck quarter of Grandsire Triples was concluded in 47 minutes: F. Smith 1, A. Barker 2, E. King 3, W. Fitchford 4, W. Allman 5, H. Vaughan 6, C. Morley (conductor) 7, C. E. Morley 8.

EALING RINGERS' OUTING.

On Whit Monday, the ringers of St. Mary's, Ealing, together with friends from Hillingdon and Uxbridge, held their fourth annual outing. The charabanc departed from Ealing shortly after nine, and the rest of the party was picked up en route. The driver, a stranger to the district, followed the directions of the party, sometimes wrong, but got there eventually. After one such diversion, Wooburn was reached a few minutes late. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung here. A pleasant ride through Marlow and Henley brought the party to Shiplake, this time nearly an hour before time. The host for the day, Mr. C. W. Porter, kindly obtained permission from the Vicar, who himself gave the visitors a hearty welcome, to have a short ring at Shiplake Church before lunch. This tower was not on the day's programme, and the extra ringing was much appreciated.

A bountiful lunch at the Plough Inn was greatly enjoyed by all. After lunch, the party spent a pleasant half-hour in the pretty garden, the weather being lovely.

An enjoyable ride through country lanes terminated at St. Peter's Church, Caversham, and an hour's ringing was indulged in on this handy and musical ring. Kent and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples came round successfully. A short stroll by the Thames, after ringing, brought departure time all too quickly.

On again reaching Shiplake, a tea, worthy of unceasing praise, was served at the Plough Inn and Mr. Porter is to be congratulated on his excellent catering. Leaving the pretty little inn with many regrets, the party once more passed through Henley, and after an exceedingly pretty ride, arrived at Wargrave. Some good ringing in the four standard methods took place.

The return journey was made through Twyford, Maidenhead and Slough. Owing to threatening clouds and occasional showers, the party now travelled under cover. Thus shielded from the public gaze, several previously bashful vocalists (?), brightened the ride with songs and other weird noises. The two friends from Uxbridge alighted at that place, and another lady ringer departed at Hillingdon, regretfully, but with memories of a very happy time. Ealing was reached shortly after nine, and the main party dispersed, unanimous as to the success of the day.

Through the medium of this paper, the members of the Ealing band would like to thank the incumbents of those towers at which they were permitted to ring; the towerkeepers for their unselfish assistance; and Mr. Porter, whose excellent catering is to be commended to all his fellow-ringers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Expansion of business has necessitated the removal of the old-established firm of John Nicoll, the well-known bell rope makers, from Queen's Road, Peckham. Customers should note that the address is now 64, Lewisham Park, London, S.E.13.

Mr. Tom Deadman, whose death was recorded in our last issue, was, in the days when the writer first met him, one of the best physically developed specimens of humanity that it would be possible to meet. Of more than average height, he was broad of shoulder, and had arms as big as many a man's thigh. Had he had the opportunities, he would have been an ideal type for some of the 'big' jobs, but his ringing was done in towers where there are no bells over 25 cwt.

The Birmingham Cathedral bells will be broadcast from 7.45 p.m. to 8 p.m., together with a service, the preacher being the Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

'COVENTRY BELLS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'To an Amurath an Amurath succeeds,' and so with the 'isms.' A blight appears to descend upon our beautiful bells, and now it is 'carillonism,' and another fine old peal is doomed. I wonder that our bell founders can really find the heart to accept such commissions. Are those which remain to us safe? We fortunately still have Lavenham, Mancroft, Pershore, Fulham, Painswick and Southwark; one can hardly now add St. Mary Radcliffe. But in the Great Jazz Age none is safe, and it remains for the ringing fraternity to bestir itself unless it would lose the little of great value it has left—left as a priceless heritage from the past.—I am, yours faithfully,

TEMPLE BAR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I quite agree with your article about Coventry bells. If the present members of the Exercise could only hear these fine bells, they would do anything to prevent their loss.

I am amongst the few left who remember their wonderful tone. I used to ring there nearly 40 years ago, with men who knew what a good 'ring' was. I speak of J. Bannister, H. Johnson, T. Reynolds, H. Bastable, J. Joines, and others, who, with myself, were all agreed that, whether in the tower or out, they were an extraordinary fine set of bells, being so well balanced together in tone and tune.

I only hope your efforts to save these bells will be successful.—I am, yours faithfully,

JOHN CARTER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With regard to the fate of this noted ring of bells, is it not possible even now to do something to save them, as you suggest no time must be lost? I know of a case where a now pulpit was placed in a parish church, the old pulpit was sent into another parish; in another case, an organ had to be removed for a larger one, the old one was moved into another parish. Cannot church bells be moved in the same way? In their ordinary course of business some of our bell founders are sure to have on hand either now or shortly the recasting of an old peal of eight, and increasing the same to ten. Could not these old eight bells with the necessary new metal be cast into the carillon for St. Michael's, and the ten bells from St. Michael's be placed in the tower where the ten from the foundry would have been placed? To facilitate this a conference should be held between representatives of the two churches concerned, the Central Council of Ringers, and the bell founders, when, no doubt, with explanations and reason, all obstacles will be overcome.

JOHN BEAMS.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At West Grinstead, Sussex, on May 29th, at St. George's Church, 720 Marple and 720 College Exercise Minor: F. Turrell 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goatcher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. S. Stevens (churchwarden).—On Sunday, May 31st, with the bells half-muffled, 720-Woodbine: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goatcher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, June 7th, touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor, for morning service: W. Denman 1, D. T. Davis (Birmingham) 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Turrell 4, F. Turrell 5, H. Turrell (conductor) 6.—For evening service, touches of Woodbine, Oxford, Kent and College Exercise were rung.

At Liscard, Cheshire, on Saturday, June 13th, at St. Mary's Church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, being the first half of Reeves' Variation of Holt's Ten-Part was rung in 1 hr. 37 mins.: W. Hughes 1, A. Woosnam 2, D. Hughes 3, F. Woosnam 4, H. Lodkin 5, J. Hughes 6, W. A. Woosnam (conductor) 7, F. Winstanley 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect and remembrance to a colleague, Henry Williams, who had been a ringer at this church since 1888, and who passed away May 18th. It was intended to attempt a full peal, but owing to the bad 'go' of the tenor, the bells had to be called home at the half-peal end.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(Continued from Page 394.)

When the Council reassembled in the afternoon, the report of the Records Committee for the years 1923-4 and 1924-5 was read by the Rev. A. T. Beeston as follows:—In accordance with your instructions we have pleasure in submitting a list of records of first peals in new methods, and of progressive lengths in old methods, up to date. First peals:—

Little Bob Maximus, 5,016, by the Durham and Newcastle Association.

Cambridge Court Bob Major, 5,088, by the Warwickshire Guild and Midland Counties Association.

Rutland Surprise Major, 5,280, by the Midland Counties Association.

Edinburgh Surprise Major, 5,024, by the Suffolk Guild.

Palatine Surprise Major, 5,184, by the Lancashire Association.

Leicester Surprise Royal, 5,040, by the Midland Counties Association.

Pudsey Surprise Major, 5,120, by the Midland Counties Association.

Edmonton Bob Major, 5,008, by the Middlesex County Association.

Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, 5,056, by the Durham and Newcastle Association.

Rochester Surprise Major, 5,024, by the Suffolk Guild.

Marlborough Bob Major, 5,008, by the Middlesex County Association.

Little Canterbury Major, 5,040, by the Kent County Association. Treble Bob Major, 'Cam' Variation, on tower bells, 5,120, by the Kent County Association.

Winchester Bob Major, 5,008, by the Middlesex County Association.

Spliced Stedman and Erin Caters, 5,133, by the Durham and Newcastle Association.

Dartford Little Bob Major, 5,040, by the Kent County Association.

Spliced Union and Grandsire Triples, 5,040, by the Llandaff Association.

The progressive lengths include—

12,675 Stedman Cinques by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major by the Chester Diocesan Guild.

10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal by the Middlesex County Association.

9,120 Treble Bob Major, 'Ilkeston' Variation, by the Midland County Association.

5,088 Rochester Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild.

5,056 Reverse Bob Major by the Kent County Association.

5,184 Pudsey Surprise Major by the Midland Counties Association.

5,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major ('in hand'), by the Cambridge University Guild.

Hitherto we have not referred in our reports to performances in Minor methods. There are, however, three such performances during the period under view, which your committee considers worthy of notice. The two first are seven complete extents in 30 methods on January 1st, 1923, the greatest at the time ever included in such a peal. It was exceeded, however, soon after December 4th, 1923, by seven complete extents in 35 methods. This remains the record.

Moreover, we feel it is advisable to give a list of the first Minor peals rung in progressive methods of methods spliced, according to the present recognised plan. The first was rung by the Lincoln Guild in eight methods, November 9th, 1909; the same Guild rang the first in (2) nine methods, March 10th, 1910; (3) 12 methods, November 7th, 1911; (4) 14 methods, February 15th, 1911; (5) 16 methods, November 18th, 1911.

The Chester Guild rang the first in (1) 13 methods, February 7th, 1920; (2) 15 methods, February 12th, 1924; (3) 17 methods, December 8th, 1921; (4) 18 methods, February 3rd, 1921; (5) 19 methods, July 12th, 1913; (6) 24 methods, November 24th, 1921; (7) 29 methods, March 8th, 1923; (8) 30 methods, January 1st, 1923; (9) 35 methods, December 4th, 1923.

The third performance referred to is a 5,040 at Norbury, Cheshire, on May 8th, 1924, in seven methods, none of which, as far as we know, has ever been included in a peal. The methods are numbers 16, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27 and 28 in the Council's collection of Treble Bob methods. They were rung under the names of Shamrock, Bluebell, Daffodil, Foxglove, Marigold, Dahlia and Geranium.

The report was signed by the Revs. A. H. Beeston, T. Hervey Beams, H. Law James.

THE FIRST SPLICED PEAL OF TRIPLES.

Mr. T. H. Beams seconded the adoption of the report. Referring to the recently rung peal of Spliced Grandsire and Union Triples, he said they had not yet seen the figures, and, therefore, they could not criticise, but until the composition appeared he would be like the Scotsman, and 'hae me doots' about it.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the first peal rung, called Grandsire Triples, was a 'spliced' peal of Union and Grandsire. It was a peal of Grandsire with 5th's place bob.

Mr. J. W. Jones said, as one who took part in the recent peal, he could briefly explain how it was rung. When the 2nd, 3rd or 4th was in the hunt the method was Union; when the 5th, 6th or 7th was in the hunt the method was Grandsire. In ringing the peal the conductor did not indicate the change of method. He understood the figures would appear in 'The Ringing World' that week or the week after. (The composition was published in 'The Ringing World' of June 12th.)

Mr. J. S. Wilde pointed out that, strictly speaking, Shipway got the first spliced peal of Union and Grandsire Triples. In 'Grandsire' they would find the record of a five-part peal published by Shipway, but there was one lead of Union in each part; therefore it was a spliced peal of Union and Grandsire. In the Central Council's Collection of Peals, Section 1, there were two peals of Union Triples by W. H. Thompson. These were also spliced peals of Union and Grandsire Triples, as they had one lead of Grandsire Triples in each of the five parts. Mr. Davies also had a variation of a peal by Shipway, in which he brought home the five part-ends as the plain course leads of Grandsire Triples.

The Rev. H. Law James: The plain truth is, there is no such thing as Union Triples at all. It is nothing but 5th's place bobs in Grandsire.

Mr. J. W. Parker: The first spliced peal of Triples was the first peal of Stedman Triples, because Stedman is spliced Erin and Quick-Six Triples (laughter).

The report was accepted.

SCIENCE MUSEUM EXHIBIT.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. A. Young) reported for the committee entrusted with the organisation of the exhibit for the South Kensington Science Museum. He said he last year suggested that the committee was rather moribund, and he now feared he had nothing much further to report. The head of the Section, where their small exhibit was, had told him he was still waiting for the re-organisation of the galleries, which would give him the floor and wall space. But the thing moved slowly. With regard to Mr. Carter's ringing machine, he (Mr. Young) had it at his own house, and had written a description, under Mr. Carter's instruction, as to how it worked and was controlled. He thought they might, therefore, now remove from their minds the feeling that the machine might eventually become somewhat useless because no one was familiar with its contrivances (hear, hear). Mr. Young added that the committee had not met during the year, as he had felt it was not necessary to convene them.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in supporting Mr. Young's report, said he did not quite agree that the committee was moribund; it was not the committee, it was more likely the Science Museum. The authorities were 'hanging fire'; they could not yet give the committee the proper room. When they could do so, things would revive, and the committee would only be too glad to avail themselves of any opportunity the Museum authorities could give them. With regard to Mr. Carter's machine, they knew how deeply interesting it was, and he was very thankful that it was at present in Mr. Young's care, and that Mr. Young had had opportunity to write a description of it. As they all knew, the machine was absolutely unique, and, therefore, when Mr. Carter was taken from them, knowledge of the machine and how to work it might have died with him. It was of the greatest importance and value that someone should know how to work the machine. He was thankful it was in the able hands of someone like Mr. Young (hear, hear).

The report was accepted.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE.

The Nomenclature Committee's report was read by Mr. G. P. Burton as follows: In course of time, and by a process of natural selection and development, usage in most cases, sifts and settles by itself, any question of nomenclature. Although in certain departments of change ringing nomenclature that consummation has happily been quite successfully attained, e.g., such terms as 'Doubles,' 'Minor,' 'Triples,' 'Major,' etc., the same, unfortunately, cannot be said of method names. Without any system to guide the selection of fresh names, and with a multitude of new methods produced of late years, a state of almost indescribable confusion has arisen, especially as regards Minor, and more recently Major nomenclature. Every would-be method author has been a law to himself, there having been no authority to decide as to the names to be adopted. Recently, it is true, the schedule of names published by the Analysis Committee in the columns of 'The Ringing World' of 30th March, 1923, did something to set Minor nomenclature in order, and to remove some of the then existing uncertainties. However, unfortunately, that report assumed the necessity for the continuation of all existing anomalies, and, what was worse, stereotyped those floral names to which exception has so widely been taken.

In accordance with the terms of reference (1) 'to review existing

method nomenclature,' your committee have, during the year past, catalogued in tabular form, a collection of some 250 method names, the class to which each name belongs being set down, and the authority or reference, as far as is known, being quoted. It appears from this catalogue, that as many as eleven names are used twice over, five three times over, and so on. The names 'London,' by itself, is applied to four different methods, and in combination (i.e., double-barrelled names) is used for at least two more, or six times altogether. 'Cambridge' is likewise employed four times; 'Oxford' and 'Norwich' three times each, and so on. Furthermore, at least 46 names consist of two words (where one would suffice), 7 of three words, e.g., 'St. James' Youths' Exercise' (a plain Minor method), 'British Scholars' Pleasure' (a Treble Bob Minor method).

Much consideration has been given to names, which for one reason or another, appear unsuitable, and suggestions for alternatives have been noted in the catalogue. Although finality has not yet been reached in this direction, recommendations are made below as to substitutes for the 'flowers,' etc.

While your committee appreciates fully the value attaching to historical continuity—a name may be a chapter of history in itself—and realises that old names have, besides, a sentimental interest, yet it is convinced that no satisfactory reformation in nomenclature can be obtained without some break with the past. In many cases, old names, which are in themselves objectionable, are either obsolescent, or entirely fallen out of use. Such names ought not to be printed in any further publications issued by the Council.

Your committee make the following recommendations, in accordance with terms of reference (2): 'To suggest a suitable system of nomenclature for the future':—

RECOMMENDATIONS.

(a) That method classification should be simplified, and should in future fall into three main divisions: (1) Plain; (2) Treble Bob; (3) Surprise. Such sub-classification of Treble Bob, as 'Exercise,' '3rd Place Delight,' '4th Place Delight,' 'Pasallatessera,' 'Pasallatria' (as given in the C.C. Collection, p. viii, No. 4, 5, 2, 3, are, for all practical purposes, no longer needed, and are in fact, seldom, if ever, used. In modern ringing parlance, methods of the classes in question are termed either Treble Bob or Surprise.

(b) That in future any name should appertain to one individual method, and that in one class only, and should not, as at present, do duty for methods in any other classes, e.g.:—

London Surprise v. London Treble Bob, etc.

Cambridge Surprise v. Cambridge Delight, etc.

Oxford Treble Bob v. Oxford Bob, Oxford Surprise, etc.

The modern tendency to abbreviate has spread to ringing terms, with the result that it is usual nowadays to speak of 'London,' of 'Cambridge,' or of 'Oxford,' when it is intended that 'London Surprise,' 'Cambridge Surprise' and 'Oxford T.B.' be understood, and not 'London T.B.,' 'Cambridge Delight,' or 'Oxford Bob,' etc.

(c) That, as opportunity offers, all non-essential words, such as 'Pleasure,' 'Court,' 'Delight' and 'Bob,' when the latter is used as a meaningless appendage, be dropped. To a practical ringer Double Norwich now signifies the particular method intended, without the use of the words 'Court Bob.'

(d) That only selected topographical names be employed for the future.

(e) That a change of name be made in the following cases, and that the new names, in the right-hand column, be substituted:—

(1) Floral. Proposed New Name	(1) Floral. Proposed New Name
Bluebell	Blundell
Daffodil	Dartford
Dahlia	Darlington
Foxglove	Foxton
Fuchsia	Folkestone
Geranium	Grantham
Hyacinth	Hyde
Lily	Leyton
Marigold	Marlow
Primrose	Preston
Shamrock	Shadwell
Snowdrop	Somerton
Tulip	Tamworth
Violet	Ventnor
Woodbine	Woodstock

(II) Castles and Abbeys. (Omit the word "Castle" and "Abbey.")

Beeston Castle	Beeston	Ludlow Castle	Ludlow
Belvoir Castle	Belvoir	Melandra Castle	Melandra
Berkeley Castle	Berkeley	Melrose Abbey	Melrose
Carisbrooke Castle	Carisbrooke	Pembroke Castle	Pembroke
Conisboro' Castle	Conisboro'	Pevensy Castle	Pevensy
Conway Castle	Conway	Peveril Castle	Peveril
Chepstow Castle	Chepstow	Pontefract Castle	Pontefract
Dover Castle	Dover	Richborough Castle	Richborough
Dunottar Castle	Dunottar	St. Albans Abbey	St. Albans
Edinburgh Castle	Edgware*	Skipton Castle	Skipton
Elstow Abbey	Elstow	Sherborne Abbey	Sherborne
Fountains Abbey	Fountains	Stirling Castle	Stirling
Glasdonbury Abbey	Glasdonbury	Tintern Abbey	Tintern
Kirkstall Abbey	Kirkstall	Warwick Castle	Warwick
Leasowe Castle	Leasowe		

* Entire change of name to distinguish from Edinburgh Surprise.

(III.) Unsuitable and Inconvenient. (1st instalment.)

Old Name.	Proposed New Name.
British Scholars' Pleasure (12)	Britford
College Bob 4th (21)	Bocking
Duke of Clarence (24)	Clarence
Duke of Norfolk (3)	Grimby
Grandsire Treble Bob	Eccleston
Evening Star (25) (26?)	Tamworth
Francis Genius (39)	Kenley
Kent Delight (13) (14)	Kenilworth
Kentish Delight (7)	Lomond
Loch Lomond (18)	Fulham
London Scholars' Pleasure (7)	Lambeth
London Victory (27)	Lytham
Lytham Pleasure (14)	Mornington
Morning Star (6)	Norton
Norton-le-Moors (29)	Dorchester
Old Oxford Modernised (17)	Goldshovough
Princess Mary (Royal)	Victoria
Queen Victoria (36)	Preston
Ringers' (Surprise) (38)	St. James
St. James' Youths' Exercise (8)	Trenton
Trinity Sunday (15)	Shaftesbury
Vale Royal (9)	Woodbridge
Woodcock's Victory (11)	Woodbridge
Wooler (10)	Ripon

(f) Future requirements as regards new names may be expected to come less and less, as time goes on. Assuming there are still new methods to be discovered, any demand might, it is anticipated, be met by publishing a list of selected names in the next C.C. publication. Then, if a new method has to be named before the Council (through its committees) can express an opinion, one of those selected names must be chosen.

The report was signed by Arthur D. Barker, T. Hervey Beams, George P. Burton, Arthur L. Coleman and H. Drake.

Rider by Rev. H. Drake: (1) In the case of all new methods, which have been rung under names proposed to be altered, an opportunity should be given to those who first rang them to approve of the proposed new name.

Riders by the committee: (2) No names or terms supplementary of, or in substitution for, these published by authority of C.C. should be used until the sanction of C.C. has been obtained; (3) a supplement to the Glossary, containing new names and terms up to date, should be at once put in hand.

COMMITTEE'S MODERATE PROPOSALS.

Mr. Burton, in proposing the adoption of the report, remarked the committee were at some disadvantage in not having been able to publish their report in advance, both from the point of view of clarity and the saving of time. Continuing, he said, with regard to the confusion of names, the committee admitted that many Minor names had been put right in the work of the Analysis Committee in 1925, but it had been by no means cleared up. One Treble Bob method had had, at various times, eight names, and all these eight names were somewhere or other current. Mr. Burton gave instances of other cases where overlapping of names still exists, and then went on to refer to the absurdities in the terms used in ringing. Ringers, he said, had got so used to them that they did not quite realise how ridiculous they might seem in the eyes of laymen. Such a name as 'Grandsire'—the committee made no proposal about that—was really a very absurd term, and although they could not hope to get rid of that word, there were many others equally absurd which might with advantage be dispensed with. The word 'bob' was certainly absurd. It was undoubtedly a good belfry 'call,' and they did not want anything better for that purpose than 'bobs' and 'singles,' but they did not want the term 'bob' used anywhere else. The committee maintained they should not use the same word twice over, by introducing it into the names of methods. They were sorry to see that in the titles of some of the new methods that had been recently published the word 'bob' was quite gratuitously thrown in. It was not wanted, and only made it a bit of a laughing-stock. With regard to the names which the committee suggested should be substituted for the floral names, they thought it might be easier if they provided a name as nearly as possible like that which they hoped to discard, or with the same initial letter. It would make it easier for the hands in the habit of using the old names to get used to the new ones. The Nomenclature Committee, added Mr. Burton, wanted the Methods Committee to clear up several doubts as to classification, because they wanted to know, if they were to be asked by the Council to give names, the classes to which the methods belonged. The Council would see that the committee's proposals were exceedingly moderate, in view of the feeling up and down the country in favour of a drastic change. The committee submitted that their case for this change was a very strong one, and they asked those who wanted more to be content, and those who disliked any change to be as accommodating as they could. They also appealed to the Methods Committee for their co-operation, as they did not want to be antagonistic towards one another.

(To be continued.)

BRISTOL SURPRISE.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I am sorry I misquoted Mr. Craven with regard to Bristol Royal. I am afraid my fault lies in trusting to memory.

In the previous article, in order to save space as much as possible, I only touched on the fringe of Royal and Maximus, giving a guide how to proceed by dealing with Major fully. As some further explanation may be necessary, will you allow me to trespass a little more on your valuable space?

One of the main points I tried to make clear is, that every Treble Bob Method which employs Stedman blocks and Court shunts solely, is a 'Bristol Method.' The function of the Stedman block is to prevent repetition of rows, it has no effect on the half lead end or lead head. The Court shunts govern the half lead end, thus the lead head. I showed that it was necessary to use all the R shunts, so the half lead end on all numbers depends on the number of P shunts used. If there are none it is 426 . . . 1, if one it is 234 . . . 1, if there are two it is 352 . . . 1, and so on, transposing as 234 . . . 1 is to 352 . . . 1 for each added P shunt, as was so ably shown by Mr. Trollope in a recent article.

There are several lines of extension of Bristol Surprise Major which can claim to be correct; these depend upon the number of P shunts used. I have shown two and a subsidiary in Royal, and two in Maximus. There are at least four lines and some subsidiaries in Maximus. In Royal, since one P shunt only would give an unsymmetrical method, there are two cases: (i) with two P shunts, (ii) without P shunts. In Maximus the four are: (i) with three; (ii) with two; (iii) with one; (iv) with none. Nos. (ii) and (iv) I have already given; No. (i) will be found under Mr. Craven's name in the 'Ringing World' of January 19th, 1923; a subsidiary of No. (iii) under the Rev. E. Bankes James' name in the 'Ringing World' of Sept. 8th, 1922. No. (iii) is a subsidiary because the four bell Stedman blocks with Treble in 5-6 and 7-8 are extended by a dodge to seven rows; this is possible in some cases where the blocks overlap, as an alternative.

Which of the four most nearly resembles Major?

I put this question because, whilst all the lines are correct, some are better than others, and the one which most resembles Major is most entitled to the name. It is difficult to answer definitely, and the question admits of some controversy. I will do my best to put the points fairly for the Maximus.

No. (iv) can be at once ruled out as it contains no P shunts.

No. (i) has too many P shunts in proportion to the number of Stedman blocks, namely, 3 to 2 in Maximus where Major has only 1 to 2.

No. (iii) at first sight looks most promising; it has the half lead end 234567890cT1 giving rise to lengthening leads; unfortunately the P shunt is not true 'type a,' but extended to 12 rows. Any attempt to use 'type a' causes a bell to strike three consecutive blows on the lead and behind; lastly, the ratio of P shunts to Stedman blocks is too small, being 1 to 4.

In No. (ii) this ratio is 1 to 2, as in Major, and the P shunts are 'type a,' and the whole of the work of Major is exactly duplicated; further it can be triplicated on sixteen, and so on, for each four added bells. I will again write a quarter lead of No. (ii) Maximus, and ask all to compare it row by row with Major. The quarter work division is not a straight line. Sixteen has a straight line quarter division, which, though not a ringable proposition, is given for further comparison. In it, so as to make the Stedman blocks clear, I give only the first and last rows.

Bristol Maximus (ii).

1234 567890cT

2143 658709Tc

1234 68507T9c

2143 8605T7c9

2413 68507T9c

4231 658709Tc

2413 567890cT

4231 57698c0T

2435 17

2345 71

3254 17

3524 71

5342 76

3524 67

3254 76

2345 67

Bristol Sixteen.

1234 567890cTABCD

2143 658709TcBADC

1234

2143

2413

4231 658709TcBADC

2413 567890cTABCD

4231 57698c0ATCRD

2435 1796c8A0CTDB

2345 71698c0ATCRD

3254 1796

7169

7619

67918c0ATCDB

3254 7619c8A0CTDB

2345 6791cA8C0DTB

It will be evident in Maximus (ii) that it is quite impossible to make a P shunt when Treble passes from 5-6 to 7-8. The work of

2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 is exactly as in Major; 7 is modified slightly whilst in the Stedman block, it having more elbow room.

Note carefully: The Stedman blocks on 8, 12, 16, etc., always commence with a whole pull right above the Treble, and with a whole pull wrong below the Treble, in the first half lead. A further point which applies to Nos. (ii) and (iii) is that 8, 12, 16, etc., can be rung as Lancashire, either wholly or in part. I am afraid this cannot be done with Nos. (i) and (iv) without destroying the Lancashire characteristic. This property is more marked, perhaps, in No. (iii) than in No. (ii); indeed, to decide between these two is very difficult, and almost impossible. My judgment is that the balance is very slightly in favour of No. (iii). If we decide that Bristol Royal is correct, then it follows that case (i) Maximus, as given by Mr. Craven, is without doubt correct, but in Maximus other considerations of far greater weight appear, which tend to show that the method can only exist imperfectly and incomplete in Royal. It is better to regard the Royal as a stepping-stone to Maximus, and that it is not in the best line of extension.—Yours truly,

Tower House, Penwortham.

11th April, 1925.

W. TAYLOR.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DELIGHTFUL MEETING AT STOURTON.**

For geographical reasons the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild includes two towers in Wiltshire. To one of these, Stourton, a visit was paid on Saturday, 8th June, when the quarterly branch meeting was held there, and the gathering proved one of the most enjoyable that could ever be imagined. The ancient church of this village stands on a verdant slope, facing the magnificent grounds of Stourton House, where the lake formed from the springs of the River Stour, gleamed clear and cool in the sunshine of a perfect summer day, while on its banks the fresh green foliage of stately trees mingled with the gorgeous hues of azaleas and rhododendrons in their prime.

At this delectable spot, ringers and their friends gathered from far and near, and the beautiful old church was filled with a large congregation for the Guild service at 4.30 p.m. The office was said by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. H. Gundry, and the Rector (the Rev. H. Poole King) gave an admirable address on the words of Psalm xcvi., 'O come, let us worship.' The singing was very heartily rendered with a fine volume of voices.

After church, the whole party, about ninety in number, sat down to an al fresco tea in delightful surroundings. The business meeting was conducted in the open air, the Master presiding, while the branch secretary (the Rev. R. E. P. Gorringer) was in charge of the minute book. Several new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the organist, and the local ringers for their respective contributions to the edification and enjoyment of those attending.

By kind permission of Sir Henry Hoare, the grounds of Stourton House were open to ringers in the evening, and a walk through this wonderful estate, with its rich variety of forestry, its cool grottos, and quaint buildings nestling amid shady groves and flowering shrubs, was an experience that those privileged to enjoy it will never forget.

One incident will leave a lifelong impression on all those who experienced it. In the grounds stands a building in the style of a Greek Temple, and the young lady conducting a party of ringers round informed them that singing there produced a wonderful echo. Accordingly three verses of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' were sung within the building, and the blend of vocal tone, caught up by the echo of the structure, produced an effect of almost unearthly beauty.

A large number of towers in the North Dorset branch were represented at the meeting, and visitors were present from Wedmore and Bridgwater, besides a strong force from Bristol, under the superintendence of Messrs. Jennings and Cave. The six melodious bells of the parish church were busily plied throughout the afternoon and evening, in touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—For 10 a.m. service, 492 Plain Bob: H. C. Frohock 1, N. Robinson 2, H. T. Frohock 3, E. J. King 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

DUMBLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Whit Sunday, at the Church of St. Peter, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 480 of Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire: T. Nurdin (first quarter) 1, J. Lyes 2, A. Pulley 3, F. Nurdin (conductor) 4, F. Walker 5, P. Ballinger 6.

BRISTOL.—On Whit Sunday, for evensong, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,344 changes): E. J. Brown (conductor) 1, Miss A. Brown 2, F. W. Wade 3, F. E. Tyler 4, P. C. Williams 5, R. C. Seager 6, H. T. Howell 7, I. Long 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BADGEWORTH.—On Trinity Sunday, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 25 minutes, for the dedication festival at the Church of Holy Trinity: W. Yeend 1, W. Hale 2, J. J. Causon 3, G. Walters 4, C. W. Martin 5, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 6. Also 240 of Grandsire Doubles: J. Cooper 1, William Hale 2, H. Voice (conductor) 3, C. Martin 4, J. F. Ballinger 5, J. J. Causon 6; and 180 Stedman Doubles: W. Yeend 1, H. Voice 2, G. Walters 3, C. Martin 4, J. F. Ballinger 5, W. Hale 6. Tenor weight 14 cwt. Conducted by G. Walters.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On June 21st, for evening service, 1,025 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Miss Bill 1, G. Howlett 2, C. Clarke 3, L. Love 4, G. Gower 5, W. Mobbs 6, R. Riches 7, F. Borrett 8.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—At St. Giles' Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Evans 1, C. Wallater 2, S. H. Coley 3, B. H. Pountney 4, D. Appleby 5, J. T. Davies 6, I. Evans (conductor) 7, A. E. Read 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, June 14th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in token of respect for the late Bishop of Oxford: R. R. Payne 1, F. Tuffrey 2, F. Coombes 3, J. Judge 4, E. Bennett 5, W. F. Judge 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 7, C. Bennett 8.

BARNES.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Whit Sunday, May 31st, for afternoon service, 1,280 changes of Bob Major: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmor 3, W. C. Stacey 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.—For evening service, 1,260 changes of Oxford Bob Triples: P. Stratton 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, W. C. Stacey (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

LONDON.—At St. Anne's Church, Stamford Hill, for morning service, on Sunday, May 24th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: A. Underwood (first in the method) 1, Miss M. E. Ringrose 2, A. Putland (conductor) 3, F. E. Ringrose 4, W. E. Ringrose 5, J. G. Nash 6.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins., for evensong, and in honour of Empire Day: C. Powell 1, A. Gwynne 2, G. Giblin 3, W. H. Symonds 4, W. H. Williams (conductor) 5, A. W. Davis 6, A. E. Hurcomb 7, C. H. Sparkes 8. All the above are regular Sunday Service ringers at the Cathedral.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, May 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Ralph Foddy 1, C. Read 2, F. Case 3, D. Chexfield 4, T. Roberts 5, G. Cooper 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, H. Ridgway 8. First quarter of Stedman by treble and tenor ringers. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

DERBY.—On Empire Day, Sunday, May 24th, at St. Alkmund's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Foster 1, H. Waterfield 2, C. Draper 3, W. Slater, junr., 4, P. Tate 5, W. Slater, senr., 6, Geo. Freebrey (conductor) 7, W. Critchley 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service, at Christ Church, in 28 minutes, on back six, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. R. Glasscock 1, John Armstrong (conductor) 2, N. Tomlinson 3, H. Miller 4, J. E. Miller 5, W. Pickworth 6. This was the fifty-first anniversary of a peal of six bells being hung in this church.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. C. Moye 1, C. V. Hare 2, J. E. Gammon (conductor) 3, H. Taylor 4, G. J. Harman 5, E. J. King 6, W. Berry 7, H. Platt 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): F. Webb 1, F. Tuffrey 2, F. R. Coombes 3, R. R. Payne 4, E. Bennett 5, J. Judge 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, A. Morris 8.

NOTICES.

NORFOLK GUILD.—For ringers who will be attending the Agricultural Show, the bells of St. Margaret's will be available for ringing on Wednesday afternoon (July 1st) from 3 p.m., and on Thursday (July 2nd) from 6 p.m.—W. J. Aldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 18th (D.V.). Bells of Cathedral 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Ven. R. Wickham Legg, Archdeacon of Berks. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Concert Hall at 1.30. Dinner tickets, 2s. 6d. members, 3s. non-members. Application for same, accompanied by remittance, to be made to General Sec. by Wednesday, July 15th.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

FIFTY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL PRECENTOR'S JUBILEE.

Trinity Sunday was a memorable date in the calendar for Minor Canon E. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral, as he on that day completed a ministry of fifty years in the Church of England. He was ordained in the Hereford Cathedral in 1875, and after acting as Assistant Vicar Choral at that Cathedral for a short time he was for fifteen months curate and Precentor at Shakespeare's Church, Stratford-on-Avon.

Mr. Helmore came to Canterbury Cathedral 47 years ago—in 1878—and the first service he attended in the Cathedral was the Pan-Anglican Congress of that year. Two years later he was appointed Precentor, and for 45 years he has continuously held that office, during which time he has taken part in the enthronement of three Archbishops—Archbishops Benson, Temple and Davidson, and the installation of three Deans—Deans Farrar, Waco and Bell. He was also chaplain to the Canterbury Guardians' Institution from 1882 to 1916, and he has been Rector of Stodmarsh since 1912.

In the sphere of change ringing, Mr. Helmore has achieved national fame, and is among the oldest clerical ringers in the country. For 40 years he has been an active and keen campanologist, and in February, 1923, a tablet was unveiled in Canterbury Cathedral belfry to commemorate his 200th peal. He has been honorary secretary of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers since 1891, and his popularity is such that, although he has frequently expressed his desire to be relieved of his office, the association has resolutely refused to hear of his resignation. Further, as a mark of their esteem, the change ringers of the county, in 1907 presented Mr. Helmore with a handsome roll-top desk, which he received at the hands of the Dean of Rochester.

Mr. Helmore retains his health and vigour to a remarkable degree, and his host of friends, will not only congratulate him upon his ministerial jubilee, but express the hope that he may be spared to serve the great Cathedral with which he has already been so long associated.—*Kentish Express.*

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Arksey on Saturday, June 20th. There was an excellent attendance of members from the following towers: All Saints', Sheffield, Rotherham, Wortley, Conisboro', Horbury, Pontefract, Doncaster, Gainsboro', Leeds and Bradford, and the local company, bringing the total up to nearly 60. Mr. P. J. Johnson, hon. secretary, and Mr. J. Cotterill, hon. treasurer, were also welcome visitors.

The bells were rung in various methods up to 4.30, when a short service was held, and a very able and interesting address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Fraser, M.A.). The business meeting was held immediately after tea, the Vicar being voted to the chair, supported by Mr. F. Willey (vice-president).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and five new members were elected, these being Messrs. A. Stamp, P. Mangham, N. Angus, C. Poulterway and G. Johnson, all of Rotherham Parish Church.

No invitation was forthcoming for the September meeting, and this was left for the secretary and committee to arrange, with the proviso that the last two Saturdays in September be left clear, as the annual dinner of the association and the jubilee meeting of the association are being held on those two Saturdays.—Mr. P. J. Johnson moved a vote of sympathy he extended to the hon. district secretary in his illness, and hopes were expressed for his speedy recovery.—This was seconded by Mr. Willey, and passed.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, choir, organist, the ladies for their services, also to Mr. G. Clark for kindly undertaking the secretary's duties, was proposed by Mr. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. C. Ryder, and was heartily carried.

The Vicar replied in suitable terms, and the meeting, one of the best ever held at Arksey, was brought to a close, after which ringing was carried on until 8.30 p.m.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Read 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Kemp 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples.

LONDON.—At St. Giles', Cripplegate, for evensong, on Sunday, May 3rd, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: A. W. Coles 1, E. Barnett, junr., 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, G. R. Pye 5, E. P. Duffield 6, W. J. Nudds 7, W. Hewett 8, C. W. R. Grimwood 9, H. W. Clark 10, W. Pye 11, R. F. Dent 12. Also 256 Stedman Cinques.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 3rd, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. C. Dean 1, E. Sibley 2, I. Bennett 3, W. H. Austin 4, W. J. Dove 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. R. Parker (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, P. Amos (first quarter of Stedman) 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Mary le Bow on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Gargrave on June 27th. Bells will be available from 2 p.m. (8, tenor 16 cwt.). Tea will be provided in Parochial Hall, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. each.—F. Hopgood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantwit Major (Glam.) on Saturday, June 27th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Members are asked to come, if possible, to the annual outing on June 27th to Marlow. Trains from Paddington at 1, 1.25 and 2.7 p.m. Return fare 3s. 5d. Tea 1s.—A. H. Keighley, 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guildford and Yorktown Districts will hold a combined meeting at Yorktown on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Hawley bells will be available after the tea.—E. Raddon and J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 302nd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Service at 12 o'clock. Lunch at 1 o'clock. Bells available all day from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting after. Those requiring tea should inform Mr. John Wyatt, The Forge, Ashted, not later than Wednesday, June 24th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, and James Wm. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, Branch Secretaries.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Notttingham District.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Haverhill on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Short business meeting at 5 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—D. Gridley, Sec., Clare.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, June 27th, at Langley (5) 3 p.m. and at Horton (6) 6.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Suffolk.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, June 27th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Taxal on Saturday, June 27th.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available at Kirkby Mallory from 3 to 5 p.m. From 5 p.m. onwards at Peckleton. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Abbots Langley, Herts, Saturday, June 27th.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Central Division will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Will those who intend being present notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, July 1st?—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Maurice Hall, Winchester, on Saturday, July 4th. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m., service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Maurice Hall (6d. to members, 1s. to visitors), for those who notify me on or before July 1st. The following towers will be open for ringing: Cathedral (12), Twyford (8), St. Maurice, Winchester (6).—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Kimp-ton on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Will all who can please attend this meeting?—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at All Souls' Church, Halifax, on Saturday, July 4th, the draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each to all who notify, not later than June 30th, L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, July 4th. The recently recast peal of 8 available from noon. Service at 5, and tea at 5.30, at 1s. 6d. each, to those who notify Mr. C. H. Thorley, 6, Bridge Street, Thorne, not later than Thursday, July 2nd. All visitors welcome. — A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells: Cathedral 3 to 3.45 and 5 to 5.45, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant 5.50, 1s. 6d. (1s. to fully paid up members). Please send word by June 30th. — H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will arrange tea, with strawberries if possible.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 20, Duke Road, W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the Bristol branch will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 (unveiling of first peal board). Tea to follow. Please notify me by June 29th. Henbury bells open for ringing on Saturday, June 27th, from 2 o'clock, the occasion of Mr. J. Gould's wedding.—P. E. Williams, 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Southill on Saturday, July 4th. The bells will be available at 2 p.m. Service at 4. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon of Bedford. Tea at 5. It will greatly help arrangements for tea if as many as can will send a card either to Canon Baker or myself before July 1st. We hope all that possibly can will try and attend.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, July 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Owing to its importance, it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 1st? — F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30 p.m. Will all intending to be present please send word on or before June 29th to Mr. A. Rowley, 88, Church Street, Stone?—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 7th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. The general committee of the association meet at Whalley the same date.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 11th. The bells of St. Giles will be available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 5 o'clock. Will all who wish for tea please notify me by July 7th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hough-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by July 7th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at Upwell and Outwell, Wisbech. Both towers 6 bells. Will those who want tea please notify me early? All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar of Charing after service. Business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 7th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for July: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 5th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 6th, at 6.30, followed by quarterly business meeting at 8; and Monday, the 20th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at St. Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m., in the Church House, 1s. each. This will be followed by business meeting. Will all intending to be present kindly advise me as quickly as possible? Subscriptions can be taken at this meeting. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 18th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

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THE 'OLD HUNDRED.'

At West Hallam, Derbyshire, on Wednesday, June 3rd, 72. Bob Minor, in 25 minutes: E. F. Gobey (aged 12) 1, E. J. Riley 2, E. C. Gobey 3, F. Brown 4, H. Harrison 5, S. Hunt 6. First 720 for the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th ringers. The three last named belong to the local band. Also 720, with 42 singles: J. F. George 1, E. J. Riley 2, E. C. Gobey 3, F. Brown 4, H. Harrison 5, S. Hunt 6. Conducted by E. C. Gobey; and 260, with Miss E. M. Gobey. The local band have now mastered Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and have rung several 1,260 of Doubles, with the instruction of the Ilkeston band. Previously they were content to ring the 'old 100,' in which the treble man called 'dodge' every time he got to lead.

A ROUND OF SUSSEX TOWERS.

On Tuesday, May 26th, the Henfield (Sussex) ringers, with several friends, had their annual outing, when they visited Canterbury, in ideal weather. At Hawkhurst they were met by Mr. G. Billenness, to whom they wish to express gratitude for obtaining the necessary permission to ring, and also getting everything in readiness. A touch of Stedman Triples was rung, and a few rounds for the juniors, and the journey was then continued through delightful scenery. On reaching the destination, the Cathedral became the principal attraction. Although arriving a little behind time, the party were admitted to the tower, under the guidance of Mr. Pearce, to whom grateful thanks are tendered for making it possible to accomplish one of the chief objects of the day, a touch of Stedman on the Cathedral bells. This having been brought round, the time came all too soon for the return journey.

BEDS RINGERS VISIT KIMPTON

On Saturday, June 13th, Messrs. P. Inskip and A. Dollin, of Kempston, Bedford, cycled to Kimpton, Herts, for a short week-end. They were met at the church by Mr. A. Day, of Harpenden, and some of the local ringers, when a well-struck quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor (1,260 changes) was brought round in 46 mins.: A. Gillings 1, A. Dollin 2, D. Luck 3, A. Day 4, P. Inskip (conductor) 5, T. Cann 6. Longest length of Minor by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th. Two of the local men afterwards rang their first touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. On the following morning, for Matins, 720 Plain Bob: J. Wells 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, D. Luck 3, R. Hall (first 720 in the method) 4, A. Dollin 5, P. Inskip 6.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The monthly meeting was held at Shilton, on Saturday, June 20th. Members, numbering about 30, were present from Nuncaton, Stoke, Chilver's Coton, Rugby, Bulkington, Earl Shilton, Wolvey, as well as the local ringers, London, Cambridge, Oxford and Kent, and various other methods, were rung on the fine new peal of six.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—For evening service, on Sunday May 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 120 Grandsire Doubles: F. Gardner 1, F. C. Webb 2, Geo. T. Croft 3, G. Cherry 4, R. E. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (conductor) 6.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 3rd, at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,440 changes), in 55 mins.: R. Heazel 1, A. Rainbird 2, S. W. Baybutt 3, F. G. Ringe 4, E. Furbank 5, H. Turner 6, W. Leggett 7, G. Miles (conductor) 8. First in the method by ringer of treble, and first as conductor.

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