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A DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

The problem of how to increase the interest of the average member is ever present with all the associations, but not all of them seriously set out to consider the best means of solving it. It is refreshing, therefore, to find this question put down for consideration at a meeting of a large association like the Winchester Diocesan Guild, which held its annual festival at Portsmouth on Saturday. The subject found its way on to the agenda through the initiative of the Hon. Secretary, who fully realises that the success of the organisation depends upon the keenness of the individual member, and, with youthful enthusiasm, is anxious to see the work and aims of the Guild furthered by every possible means. Strangely, however—it may have been through lack of warning that the subject was to be debated—few members had come prepared with suggestions, and the most pointed proposals, which by no means met with full approval, came from an absentee member. The result of such discussion as took place was a request to the committee of the Guild to consider the whole question and present a report at the next annual meeting.

This is a satisfactory step, and, in the present position of the Winchester Guild, probably a necessary one, for the diocese will shortly be divided into three, and the future of the Guild, as it at present exists, is uncertain. There are many things to be taken into consideration if any special scheme of propaganda or instructional work is to be undertaken, but the essential point is that this important matter is not to be shelved after having been somewhat casually talked over. The committee may be expected to form some concrete proposals, for in the Winchester Guild, as in other associations, there is still scope for a great deal of useful work. "There has as yet been no remedy found for curing the lethargy of the apathetic, and in everything that is undertaken for the encouragement of ringers the old proverb, aptly quoted by one speaker at Portsmouth, that you may lead a horse to the water but cannot make him drink, forces itself upon the pioneers.

The question is nevertheless an important one for all associations. Their future depends not only on maintaining the interest of present ringers, but on securing the interest of those who are to come into the Exercise in the future. Merely to sit down and wait for ringers to show an interest in the association is fatal to progress. It should be the constant business of all our associations to find ways and means of interesting the ringers of their particular areas not only in the organisation itself, but, by progressive stages, in the higher

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branches of the art. There will always be a few enthusiasts, what is wanted is a more progressive spirit among the main body. How it can be developed is the task which the associations must face, and as a first step in this matter, that taken by the Winchester Guild is one which may commend itself to others.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

HERBERT SHEPPARD Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN 6
BENJAMIN GOUGH 2	REUBEN HALL 7
SAMUEL BAKER 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 8
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 4	WILLIAM T. POWELL 9
WILLIAM GREEN 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon Phelps, R.D., Vicar of Dudley and president of the above Guild.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
*MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN 2	*JOHN T. KENTISH 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	*JAMES GEORGE 8
CHARLES H. KIPPEN 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. This was J. George's 900th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, June 24, 1926, in Three Hours & Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET, MARYLEBONE, W.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5856 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY DYAS Treble	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	GEORGE A. CARD 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 7
THOMAS NEWMAN 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

First peal in the method on the bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BEDDINGTON.)

On Tuesday, June 29, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

*PERCY G. LANE (aged 19) Treble	FRANK E. DARBY ... (20) 5
FRANK JENNINGS ... (16) 2	†GEORGE JENNINGS (20) 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT (17) 3	JOHN F. GALYER ... (16) 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN (20) 4	LEONARD BANCE ... (17) Tenor

Conducted by JOHN F. GALYER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Stephen Godin (26), a member of the above society, who was buried the previous day. * First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples inside. The conductor's twenty-fifth peal. All the above, who are Sunday service ringers at the above church, are under twenty-one years of age.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5020 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN T. SCOTT Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5
JOHN A. COLE 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
GEORGE W. STEERE 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 7
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Surprise.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 29, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. TREOBALD ... Treble	*HARRY TURNER 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	*ALFRED PRIOR 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER 7
*FRANCIS W. COSTER 4	WILLIAM LEGGETT Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN CARTER'S SIX-PART (No. 60).

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	JOHN P. TARLTON 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
ISAAC HUFON 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAFER 4	HENRY HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER T. BENNETT ... Treble	ALLEN E. GWYNNE 5
*WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	*ALFRED T. POULTON 6
JOHN CLARK 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
*ROBERT E. SEMMERS 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM MANKLOW ... Treble	JACK AMOS 5
GEORGE POUND 2	JAMES LEONARD 6
FRED. LEESON 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
GEORGE NEWMAN 4	JOHN DAY Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

First peal by the ringer of the treble.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	*JAMES H. RIDING 5
*JOHN HAYES 2	*JOHN W. DAVIES 6
*GEORGE R. JONES 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
*ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	*SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor in the method.

DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHEROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE W. PARK ... Treble	WILLIAM H. PARTER 5
*ROWLAND PARK 2	NORMAN PARK 6
JOSEPH W. PARKER 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
WILLIAM SHUCKFORD 4	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the tenor, whose birthday occurred two days previously.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5020 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES COTTRELL ... Treble	RICHARD C. INGRAM 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
JONATHAN PRESTON 3	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 7
*FRED PRICE 4	FREDERICK W. RISEWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

KENNETH PATTENDEN ... Treble	CHARLES TRIEB 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	FRANK PATTENDEN 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
HARRY BAKER 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Mr. Wenban was elected a member previous to starting for the peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER ... Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
CHARLES TRIEB 3	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	*STEPHEN BOULDEN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN J. MAWBAY ... Treble	*JOHN KING 5
*HARRY CHAMBERS 2	GEORGE BASFORD 6
*JOHN R. MAIN 3	ALFRED H. MARTIN 7
JAMES T. WARD 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSIOW. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the conductor's fifty-eighth birthday.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Thursday, June 24th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Marshall 1, Miss E. M. Burnett 2, R. Martin 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Edwards.

MISSING PAPERS.

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OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART (No. 2). Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
ARTHUR BRAINES... .. 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 6
ALBERT H. WARD 3	MAURICE SWINFELD 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 4	JOSEPH W. COTTON Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This peal was arranged for Mr. A. E. Rowley, of Higham-on-the-Hill, and was his first peal of Stedman.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, July 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT ELLIS Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
BERNARD WELLS 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
*REG. V. JOHNSON 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
JAMES BURDFIELD 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 4, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HECTOR G. BIRD... .. Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
WILLIAM GIBBS 2	ALFRED HACKETT 6
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	WALTER FARLEY... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 4	SAMUEL GROVE Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**YARNTON, OXON.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(WITNEY & WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1926, in Three Hours & Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 25 cwt.

*GEORGE CHARLETT Treble	FRANK TOPFREY 4
*ALBERT E. AXTELL 2	HARRY P. FLOYD... .. 5
*GEORGE H. COX... .. 3	ALBERT H. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by H. P. FLOYD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the longest peal on the bells, which date back from 1620. Ringers of 4 and tenor come from Kidlington. The rest are service ringers at St. Bartholomew's Church.

PILTON, SOMERSET.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 26, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

*FREDERICK HARLEY Treble	*THOMAS E. MOGG 4
†RAYMOND J. WEBB 2	FRANKLYN D. RICKARDS ... 5
SIDNEY J. HILLARD 3	*FREDERICK J. TALBOT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal. † First peal inside.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, June 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALBERT T. BREWER Treble	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 4
JOHN BOURNE 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
GEORGE R. HANKS 3	JAMES RANDLE Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILLIAMS.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, June 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH C. DEAN Treble	JAMES MARR... .. 4
THOMAS WISE 2	ISAAC BENNETT 5
BERTIE O. SODEN 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

MERTHAM, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, June 30, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Katherine.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

RAYMOND BALL... .. Treble	JAMES BATTERS... .. 4
*CLIFFORD HILTON 2	†JOHN F. GALYER 5
HERBERT WOOD... .. 3	†THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. BANNISTER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. Quickest peal on the bells.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, July 1, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-scores Stedman, 8 Plain Bob, 10 St. Dunstan's, 10 Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROWLAND BARROW Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS 3
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS 4
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of the Rev. Lewis H. Pearson, Vicar, who was accidentally killed by motor whilst going to officiate at service at Keyham on Sunday evening, June 27th. He was interred this day.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

*** PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 15 cwt.

*HARRY F. PERRY Treble	HARRY TURNER... .. 4
†JOHN C. FURLONG 2	WILLIAM D. LEGGETT ... 5
*JACK W. LEGGETT 3	*FRANK EVERITT... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

The ringers of the treble and tenor were elected members of the Essex Association prior to commencing the peal. * First peal. † First peal inside.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, July 3, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one different callings of A. J. Pitman's Arrangement.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD W. COOK Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN 4
G. WILLIAM HOLLIS 2	ERNEST STITCH 5
* JAMES E. PARTRIDGE 3	ALFRED TALEOT Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 29, 1926, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

FRED HODGSON 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	JOHN AMELER 7-8

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Attended by STANLEY H. ROBINSON.

First handbell peal in the method by the ringer of 1-2.

WEEK-END IN EAST ANGLIA.

St. John-the-Baptist's Association, Leytonstone, again visited the eastern counties for their annual outing, Halesworth being the headquarters. They arrived on Saturday, June 19th, in time for breakfast, and 9 a.m. saw them seated in a charabanc ready for the two days' exertions. At Cratfield (the first place on the list) 720 Beverley Surprise Minor was rung on the good peal of six. Laxfield was next visited, and 720 Cambridge tapped off. Next on the list was Wilby, where 720 each of Surfleet and Norwich was rung before returning to Halesworth for dinner.

After a good meal in the old Suffolk style, a move was made to Wenhamston, 720 Ipswich being rung before paying a visit to Southwold, where, on a handy ring of eight, Stedman, Cambridge, and Double Norwich were rung. After tea there was a trip to Wrentham, where 720 London Surprise was rung (strictly non-conducted). A visit was then paid to the ancient ruins of Covehithe, where on a good old peal of five Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. A few minutes were spent on the cliffs near the church, and it was then time to return to headquarters, where handbell ringing, etc., brought supper and bed.

On Sunday two good touches of Stedman Triples were rung for the 8 a.m. service at Halesworth, where the bells hang in the unusual order of 1 7 6 3 4 5 2 8. Breakfast over, the pilot quickly had the party on the move again, arrangements having been made for a trip to Bungay, where Stedman and Treble Bob Major were rung before going on to Beccles to ring on the grand peal of ten for the eleven o'clock service.

Here Stedman Caters and three leads of Kent Treble Bob were rung. On the way back a call was made at the old ruins of Mettingham Castle. This is the scene connected with the story of the Christmas bells of Bettingham, published in 'The Bell News' about the year 1904. The visitors were greatly indebted to the head gardener for showing them round this interesting place. After dinner was the final trip of the tour, this time to Chediston, where a 720 (Spliced) Beverley Durham and Surfleet Surprise was rung; thence to Wissett, where 720 Ipswich was brought round. Touches were also rung at all the places visited to give everybody a chance to ring at all the towers.

The company wish to tender their best thanks to all the clergy for so readily granting permission to ring, to the Suffolk ringers who met them and had the bells ready for use, and, last but not least, to their pilot, Mr. F. C. Lambert, who kindly made the arrangements and gave them such a very enjoyable time in East Anglia. The weather being perfect throughout the trip added pleasure to the outing.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY'S LONG EXCURSION.

The annual outing of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, took place on Saturday, June 12th, and proved most successful and enjoyable. Starting about 6 a.m. aboard Mr. Mayhew's charabanc 'Marguerite,' Hadleigh and Sudbury were soon passed, as was Pentlow, from whose tower forty-five churches can be seen on a clear day. Through Cavendish (the family name of the Duke of Devonshire), breakfast at Clare and a ring on the fine peal of eight. Forward Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques on the twelve at Saffron Walden were well executed, and then the party passed through Hempstead, the birthplace of Dick Turpin on September 21st, 1703, and also of Dr. Harvey, who discovered the circulation of the blood. Hempstead tower fell down in January, 1882. On to Thaxted, where

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.

A large number of ringers assembled at the little village of Tackley, Oxon, on Saturday afternoon, June 26th, on the occasion of the spring meeting (postponed owing to the General Strike) of the Witney and Woodstock Deaneries of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. These occasions are always interesting, and a most enjoyable time was spent by those present. Representatives from the following towers attended:—Tackley, Steeple Aston, Witney, Freeland, Rousham, Woodstock, Yarnton, Kidlington, Appleton, Wootton, Oxford, Ducklington, Stanton Harcourt, Bladon, Standlake and Bicester. The clergy present were the Revs. F. R. Marriott, T. Lovett, A. C. R. Freeborn (president), G. Ward-Jackson, and E. J. Lee (Rector of Tackley), with Messrs. W. Evetts, jun. (honorary secretary), and John Monk.

The fine peal of bells at the church, which was an old church in 1100, heralded the arrival of the visitors, and the proceedings opened with an impressive service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. J. Lee, who has just returned from missionary work, and was only inducted as Rector of Tackley on Thursday, the 24th. In his address the Rector said one of the greatest pleasures in coming to England was to hear the beautiful chimings of the bells, for out in the West Indies, where he had been, church bells were practically unknown, and he missed them very much, especially on Sunday mornings. Upon his arrival at Tackley he was more than pleased to learn what a splendid ring of bells they had. He had known cases of men who, although they rang church bells, never took any part in divine worship, but he hoped that those present treated religion far more seriously and recognised bell-ringing as one small way in which to serve God.

After a stroll round the charming grounds of Tackley Park, the company assembled at tea, which was followed by the quarterly business meeting, at which the Rev. F. R. Marriott presided. He gave them a cordial welcome, and expressed his interest in bell-ringing from the outside, as he was not a ringer himself.

Mr. Evetts (honorary secretary and treasurer), in his financial statement, said that they had £30 17s. 7d. in the bank, and there were still a few contributions for this year to come in. He appealed to the members to pay their subscriptions early in each year.

The names of the following were confirmed as honorary members of the branch:—The Revs. F. S. K. Gregson, J. H. Pearson, G. B. Vaux, Canon Carroll, Ward-Jackson, and Messrs. J. F. Mason, W. Evetts, T. D. Hughes, A. E. Bradshaw, and Frank Gray. The following new towers were also accepted:—Lower Heyford, Standlake, Rousham, and Steeple Aston.

The absence of the master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the Guild secretary and treasurer (Messrs. R. T. Hibbert and A. J. Wright) was much regretted by all, and especially by the new branch secretary and treasurer, it being his first meeting in which he held the dual office.

The Vicar of Standlake extended a hearty invitation to the branch to visit his parish for the next meeting in October, and this was accepted with thanks.

A hearty vote of thanks to Squire Evetts for the use of a green-house in the spacious grounds for tea, and also to the ladies who so excellently waited on the visitors, was proposed by the Rector and carried unanimously with applause.

Afterwards several bands of ringers visited the tower and rang touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles and Boh Minor, while others tapped off on handbells, lent by the branch secretary, several touches of Triples.

About 7 p.m. the visitors left and visited Wootton and Bladon churches, where ringing was carried on for about an hour. All expressed themselves as having had a very good time.

RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT.

It is with much sympathy and deep concern that the secretary of the Witney and Woodstock branch has to inform the members of the resignation of the president, Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn. A letter received by the secretary on June 29th expressed a wish that he should be relieved of further duty towards the branch and also of his responsibility to the general Guild, owing to failing health. The secretary feels sure that all members will read this with profound sorrow, that their president, for so many years—i.e., since the branch was formed about twenty-five years ago—has found it too much for him to carry on any longer. He has been a very staunch member of the Guild in the various offices he has held, and all wish him 'Farewell,' and extend to him great gratitude for the untiring support he has given to the branch, and the cheerful way in which he has filled the office of president.

(Continued from previous Column.)

there are eight bells and a spire 181ft. high, then to Dunmow, of Flitch or Bacon fame. Next a pull on the grand eight at Great Waltham. By this time each of the company had an 'aching void,' but mine host and hostess of the Bell Hotel, Chelmsford, effected a speedy and satisfactory cure. It was a pleasure both to ring and listen to the twelve splendid bells at Chelmsford. The final ring was at St. Peter's, Colchester, and the trip home with just one more enlivening call brought the 17 hours' excursion to an end. The society wish to thank all the incumbents, steeplekeepers and others for their kindness, which added so much to the enjoyment and smooth running of the outing.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

MORE ABOUT ELIJAH ROBERTS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

It was thought very remarkable that, though Roberts was such a prodigy at tapping, as a double-handed ringer he was nothing out of the ordinary. Mr. Snowdon seems to think that this was because he had no opportunity of doing much in this way. He seems to have thought that Roberts tapped his peals in the same way that we ring one in the tower or two 'in hand,' that is by following the work of the individual bells. He says: 'Roberts used to tap the changes and follow each bell through its varying course during thousands of changes. Of course, it may be said that with the heavy bells working in a certain relation to each other the mental difficulty of ringing a long peal in such a method as Treble Bob does not increase in the same ratio as the number of bells increases.' When you are dealing with a genius it is impossible to say what is and what is not impossible, but I am inclined to think that it would be absolutely impossible to tap peals by following the work of the individual bells. The thing is only conceivable if we suppose it was done by transposition. But probably Roberts himself could not say exactly how he did it; only that he could do it, and that he did do it. The fact that he was no particular master of double hand ringing seems to me to prove that he did use transposition, and I imagine all tappers do the same.

The composition of the 19,000 of Maximus and the 6,720 of Treble Bob Sixteen-in was Reeves' 13,800 of Treble Bob Royal, the extent with the tenors together.

Roberts was by trade a brass founder, a skilful mechanic and a maker of clocks. Apparently he abandoned his trade and became an innkeeper. After he left the Union Tavern he was guard on the 'Erin-go-Bragh' stage coach, which ran between Birmingham and Chester and Liverpool. His skill as a performer on the keyed bugle got him this appointment, for, of course, the guard with his bugle was a very necessary feature of the old stage coaches. Then, when the 'Erin-go-Bragh' ceased through the competition of the new railways he owned and drove a coach, the 'Adelaide,' between Derby and Newcastle-under-Lyne. This coach he is said to have driven for eight years without missing a single journey, and during that time he covered nearly 100,000 miles. The Midland Railway ultimately purchased the coaching business, and the 'Adelaide' ceased running on September 18th, 1848.

When he left Birmingham Roberts, for a time, held the Duke of York Inn at Eccles; afterwards he moved to the Derby Arms, Whitechapel, Liverpool, where, as we have seen, he tapped his two last and greatest performances. And here it was that he ended his own life on January 26th, 1863, in the fifty-eighth year of his age.

Any particular reasons for his suicide are not, I think, known. There is no suggestion of financial loss, or failing health, or family bereavement. In a case like this one naturally thinks of Pope's famous line: 'Great genius is to madness near allied.'

Certain it is that a man who can do such amazing things as Roberts did must have a brain abnormally developed in one particular direction. That inevitably means a want of mental balance and a personality which is outside ordinary standards and conditions. The men of the greatest of all genius, the Shakespeares, Miltons,

Newtons and such like have been men of great mental balance and sanity. But there have been many men whose extraordinary abilities in one particular way have been accompanied by very unequally balanced brains; and among such madness and suicide is not rare. We can look on such feats as those of Roberts with wonder and admiration, but I do not think we can wish them to be repeated.

I will conclude this sketch with a short account of Roberts by Henry Johnson: 'In the manly and scientific art of change ringing Elijah Roberts is the most accomplished and unparalleled change ringer upon the handbells the world has hitherto produced. Mr. Roberts has repeatedly challenged, and is still open to ring changes with any man in the world. He is now residing at the Derby Arms, Whitechapel, Liverpool. He commenced the study and composition of changes when about twelve years of age. In the year 1824 (then in his seventeenth year) he rang his first peal which consisted of courses in various methods commencing with changes on seven bells, namely, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Triples, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Triples; changes on eight bells: Grandsire Major, Plain Bob Major, Treble Bob Major; changes on nine bells: Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Caters, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Caters; changes on ten bells: Grandsire Royal, Plain Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal; changes on eleven bells: Grandsire Cinques, Plain Bob Cinques, Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Cinques; changes on twelve bells: Grandsire Maximus, Plain Bob Maximus, Treble Bob Maximus, and finishing with a course of Double Treble Bob Major on sixteen bells, the whole containing 5,186 changes, in 3 hours and 27 minutes; rung at Birmingham. His next peal was rung on October 14th, 1827, comprising 5,040 changes of Treble Bob Maximus with the Kent variation in 3 hours and 22 minutes; rung at Birmingham. His third peal was rung on the 9th April, 1830, consisting of 7,536 changes of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, occupying 4 hours and 51 minutes; rung at Birmingham. His next performance was rung on the 30th of June, 1833, being an intricate peal of that much admired and musical method, Stedman Cinques, with the bells in the tittums and every musical position, comprising 5,016 changes; rung at Birmingham. His next peal was rung at Liverpool on the 23rd of March, 1837, comprising 19,440 changes of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, being the full extent with the large bells at home, occupying him thirteen hours and forty-three minutes. Thus Mr. Roberts has solely and unassisted surpassed by many thousands of changes the longest peals that have ever been rung on twelve bells by any twelve men in the world. Besides ringing the above peals, Mr. Elijah Roberts has composed, conducted and rung upwards of 100 peals on eight, ten and twelve bells in various churches in the United Kingdom.'

MR. JOSIAH MORRIS'S 200 PEALS.

With the peal of Bob Major at Loughborough, on June 22nd, Mr. Josiah Morris, of Leicester, completed his second century as follows:—

Doubles, one and four methods, 2; Minor, Plain Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, three methods 1; Triples, Grandsire 37, Plain Bob 2, Stedman 14; Major, Grandsire 2, Plain Bob 30 (a), Little Bob 1, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Kent Treble Bob 22 (b), Spliced Treble Bob 2 (c), Double Norwich 23 (d), Superlative Surprise 7, Cambridge Surprise 2, Bristol Surprise 1; Caters, Grandsire 16 (e), Stedman 16; Royal, Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 4, Cambridge Surprise 2; Cinques, Grandsire 2, Stedman 4; Maximus, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 2; total 200. (a) Includes 7,488 Northants record; (b) 10,176 and 10,912 M.C.A. record; (c) 9,120 record; (d) 11,008 and 17,104 record; (e) 7,001 M.C.A. record. Eight peals were on handbells.

NEW RING OF BELLS AT TUXFORD. A COMPLETE RESTORATION.

For many years the condition of the old ring of five bells at Tuxford, Notts, which had been augmented by a new treble in 1893, was very bad owing to the swaying of the old frame and timbers. The rehanging of the bells, however, had to be postponed for some time owing to much needed repairs and alterations to the church having had first attention by the church authorities. But this having been done, the Vicar, churchwardens, ringers and Church Council, by dint of hard work and assiduous perseverance, succeeded in enlisting the sympathy of the town at large in the scheme to restore the bells. When Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were called in, it was discovered that the 4th bell was cracked, and it was thereupon decided to recast the 4th, and rehang the whole peal. The efforts of the church authorities were so warmly responded to that the bell found soon warranted them to entrust the work to Messrs. Taylor and Co., and in having the whole of the six bells recast, adding to the tenor another 11 cwt. of metal to make a bell of 11½ cwt., suitable for a ring of eight at a later period. Provision has been made in the tower to carry the two extra bells to complete the octave. The tuning of the bells is on the new harmonic principle: all the old inscriptions on the bells have been retained, and the old framework, beams and fittings have been replaced by a modern example of bell framework, the whole construction being absolutely rigid, enabling the bells to be rung with the utmost ease. The bells now hang in an iron frame, supported on main steel girders, firmly grouted into the tower walls, thus binding the walls together and being a source of strength to the structure. Everything is new throughout and of the most improved style, including metal headstocks, independent crown staple points for the clappers, which are fitted with lubricators. The bells run on ball bearings, totally enclosed and dustproof, which require lubrication only about once in every ten years or so. When the octave is complete, the ring of eight bells will be quite equal, if not superior, to any in the county of Notts. The beautiful 'go,' combined with the excellence and sweetness in tone, reflects the greatest credit on the Loughborough firm.

The dedication of the new bells took place on Wednesday, June 30th, and was performed by Archdeacon Hocking, of Newark, supported by the Rev. Walter Smith (Vicar of Tuxford) and the Rev. J. C. Crosse (Vicar of East Markham).

The opening ringing was done by the local ringers, who raised the bells in peal and rang a course of Bob Minor, after which the Tuxford ringers very generously handed over the ropes to the honorary secretary of the North Notts Association, who with a chosen band rang the first 720 changes of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells: H. Haigh (conductor) 1, T. Bartholomew 2, Miss Grace Burchnall 3, Miss Kathleen Burchnall 4, E. Dulingwater 5, L. Pierrepont 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

BRISTOL BRANCH SUMMER MEETING.

In glorious weather the Bristol branch held its monthly meeting at Dyrham on Saturday, June 26th. Members and friends to the number of fifty-three were present from Bristol (St. James', St. Michael's, St. Nicholas', St. Philip's, St. Stephen's, St. Thomas', St. Peter's, and Redcliffe), Almondsbury, Dyrham, Mangotsfield, Marshfield, Warmley, Westbury-on-Trym, Sioke Bishop, and visitors from Bath. Arriving in all kinds of motors, the Bristol party (thirty in number) in particular had an enjoyable ride; nineteen were packed in one lorry, but all arrived merry and bright. The bells were available early in the afternoon, and the ladies rang a touch on their own account.

A short service was held in the beautiful little church, at which sixty-seven were present. It was conducted by the Rector, who, after the service, gave the members a very interesting talk on the church, explaining its history. This was followed by tea (kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. W. E. Bathway) on the spacious lawn and a short business meeting. Miss E. Sumsion (Bristol), and Messrs. H. Lamble (Bristol), F. J. Beazer, F. Beazer, C. Jukes and R. Swift (Marshfield) were elected performing members.

A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Harding to the Rector for his great kindness to them that day, and especially in providing tea for such a large number. The Rector, in rising to respond, was given a cordial reception, and said how pleased he was to have them there that day, and hoped they would pay another visit.—Votes of thanks were also passed to the organist and the ladies for waiting at the tables.

The beautiful estate and Manor House were thrown open to the members, and were much admired, the Rector and head gardener acting as guides. Many fine trees were passed, the lake and the scene from the hillside forming a picture of remarkable beauty. Reluctant to leave this Gloucester beauty spot, the company parted from their kind host. Some of the members stayed for ringing till after 9 p.m., everyone voting it was a delightful meeting. The Bristol contingent reached home in their 'lorry' coach after some run, quite safe and sound.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, July 4th, at the Cathedral, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 49 mins.: W. Falconer 1, P. H. Doick 2, A. D. Rowe 3, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 4, W. E. Ticehurst 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. Heffer 7, C. Button 8. First quarter peal in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 7, and rung as a birthday compliment to A. D. Rowe.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Respecting our correspondent's note re handbells used in a church service, Mr. E. Morris writes that during carol service at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, Christmas, 1919, several hymns and carols were rung, and the concluding 'voluntary' was a 'rise and fall' on a peal of twelve handbells.

Wireless listeners heard 'splashes' of the ringing in the peal at St. Margaret's, Westminster, which we recorded last week. Mr. E. F. Poppy, of Eye, Suffolk, writes: 'I heard the bells quite distinctly at seven o'clock, between the "tuning-in" note and the quarter chimes of the clock, and also between the quarters and the hour struck on Big Ben at 7 p.m. It was a very still evening. On one previous fine evening, some weeks ago, I heard the tenor being raised, but I did not then know what bell it was.'

Here is a coincidence worth recording. On Wednesday, August 8th, 1911 (which, by the way, was the hottest day registered at Greenwich for a hundred years), a band of the Kent County Association rang the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells at New Romney, and then went on to Rye (and those who biked over Romney Marsh will never forget it), and rang the first peal of Stedman there. On Saturday, a company reversed the order and accomplished the same feat. But it wasn't quite so hot.

We are glad to learn that the rumour that peal-ringing at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was at an end for some years to come is wide of the mark. Rumour was ever a lying jade.

The work of restoring, at a cost of several thousand pounds, the fine spire of St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, has just been completed, and the beautiful peal of ten bells, with a tenor of 2½ cwt., were rung for the first time on Sunday, June 27th.

On July 9th, 1800, William Sottanstill, one of the foremost composers of his day, was born at Sowerby, Yorks.

John Holt took part in a peal of 6,000 Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 9th, 1749.

A 5,000 'New Treble Bob' was rung at Leeds on July 16th, 1830.

We regret that pressure on our space compels us to hold over an article, by Mr. George Baker, on 'Round Blocks,' and their relation to the extension of methods, also the reports of several outings, and letters to the Editor. These will appear in due course.

ANCIENT BELLS RETUNED.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM PEAL RESTORED.

The parish of Whitchurch Canonicorum, situated in the famous Marshwood Vale, was seen at its best on Monday, June 21st, when the Bishop of Sherborne visited it for the purpose of re-dedicating the tower and bells.

The church itself, dedicated to SS. Wite and Candida, is an epitome of architecture from late Saxon to early Perpendicular times, while in addition to its varied details it contains the famous shrine of St. Wite. The tower is a remarkably good specimen of early fourteenth century work, and contains eight bells. The stone-work has been renovated and the tower tied and re-roofed, while in addition the bells have had a most thorough overhauling.

The history of the bells is interesting. The present fourth is an undated bell, having a Latin inscription in Old English lettering, and is undoubtedly the oldest of the ring. The sixth and seventh bear the date 1603, the fifth 1641, and the tenor 1669. These constituted the peal of five till the year 1904; but in 1892 attention to them had been given by hanging them in a new frame with pits for eight. This frame, however, was fixed on the old bearing beams. In 1904 a treble was added to make six, while in 1912 two trebles were added to make the octave. But these additions were not musically a success, so that by no stretch of imagination could it be called a peal, but rather a collection. When examining the stone-work of the tower last year, with a view to restoration, it was discovered that the beams carrying the bell frame were not only loose but in a sad state of decay, so much so that it was deemed advisable not to ring the bells.

The Parochial Church Council immediately took steps to raise sufficient money, not only to restore the tower, but also to have the bells made safe and ringable.

This latter work consisted of taking down the bells, hoisting the frame from the old beams and removing these, substituting for them four massive iron girders anchored to the walls, re-setting the frame and cross-tying it, and re-hanging the bells in new bearings.

While the work in the tower was being done, the eight bells took a journey to London, where in the ancient Whitechapel foundry they received such careful attention from a tuner that no one who heard them previously would recognise them as the same bells. That such a poor peal could be so improved without recasting is indeed a matter of satisfaction to all concerned.

No one who heard them on Monday but had a word of praise for work that had been so successfully carried out.

PEAL 'LAPPING.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Apropos of Mr. Trollope's chatty articles on 'Peal lapping,' it would be interesting to have the opinion of some of your readers as to who they consider to be the greatest exponent of these wonderful performances.—Yours, etc.,

H. DEW.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 409.)

Continuing the discussion on the proposed 'Bellringers' Sunday,' Mr. T. R. Dennis said he thought the time had arrived when associations should seriously consider the question of propaganda work amongst the lay public. As associations he did not think they did enough. Ringers' services might have the effect of awakening the general interest of the public in ringing matters.

Mr. E. W. Elwell said he rather objected to the suggestion that church services should be used to promote interest in the ringers. It was the ringer's duty to make every Sunday his Sunday, and to turn up at his church and not have just one Sunday in the year, making it appear as if he did not go to church on any other Sunday.

Mr. J. Hunt said he did not think any useful purpose would be served by a 'Ringers' Sunday.' Nearly all the associations held quarterly and annual meetings, when they had their church services, and he could not see why, for instance, they should drag all the men of the Bath and Wells Association to Taunton for a service on one Sunday in the year. It was not workable.

Mr. W. A. Cave suggested as an amendment that they should have a 'Bellringers' Saturday.' Dinners were being held during the autumn and winter season at Birmingham, London, Bristol and Sheffield, and he would like to see inaugurated a Saturday afternoon when they might all meet in a social way somewhere on the banks of the Thames, or some place like that.

The president pointed out that this was not an amendment to the resolution, which he then put to the meeting. It was negatived by a large majority.

The resolution of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, deprecating the Simpson tuning of historic bells, was ruled out of order by the president, as it was not put in the form of a motion.

This concluded the formal resolutions on the agenda, but one or two matters were referred to under the heading of 'other business.'

Replying to Mr. F. Wilford, the president said a member of the Council was elected for the full session of three years, but if he died or was laid aside by illness, it was lawful for an association to elect another in his place for the remainder of the term.

PEAL UMPIRES.

Mr. T. Faulkner raised the question of whether it was in order for the umpire of a record peal to open the sealed copy of the figures of the composition before the peal was rung. He thought it would be absolutely necessary for him to see the figures in order to check them.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said no one except the secretary of the society whose record was to be challenged should have a copy of the figures, and he should keep them in the sealed envelope and return them to the conductor with the seal unbroken if the peal was not rung. If the conductor sent them to anyone else he ran the risk of what might be done with the figures.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said he sent the sealed figures of the peal attempted at Leeds to Mr. Langdon, who was coming to umpire the peal, and to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. It was a great surprise to him when he had a letter from Mr. Langdon to say that he was going to open the figures. He (the speaker) was always under the impression that the figures should not be opened until the peal had been rung. He held that the umpire should come and take down the figures and, after the peal, open the sealed envelope and compare them with the composition. It did not much matter in connection with a peal of Stedman Caters, but if it were a long peal in some other method composers might not like their figures handed about, and the band might also object to others seeing them.

Mr. Beams: If he has not got the figures before him, what is there to umpire? We are not all Withers.

Mr. Pulling said if the umpire was to have the figures before him, the Council should alter their rules.

The President said the rules provided for sending the sealed figures to the secretary and no one else.

Mr. G. R. Pye: There is no rule of the Council that you must have an umpire.

The President: No rule at all.

Mr. Pulling: The association can send an umpire.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn: He is not called an umpire.

Mr. W. A. Cave: The rule says that a competent representative of the bands shall be present during the whole of the performance.

The matter then dropped.

APPEALS AND THANKS.

The Rev. H. Law James said they were collecting funds to add four trebles to the bells at Lincoln Cathedral in memory of the members of the Lincoln Guild who fell during the war. They had got within £90 of the amount they wanted, and he would be glad to receive subscriptions from any non-resident life members, of whom they had many scattered all over the country, and whom he did not know how to get at.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he was the incumbent of a country parish of under a hundred inhabitants. He was hoping to be able to get the five bells at his church made into eight, and he hoped members of the Council would assist him by taking collecting cards.

The Council accepted the offer of the honorary secretary to send

to absent members of the Council and to the secretaries of the various affiliated Guilds and associations a copy of the booklet he had prepared on Coventry bells, which is to be completed by the addition of the report of the proceedings in the Consistory Court.

Before separating, the president expressed the Council's sense of appreciation of all that had been done by members of the Suffolk Association for their reception and convenience. They had made excellent arrangements for the Council's comfort and for that meeting. They must not forget that they came there primarily for the transaction of business, but there were certain creature comforts which the Suffolk Guild had looked after, and they very much appreciated it (applause).

Canon H. J. Elsee said that as that was the last meeting of the present Council they could not break up without thanking the president for the way in which he had conducted their business. They could not have had a better chairman (hear, hear). Though they would meet, some of them, as a new Council next year, he hoped it would be many years before they thought of suggesting another chairman than Canon Coleridge (applause).

Canon Coleridge briefly replied, and the proceedings then terminated. Afterwards the Council, with members of the Suffolk Guild, were entertained to tea by the Guild and in the evening, after ringing at various Ipswich churches, there was a social gathering at the headquarters, at which an enjoyable musical programme was carried out.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE.

COMPLETION OF COMMITTEE'S REPORT, 1926.

In the course of the debate on Nomenclature at the Ipswich C.C. meeting, reference was made to (a) two corrections required in the text of the resolutions (page 219 'R.W.' April 2nd); and to (b) the final list of Method names recommended for alteration. As these details were not reached in the course of the debate, it is desirable that the proposals of the committee, complete and final, should appear in print. These corrections and additions are as follows:—

- (A) 1. For Dartford (Resolution 7) (proposed new name for 'Daffodil') read 'Darwen.'
2. For the figures '28' (Resolution 9), Castle and Abbeys Series, read '33.' In other words, the list of names from which it is proposed to omit the word 'Castle' and 'Abbey' is to be amplified by the following five names:—
Evesham.
Tewkesbury.
Waltham.
Carnarvon.
Fotheringay.

(B) Unsuitable names, second and final instalment:—

Old Name.	Class.	Remarks.	Suggested New Name.
ABBEYVILLE	4th Place Delight Minor (3)	Abbeyville is neither English nor correct French spelling.	ABBEYDORE
ANNABLE'S	Surprise Minor (27)	Standardise like Stedman.	ANNABLE
BACUP	Surprise Minor (19)	A case of an awkward topographical name.	MANCHESTER
BODEDONE	3rd Place Delight (40)	" "	BOLNEY
CUNECASTRE	Surprise Minor (17)	" "	CHELMSFORD
GROVE	4th Place Delight (34)	" "	GROSVENOR
HORSMONDEN	Plain Minor (17)	" "	HORSHAM
PUDSEY	Surprise Major	" "	BRADFORD
TAXAL	4th Place Delight Minor (15)	" "	CREDITON
TROWELL	T.B. Minor (25)	" "	BRIDGFORD
WATH	3rd Place Delight Minor (11)	" "	WILTON

Although an 'amendment' was carried at the Council meeting in place of the resolutions, yet that amendment did not claim to take the place of the report, which latter is thus apparently still before the Council, and not yet accepted nor rejected.

G. P. BURTON,

Convener of Nomenclature Committee.

A LANCASHIRE PEAL RESTORED.

The bells at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, are to re-opened to-morrow (Saturday), at three o'clock, by Canon H. J. Elsee, of St. George's, Bolton, president of the Lancashire Association, and will be available for ringing after the service.

These bells have been cleaned, retuned and rehung on the latest principle by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The iron framework is supported on steel girders, and the bells are in ball bearings.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER MEANS OF FURTHERING THE WORK.

About 120 members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild attended the annual meeting at Portsmouth on Saturday, all the districts from the Isle of Wight to Surrey being represented. In the absence of the vice-president (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), who everyone regretted to hear was ill, the Master (Mr. G. Williams) presided over the business meeting held in St. Thomas' parish room.

Arising out of the minutes, the question of the suggested free issue of certificates to members was referred to. The honorary secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) said the committee had considered the matter, and had decided that the price should be sixpence as hitherto. To issue them free might cause confusion as to who was entitled to them and who was not.

In writing to the honorary secretary from Lyndhurst Hospital, regretting his absence from the meeting, the vice-president said, with regard to one item on the agenda inviting suggestions as to how the work and aims of the Guild might be furthered, he firmly believed that the work and aims of the Guild would never be fully realised until the clergy whose churches possessed rings of bells took a more active and deeper interest in the welfare of their ringers. The members would remember he had appealed in the 'Diocesan Chronicle' for more interest in their work, but without success. He knew the members welcomed the clergy in the belfry, and he thought many a young curate could find time to learn to ring if he would only realise what an interesting art it was, and what a fine bit of service for Christ's Church. Thirty years ago he remembered at least a dozen clergy who rang, some more, some less, and although he would not exaggerate their office or position unduly, he did honestly feel that incumbents had a great influence at their disposal which their very position gave them, to use for the best advantage of the men who ring and call the faithful to worship. As to the future of the Guild, when the new dioceses were created, he saw no need for hurry, and they would do well to act with mature judgment. There was no reason why a committee (ad hoc) should not be elected consisting of members from the three areas. This committee might be empowered to collect information and ascertain the wishes of the members and report of the next annual meeting. The vice-president concluded with an expression of sorrow for his absence from the meeting, and best wishes to his many old friends and for the Guild's continued prosperity.

On the motion of the Master it was resolved to write a letter of sympathy to the vice-president, expressing deep regret for his illness, and the hope that he might have a speedy restoration to health.

The balance sheet and report were adopted, and the officers were re-elected en bloc as follows:—President, the Bishop of Winchester; vice-president, Rev. C. E. Matthews; master, Mr. George Williams; honorary secretary, Mr. George Pullinger; honorary treasurer, Rev. N. C. Woods; recorder of peals, Mr. F. W. Rogers; auditor, Mr. G. Smith.

SUGGESTION TO INCREASE INTEREST IN CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The representatives on the Central Council were re-elected as follows:—The vice-president, the master, Mr. A. H. Pulling, and Mr. H. Barton.

Mr. Williams gave a lengthy report of the proceedings at the Council meeting at Ipswich, and Mr. Pulling said he did not think the Council would be a real success until they could get the Exercise as a whole to take more interest in it. At present the representatives went to the meetings without any idea of what their own members really wanted. He thought it would be an advantage if the agenda of Council could be talked over at the meetings throughout the Guild, so that the representatives could get to know the wishes of the members. At present the Council had not got the weight of the Exercise behind them, and that was where the weakness lay.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. Williams and Mr. Pulling for attending the Ipswich meeting, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies added a few comments on the Council's proceedings. The debates, he considered, were on a high level all through. Although he had not the honour of representing that Guild, but was a member of the Council in another capacity, he was perfectly sure the Guild had done right in re-electing their representatives, as they could not find better men to serve them than those who now represented them.

The honorary secretary, returning to Mr. Pulling's point, said the difficulty of getting Central Council matters discussed at the annual district meetings was that these meetings were held six months before the Council meeting. If the Central Council agenda could be out earlier, the associations would have more opportunity of discussing it. He suggested that if ringers or bands objected to any matters which appeared in the agenda, they should communicate either with him or the representatives.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said the difficulty the associations were up against was the Standing Orders of the Council itself, which required only one month's notice to be given of any proposal for the consideration of the Council. It would, he considered, create more interest in the Council's proceedings if associations had the opportunity of considering questions which were to come before the Council; but this opportunity could only be obtained by an alteration of the Standing Orders. To enable the matter to be proceeded with, he proposed

that the Guild's representatives place on the agenda for the next Council meeting a motion to amend the Standing Orders in order that the Council's agenda may be published at least three months before the meeting, to give Guilds and associations the opportunity of discussing it. He pointed out that within the three months prior to the Council meeting many associations held their annual meetings, and where they were divided into districts the districts themselves would hold at least one meeting.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said a similar suggestion had occurred to him. He had thought the publication should be before Easter in each year, as many associations held their annual meeting on Easter Monday.

Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester) thought three months was the better period, and the motion, on being put, was carried unanimously.

Messrs. V. Godwin and A. Walters were elected probationary members of Bishopsstoke tower.

THE WORK OF THE GUILD.

The next item on the agenda was: 'Suggestions (if any) as to how the work and aims of the Guild can be furthered.' The honorary secretary said he had put this on the agenda, because, as he moved about the Guild, he sometimes heard grumbles and received inquiries as to why this, that or the other was not done. He had, he said, received a letter from Mr. E. C. Elliott, of Lymington, with regard to his (the secretary's) report which had been printed in 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Elliott said: 'One suggestion made is "that a conductor for a peal can be provided on application." What benefit will this be to the band? What is most wanted is instructors to get the band up to the peal-ringing stage; by that time the conductor will usually have developed with the band.'

'Do the officers of the Guild know what is going on in all the towers of the diocese? If not, they should know, and until they know this their knowledge of the ringing ability of the diocese is valueless. I maintain that the officers of the Guild should so arrange matters that they should see that all towers where progress is not being made should be assisted, but the knowledge referred to above is first essential.'

'In Lymington (and probably this is true of many other towers) it would make one's head ache to think of the last visit (if any) of any officer of the Guild, and one is forced to the conclusion that the only towers visited by officers of the Guild are those where a good band exists, so that the officers can enjoy themselves and ring peals for their own glorification. This sort of thing will not advance change-ringing. What is wanted is to give help to those towers who are handicapped either by numbers or lack of teaching.'

Mr. Elliott went on to acknowledge the assistance received at Lymington from Christchurch and Mr. G. Preston particularly, and to suggest that the officers of the Guild do something more practical than make suggestions in the annual report. He made the following suggestions:—

1. That every tower in the diocese should be periodically visited on their practice nights to see what work is being done, if any help is needed, what sort of a conductor is in charge, the number of ringers and (or) learners on the roll.
2. That a record of these visits should be made and passed on to the Council and comparisons made yearly as to progress or otherwise.
3. That such visiting officers should have a book in which to make a report, and which should be signed by the officer and ringer in charge of the tower.
4. That some effort should be made to train ringers to become conductors and qualification certificates given.
5. That, in addition to the secretary's report, the master should also make a report on the ringing of the diocese.
6. That the president should be informed as to the amount of help (or otherwise) given by the clergy, where there are towers, to their ringers.

Mr. H. J. Chaffey suggested that the letter be allowed to lie on the table. He said they could take a horse to the water, but they could not make him drink. Their officials might go round to the towers, but generally, if it were known that a good change-ringer was coming, some of the band stopped away. There were ringers who went round to towers every week to try and help, but when it came to a district meeting or combined practice, where members of those bands could learn something, they did not trouble to attend. It was all very well to put blame on to the Guild's officials. The gentleman who wrote the letter should have come to that meeting and said what he had got to say.

The Master concurred with Mr. Chaffey that if it were known that a visit was to be paid to a tower, some of the band usually stopped away, so that they were short of enough ringers to do any good. The committee had considered this letter, and had decided that he and the secretary should reply to it.

The question of a report that had been made on the condition of Shanklin bells was raised by Mr. J. Bruce Williamson, but after some discussion it was considered advisable that, as the report was made by the Rev. C. E. Matthews as a member of the Diocesan Advisory Committee and not as an official of the Guild, and as the incumbent was against anything being done, no steps could advantageously be taken at present.

There was some discussion with regard to the rules governing district meetings, and Mr. Whittington made the suggestion that greater

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. THE WAR MEMORIAL.

Postponed in May on account of the strike, the annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Trowbridge on June 19th, and was attended by ringers from all parts of the counties of Wilts and Dorset. The day's proceedings opened with a service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. S. Weatherhead), assisted by the Rev. Canon E. P. Knubley (Vicar of Steeple Ashton). The special form of service was used, and the lesson was read by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, honorary assistant secretary.

Canon Knubley was the preacher, taking as his text, 'Let brotherly love continue' (Ephesians xiii, 1). As ringers, he said, they were members of a brotherhood, and they should be guided by the same principles as those of the great Christian brotherhood.

The closing hymn was 'Angel voices ever singing,' during the singing of which a collection was taken for the Ringers' Memorial Fund.

Subsequently the members, to the number of about 120, assembled for luncheon at St. James' Hall, where an excellent repast had been prepared by Trowbridge ladies, assisted by office-bearers of the church.

The Rector of Trowbridge presided, and was supported by the Rev. Canon Knubley, Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna, Gillingham (honorary secretary and treasurer, who had just returned from his work in Cyprus), Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, of Beechingsstoke (a former master of the Guild), Rev. C. C. Cox, Wimbome, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, Mr. E. Perkins Garlick (people's warden of the Parish Church), Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (chairman of the Devizes branch), Mr. S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge (representative on Central Council), etc.

Following the repast, the Rector extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. Three years ago, a few months before he came to Trowbridge, he was told there was a big gathering of ringers in the town on the occasion of the completion of a peal of ten bells, the first in the county of Wilts. Trowbridge thought a great deal of itself because of its peal of ten. Personally, he was aware that attempts at ringing peals did not always succeed. He lived quite close to the church, and knew when a peal was in progress (laughter). It began, perhaps, at six o'clock, and he thought to himself that it would be over somewhere after seven. It might so happen that at ten minutes past seven there came a silence, an ominous silence (laughter). He often wondered to himself whether under such circumstances there was an ominous silence in the ringing chamber, or what was being said (renewed laughter). However, it was a great pleasure to welcome the ringers of the diocese to Trowbridge, and he hoped they would have an enjoyable time. He added that Trowbridge was not satisfied yet, and if any tower in the county secured a peal of ten they were out to get twelve (applause).

THE GUILD WAR MEMORIAL.

The report of the association secretary (already published in these columns) and the accounts were adopted.

Mr. Beams gave a report on the position of the Guild War Memorial Fund, instituted to commemorate the fifty-eight ringers of the diocese who fell in the Great War. The total received from the Wiltshire section of the diocese was £18 14s. 3d., out of a total re-

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interest could be created by splitting the districts into smaller areas. He said he was very much in favour of forming an independent Guild for the Guildford diocese when it was divided from the Winchester diocese. This was not because he wanted to part with the Winchester Diocesan Guild, but he thought if they had smaller diocesan Guilds and smaller districts, they could work more intensively.

The Master said that the carving out of more districts from existing districts was proposed in 1914 by the committee, but it fell through owing to the war.

After some further general discussion, a motion was passed that the committee should consider the question as to how the work and aims of the Guild can be furthered, and should present a report to the next annual meeting.

THE DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.

The Master said that at the committee meeting that morning it was resolved to form a special committee, consisting of the district secretaries, with the vice-president, the master and the honorary secretary, to consider the position of the Guild in connection with the division of the diocese.

The Master, on behalf of the committee, then presented a framed photograph of the officers of the Guild to the honorary secretary as a slight appreciation of his services, and, Mr. Pullinger having acknowledged the gift, the business terminated with a vote of thanks to the master for presiding and to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the respective peals of bells.

The members afterwards attended service at St. Thomas' Church, where the Rev. C. D. P. Davies preached an inspiring sermon, as a ringer to ringers, his text being, 'Whether one member suffer all the members suffer with it, or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it' (1. Cor. xii, 26).

Subsequently a large party sat down to tea together at St. Thomas' Parish Room. During the day there was ringing at St. Thomas' Church (which is to be the pro-cathedral of the new Portsmouth diocese), St. Mary's, Portsea, and Alverstoke. The methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise.

ceived, together with Dorset, of £75 8s. 3d. After allowing for the cost of the appeal, the net balance in the bank was £71 6s. 10d. He regretted that the amount was not £100, and it was for the meeting to decide whether the fund should be kept open or closed. The provision of the screen, a portion of which formed the ringers' memorial, was not yet completed, but was being extended. It was thought at first that the Guild would have been able to raise £200, which was considered as their quota. But out of the 114 towers only 54 had subscribed. He added that whether the ringers paid their share or not the work would be paid for.

Rev. C. C. Cox said it was incumbent upon the Guild to meet their obligations in this matter, and to pay for what was a very worthy and handsome memorial. At the beginning all were very enthusiastic about it, and they quite thought they would raise £200. He would like to see every member of the Guild subscribe, and, as the inscription had already been erected, it was incumbent they should do so, and he therefore moved that the fund be kept open and a further appeal issued.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes) seconded, and this was agreed to.

SECRETARY'S EASTERN RINGING EXPERIENCES.

The Rev. R. H. Gundry (Shroton Rectory, Blandford), was unanimously re-elected master. A letter apologising for absence was read, and in it the desire was expressed that he should retire from office. The members, however, were unanimous in their decision that he should remain. The Rev. F. L. Edwards was also re-appointed honorary secretary and treasurer, and paid tribute to the able assistance the Guild had received from Mr. Beams during his absence.

Rev. F. L. Edwards proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Trowbridge for conducting the church service and for presiding. He was greatly surprised to find that a new Rector had come since his last visit, on which occasion he had the pleasure of meeting the Rev. P. A. Nash. From what he had seen there was no need for the reformation of the clergy in that district (hear, hear). In Trowbridge they had a Rector who was interested in, and appreciated, the music of the bells, one who, because of the geographical position, had the full benefit of them (laughter). He also desired to thank Canon Knubley for his address, also the organist (Mr. A. E. Howell) for the sympathetic manner in which he accompanied the singing of the male voices; also the incumbents of the various churches whose towers were open that day to the Guild. Explaining that in response to an urgent appeal from the diocese of Jerusalem he had been doing temporary duty as chaplain in Cyprus, he said he had only had three opportunities of ringing while away. On two of them he rang on a peal of three bells in a monastery church with monks, and on the third at Florence Cathedral, where there were also only three bells. The hanging of the bells at the latter was such that so heavy was the going that he thought he was ringing the tenor, whereas it was the treble (laughter).

Canon Knubley replied, and urged the importance of the appeal for the War Memorial Fund being pushed forward in every tower in the diocese.

Mr. Beams voiced thanks to the ladies who had provided the lunch, especially mentioning the name of Mrs. Cooper, and also the gentlemen who had assisted. He thanked, too, the members of the local branch, who had made his work of arranging the festival all the lighter.

Mr. Heginbotham seconded, and this was carried with enthusiasm.

The visitors then made their way to the various towers. Unfortunately, ringing was not possible at Warminster owing to illness, and the ringers of Melksham sent an apology for not being at home to greet them because they were taking their annual holiday.

BELL RESTORATION AT EALING.

PART OF £3,000 SCHEME AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

The parishioners of St. Mary's, Ealing, have undertaken the restoration of the bells, organ and the fabric in general. The bells are to be re-tuned and re-hung in an iron frame, with new fittings throughout. The estimate of a well-known firm has been accepted, and the work will be put in hand within the next few months. The sum of money required for the whole scheme is £3,000.

A garden sale was held in the grounds of Ealing Vicarage on Friday and Saturday last. This resulted in a substantial sum being added to the fund, and, incidentally, takes the total past the first £1,000. On Friday evening, the following ringers rang courses of Grandsire Caters, Bob Major, etc., on handbells, viz.: J. A. Trollope, F. Corke, A. H. Fulwell, A. M. Stacey, and F. W. Goodfellow. During Saturday afternoon a course of Grandsire Caters on Mr. J. K. Mackman's fine handbells brought forth the usual expressions of appreciation. The ringers on this occasion were: J. R. Mackman, H. Mackman, H. Belcher, A. H. Fulwell, and F. W. Goodfellow.

Although the bells have been going indifferently for several years, it is a commendable fact that the ringers have headed the list of Sunday service quarter-peals rung in towers affiliated to the Middlesex Association for the last three or four years. The majority of the band were taught their ringing in this tower, and it is satisfactory to know that their enthusiasm will cost them fewer wet shirts than has been the case in the past.

Anybody who would care to subscribe to this worthy object should send their donations to Fred. W. Goodfellow, 121, Standard Road, Hounslow, Middlesex.

NINE HUNDRED PEALS.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

In the space of less than two years Mr. James George—of England—has added another one hundred peals to his record, and brought his total to 900. This was completed on Saturday last, when he made a new departure by ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, and it is safe to say that no other ringer has rung his first peal on ten bells in this method at the age of seventy-two. Mr. George's many performances on heavy bells—he delights in picking out the 'big uns' and slogging where there's man's work to be done—are well known to all readers of this journal, and have long been accepted as evidence of his perpetual youth, physically at all events. Now we have testimony of his mental vigour and alertness, for Cambridge Royal, even in these days, is not everybody's job.

Mr. George has spent just half his life in ringing, for he did not begin until he was thirty-six years of age, and the older he gets the more he does. Nearly all the big jobs there are to do he has done, and our readers will find a list of some of his memorable achievements between the ages of sixty-eight and seventy-one in our issue of August 29th, 1924. To these we would add one or two of the things he has accomplished since he passed his seventy-second birthday. He has turned in Bow tenor (53 cwt.) to Treble Bob Maximus, and it is worth noting that no man over the age of fifty-six has done this, so Mr. George has got a start of sixteen years over the oldest of them. He has rung Canterbury Cathedral tenor (30 cwt.) to Treble Bob Maximus, and St. Luke's, Derby (tenor 30 cwt.), to Double Norwich Major.

And he is seventy-two! We wonder whether it is the ringing or the ping-pong, of which he appears to be local champion, that keeps him thus fit. He is still looking for more worlds to conquer. There are not many left, but he has designs on them all. In the meantime our readers will be interested in the following list of his 900 peals, which have been rung in 328 different towers, and 42 different counties, in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales:—

	Tower Bells		Hand-
	Rung.	Conducted.	bells
			Rung.
Bob Minor
Grandsire Triples	65	14	6
Grandsire Doubles	2		
Stedman Triples	182	4	4
Union Triples	1
Bob Triples	1		
Darlaston Bob Triples	2		
Grandsire Major	2		
Bob Major	33	(A) 1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major	50	(B)	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	44	(C)	
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	75		
Cambridge Surprise Major	21		
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1		
Bristol Surprise Major	4		
London Surprise Major	9		
Grandsire Caters	32	(D)	1
Stedman Caters	131		13
Grandsire Royal	1		
Aston Royal	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	40	(E)	
Bob Royal	10		
Little Bob Royal	1		
Forward Royal	1		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1		
Grandsire Cinques	5		
Stedman Cinques	121		16
Bob Maximus	1		
Grandsire Maximus	1		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	16	(F)	
Forward Maximus	1		
	859	19	41

(A) including 6000. Both rung. (D) including 6011 and 8009.
 (B) including 6336 in one day. (E) including 6080 and 7280.
 (C) including 6720. (F) including 6000 and 12,240 Record.

WEDDING BELLS.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. N. E. Hope, an old and esteemed bell ringer, at East Grinstead, Sussex, a quarter-peal, of Grandsire Triples was rung by G. Lambert 1, W. Mills 2, T. M. Potter 3, F. G. Willey 4, G. Hewitt 5, J. Wren 6, T. Tullett (conductor) 7, S. W. Chesson 8. In the evening, another touch of 700 changes in the same method was rung by P. S. Barton 1, G. Lambert 2, F. G. Willey 3, G. F. Tizzard 4, G. Hewitt 5, J. Wren 6, T. Tullett (conductor) 7, S. W. Chesson 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, July 4th, for evening service at St. Mary Abbots', 1,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal: E. G. Locke 1, W. E. Garrard 2, F. G. Symonds 3, A. Cutmore 4, W. E. Judd 5, H. G. Miles (conductor) 6, H. Belcher 7, Dr. Flaxman 8, H. A. Folkard 9, A. F. Harris 10.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 4th, at St. Clement Danes', Strand, for evensong, 1,155 Stedman Caters: Miss E. E. Hardestale 1, E. F. Pike 2, J. L. Watkins 3, T. G. Bannister 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, Miss E. E. Chapman 6, J. C. Doel 7, F. E. Collins 8, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 9, F. W. H. Sergison 10.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Sunday, July 4th, at St. Faith's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: B. Clark 1, Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 2, G. W. Fletcher 3, W. Monk 4, R. J. Hasted 5, M. Marshall 6, R. Hasted 7, S. Parsons 8. Ringers of 2 and 3 are from London, and the 7th from Farnham.—For evening service, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 48 mins.: M. Marshall 1, B. Clarke 2, W. Monk 3, H. J. Tucker (Chichester) 4, J. H. Blake (Chichester) 5, R. J. Hasted 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, S. Parsons 8.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, July 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Brooks', in 33 mins., Mrs. H. Baker 1, H. Baker 2, A. C. Kay 3, C. Tribe 4, K. Pattenden 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6, H. C. Castle 7, A. Battin 8.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, July 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, G. Kenward 2, W. Spice 3, W. E. Spice 4, G. H. Spice 5, J. S. Webb 6, E. H. Spice (composer and conductor) 7, G. Wilkins 8.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday afternoon, July 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for special local hospital service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: F. Simms 1, F. J. Cullum, sen., 2, J. S. Morton 3, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 4, S. Stagg 5, L. J. Cullum 6, E. J. Ilett 7, O. Robinson 8.—Also for evening service the same day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: F. Simms 1, J. S. Morton 2, F. J. Cullum, sen., 3, E. J. Ilett 4, L. J. Cullum 5, S. Stagg 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Darke 8.

SWINTON, MANCHESTER.—On July 4th, at St. Peter's Church, for the 'sermons' evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: D. Clarke 1, S. Crossley 2, H. Wallwork 3, D. Hindley 4, J. Lingard (conductor) 5, W. Collier 6, S. James 7, R. Potter 8. Ringers of 3, 4 and 5 from Pendlebury.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Large 1, A. Hicks 2, E. Large 3, G. Large 4, F. Davis 5, T. Bond 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richings 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 27th, for evensong, at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Bob Major (composed by James George) in 43 mins.: A. H. Beamish (conductor) 1, Miss D. E. Lewis 2, P. A. Aldham (Hinckley) 3, C. E. Rayson 4, J. Draycott (first quarter-peal inside) 5, H. Wright 6, J. F. Clarke, sen., 7, J. E. Moreton 8.

WINCHESTER.—For evening service at St. Maurice's Church, on Sunday, June 20th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Vokes 1, G. Noice 2, A. Goulding 3, C. Russell 4, R. Paine (first 720 as conductor) 5, M. Hawkins 6.

PENARTH, GLAMORGAN.—On Sunday, June 20th, for evening service at St. Augustine's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Burcombe 1, C. O. Hobbs 2, D. Thomas 3, E. Coombes (first 720 in the method) 4, S. Dawe (conductor) 5, W. Bolton 6.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—At Christ Church, 720 Plain Bob: J. Petty 1, J. Marks 2, A. Reeve 3, C. Petty 4, E. Plummer 5, C. R. Marss (conductor) 6. Rung for the official visit of the Lord Mayor to the morning service.

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC.

RINGING DEMONSTRATION TO MEMBERS OF SELBORNE SOCIETY.

Many influential members of the well-known Selborne Society, including Mrs. E. M. Richardson-Rice, member of Council in charge, and the honorary secretary, Mr. Wilfred M. Webb, paid a visit to the village of Iwer, Bucks, on Saturday, when they were met by the Vicar, who explained the interesting features of the church.

By the kind permission of the Vicar, a demonstration of change-ringing was arranged by some members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the company had an opportunity of viewing the bells when in motion (there is good standing room on a staging in a safe position), and afterwards to watch the manipulation of the ropes in the ringing chamber.

All points were practically and clearly explained by Mr. Wm. Lawrence (Ealing), who had assistance in the ringing of Miss Phyllis Moss (of Uxbridge), Mr. Geo. H. Guttridge (Iwer Heath), and others. The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Minor.

Several of the ladies and gentlemen asked many questions, and this was a good sign that interest was taken in the proceedings, and one lady in particular was with difficulty restrained from making an attempt to ring one of the bells.

Mr. Friend Sykes entertained all to tea on the lawn at Richings Park, afterwards taking the members for a ramble around his fine wooded park.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 29th; St. Magnus' on the 22nd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th, *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening: St. Mary's (10) and the Minster (10). Short service in St. Mary's at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Church House, Tiger Lane. Business meeting immediately after.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers cordially invited. — Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Samlesbury Church on Saturday, July 10th. — Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 10th. Bells ready at 3. Tea and meeting 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary, Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Ashby on Saturday, July 10th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Permission has been obtained to view the grounds of the Castle. —F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Next meeting will be held at Cuckney (five miles from Mansfield) on July 10th. Bells ready early and visitors welcome. Good bus service. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m., at the Church Institute at reasonable price.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Long Eaton (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Business meeting in the vestry 5 p.m. Members make own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec. 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual summer meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, July 10th. The fine peal of bells (8) will be available at 2.30 p.m., when it is hoped a good number will be present. Tea arrangements will be announced during the afternoon.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pilton, near Shepton Mallet, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 14, Victoria Grove, Shepton Mallet.

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Langleybury (Hunton Bridge). — Saturday, July 10th. Bells open 4 o'clock. Tea (1s. 3d.) 5.30 at King's Head.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A monthly meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 10th. A committee meeting will be held at 4 p.m. to consider matters concerning proposed contest for shield. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at a reasonable price; application to be made to Mr. H. Crossland, Cawthorne, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Secretary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, July 17th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea has been arranged at the "Denbigh Arms," to be followed by general meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. — J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Paulton on July 17th. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitechurch on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45; 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than July 10th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Netheravon on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Arrangements are being made for ringing at Fittleton (6), Enford (6) and Upavon (6) in the evening. —F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hunton on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, after service. Please notify me by Wednesday, July 14th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Braunston on Saturday July 17th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Rd., Daventry.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, July 17th, 1926. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Langdon Hills (6 bells) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me as soon as possible, as number has to be given for tea?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Prior on Saturday, July 17th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. — James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

WITHERLEY.—Hinckley District, M.C.A.—Thanksgiving service for complete restoration of church and spire (which were struck by lightning some two or three years ago), 3 p.m., on Wednesday, July 21st. The bells (5) have been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, and will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival, 1926.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 24th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. Applications for same, accompanied by remittance, to be made to general secretary by Wednesday, July 21st. Ringing as usual at college towers and city churches. The railway companies can give no definite promise of cheap fares at present, but may be able to make some concession by July 24th.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Saxmundham District. — A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 24th. Bells of the Parish Church are available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, free. Will all who wish to be present please let me know by Thursday, the 22nd inst? All ringers welcome.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Little Comberton on Saturday, July 24th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Lowndes). Notification to be sent me not later than the previous Tuesday. Bells (6) available; also Great Comberton (6) at 7.30 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Prestwick, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingborough on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by July 21st.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — The summer meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, July 24th. The bells (8) are available. Tea at the Central Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Those coming to tea please notify me by Tuesday, July 20th. — E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided by the generosity of a friend of the local ringers, only to those who notify me before Tuesday, July 20th. Half-fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—A meeting of all those interested in Church Bell Ringing in the County of Salop and others will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 24th. Bells at St. Chad's (12), St. Mary's (10) and other towers in the town will be available during the afternoon and evening. At 5.30, in the Vestry of St. Chad's Church, a general meeting will be held. The Ven. Archdeacon Lambart, of Salop, will take the chair. All ringers will be most welcome. A cheap tea will be provided for those who let the secretary know before Thursday, the 22nd.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stonham Aspell on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (10) available at 2.30. Details later.—Rev. H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the George Inn at 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise me not later than Wednesday, July 28th.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—On and after July 9th the address of Mr. F. Wilford will be 31, Wood Street, Northampton.

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GRIMSBY DISTRICT MEETINGS.

A Grimsby district meeting was held at Barrow-on-Humber on Saturday, July 3rd, when members attended from Bigby, Ulceby, Burton-on-Stather, Grimsby, and the local band. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an excellent address from I. Cor. xii. 12.

Tea was served in the Vicar's room, when nineteen members sat down, including the president (the Rev. H. T. Parry), the Rev. G. H. Newton (Vicar of Ulceby), and the Vicar of Barrow.

At the meeting which followed, with the president in the chair, the Vicar of Barrow (the Rev. L. S. Officer) was elected an honorary member of the Northern Branch. Mr. W. E. Broughton, of Goxhill, was elected as a performing member.—The secretary read a letter re Stallingborough bells.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his excellent address; also to the caterers for the excellent tea, and to Mr. H. E. Dannett for his untiring efforts in the cause of change-ringing, and for the arrangements he had made for the meeting, was heartily carried.

Members then adjourned to the tower for more ringing.

At a meeting held at Ulceby on June 12th, members attended from Bigby, Barrow-on-Humber, Grimsby, and the local tower. A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. T. Mann, of Burton-on-Stather.—The president, as one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council, explained to the members why he did not attend at the Central Council meeting.—The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 8s.—Votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and further ringing was then indulged in.

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