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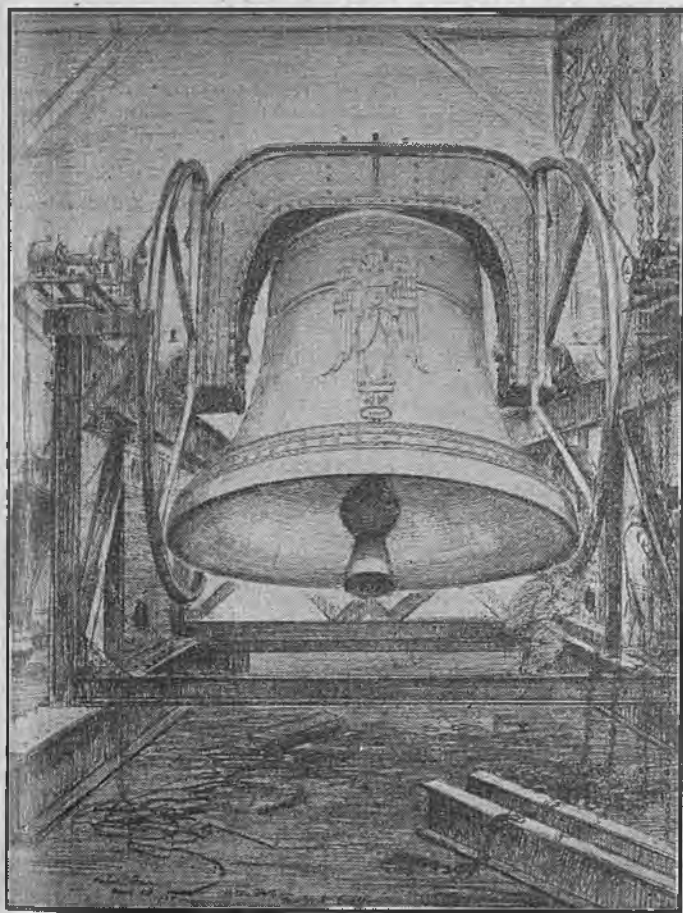
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A SOUND DEVELOPMENT.

There is probably no diocese in the country where the restoration of church bells has, in recent years, been carried on to a greater extent and with more persistent effort than in the diocese of Oxford. This has been largely due to the influence of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, whose members, from the Master downwards, have set themselves out to get the towers put in order. And they have been succeeding in a remarkable way. Local ringers, branch and guild officials have done wonders in persuading church authorities to undertake schemes to repair, and often to augment, their bells. The good work has spread, and last year the Master, who is the consultant on bell matters to the Diocesan Advisory Board, was called in to inspect and advise in quite a dozen cases. In practically all these towers work will doubtless be taken in hand, if it has not already been accomplished or begun, for it has been noticeable in the past that, when the Master has been asked for advice, a restoration scheme is almost always the outcome.

But it is not in advice and persuasion alone that the Guild has taken a part in getting bells put in order. It is taking its share in a practical way as well, and one of its most important developments is the financial assistance which it gives to these schemes. The Guild has established a restoration fund which seems almost to have the characteristics of the widow's cruse. A steady stream of grants goes out to churches where restorations are undertaken, yet the fund scarcely seems to diminish. This, of course, is due to the ingenuity of the treasurer, to whom the fund owes its inception, and although last Saturday five grants, amounting to nearly twenty-five pounds, were voted, Mr. Wright will probably come to the next annual meeting with a balance almost if not quite as large as he showed this year. The Guild's contributions to bell funds are not, however, limited to these votes from the general meeting. Each grant from the central fund follows a similar amount from the coffers of the branch in which the restoration is proceeding, so that this year the Guild will provide nearly £50 for this good work.

It is a wonderful example to other societies and it demonstrates to the authorities and to the public that ringers are not only ready to give their time to the service of the Church, but that they are also prepared, when need arises, to dip into their own funds to help to restore to proper order the bells which they ring. It is not every ringing organisation that has money to devote to this purpose on the same scale as in the Oxford Guild, which has over two hundred affiliated towers, but everywhere

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there is a growing tendency on the part of associations to make donations to bell funds. It is a sound and practical development, because it not only demonstrates the ringers' desire to help, but gives the associations a special interest in these restored peals which should make them all the more keen to see that the bells are kept in constant and efficient use.

THE NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

The following further peals have been rung in connection with the National Thanksgiving for the King's restoration to health:—

EIGHT BELI. PEALS.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble	THOMAS E. TAYLOR 5
HERBERT R. PICKERING 2	KENNETH C. TAYLOR 6
JACK W. TAYLOR... .. 3	*HARRY ROSWELL 7
HERBERT C. PIPER 4	FRANCIS BROTHEERTON ... Tenor

Conducted by R. PICKERING.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' Also rung as a birthday peal for T. E. Taylor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

Also rung for the jubilee of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, which was celebrated on July 6th.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	ARTHUR HAWKINS 5
*GEORGE HAWKINS 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
EDWARD W. LUFF 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
†EDWIN PERRY 4	†EDWARD BOWYER Tenor

Composed by H. W. TAYLOR.

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

* First peal 'inside' on eight bells. † First peal on eight bells.

OLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS... .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	*FRED HAWKES 6
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CYRIL TANSSELL 7
WILLIAM RANFORD 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise.

CROYDON.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins.: J. Rumble, sen., 1, F. Talbot (first quarter-peal) 2, J. Talbot 3, G. H. Humphries 4, J. E. Cooper 5, J. Rumble, jun., 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, J. Cawley 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the above church.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HUBERT JONES Treble	JOHN F. EVANS 5
ALBERT E. JONES 2	WILLIAM R. NASH 6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	FRANCIS EVANS 7
JOHN J. PRICE 4	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

Ringers of treble, 3rd, 6th and tenor are from Ludlow, 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 7th from Knighton.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

JAMES MARSH Treble	WILLIAM HUYTON 4
JOSEPH RIDYARD 2	HENRY SERJENT 5
THOMAS ROSEWELL 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* First peal of Minor. Mr. H. Parker was made a member of the association previous to starting.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE CATTERMORE ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 2	DAVID WEITING 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Mr. Ted Youngs, the well-known local ringer, met and entertained the company after the peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with different callings.

JOHN BAILLESS Treble	M. EDWARD WATSON 4
WILLIAM LOMAS 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
FRANK BAILLESS 3	ALFRED WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by M. E. WATSON.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

CORSLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD F. MARLOW ... Treble	ERNEST F. WHITE 4
IRFSE FRANCIS 2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... 5
EDWARD G. COWARD ... 3	WILLIAM C. WEST Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

NORTHLEACH.—On July 12th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Mrs. F. A. Clements 1, J. Mustoe 2, B. T. Phillips 3, W. Clayton 4, J. C. Accock 5, D. Hills 6, F. A. Clements (first quarter-peal of Triples as conductor) 7, Cpl. L. Leach 8. Kindly arranged by Mr. Accock for the ringers of treble, 3rd and 7th, who hail from Bourton-on-the-Water, and rung as a farewell to Corporal Leach, who is going to Malia. It was also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. C. Accock.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

HARRY WHALLEY Treble	WILLIAM A. FLETCHER ... 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	JOHN H. HAYWARD 6
ARTHUR PRITCHARD 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER 4	JOSEPH L. STAINER Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples with a bob bell. The conductor's 200th peal. First peal on the bells since they were retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. M. Barber, who was interred on the above date.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	RONALD G. BECK 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. Treble	FRED COTTON 5
GEORGE DUDLEY 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 6
GEORGE A. NEWTON 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
LEONARD E. TOWERS 4	ALFRED BALLARD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal on eight. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Charles Howe, J.P., who was 77 years a chorister at this church. He passed away on the 15th at the age of 87 years, and was interred at the above churchyard on the 18th. He was the father of Mr. F. Howe, of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
JOHN HAYES 3	SAM JONES, JUN. 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING. Rung on the 6th anniversary of the 17,280 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Over, by the same band.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble	JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR ... 4
JAMES MILLER 2	JAMES ARMSTRONG 6
H. W. GAYTON 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
FRED RIGBY 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS. * Fiftieth peal. The peal was specially arranged for Mr. H. W. Gayton, of Harrold, Bedfordshire, who was on a visit to the district. Mr. Gayton was elected a non-resident member of the association prior to commencing for the peal.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
JAMES H. RAPER 2	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 6
ALFRED BACON 3	EDWARD BARKER 7
WILLIAM J. WASBY 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. B. DUNCAN.

TOUCHES RUNG FOR NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

At St. Mary's Church, Great Bardfield, Essex, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes), also 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Hills 1, A. Piper 2, G. Piper 3, F. Suckling 4, W. Piper 5, H. Hills 6, E. Townsend 7, J. Jennings (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 6th.

At the Parish Church, Beaconsfield, Bucks, on Wednesday, July 17th, in 52 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss D. R. Fletcher 1, Miss K. E. Fletcher 2, J. Harrison 3, F. W. Buckland 4, H. Wingrove 5, J. Blackmore 6, R. Buckland (conductor) 7, W. H. Fletcher 8.

At Truro Cathedral, on Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins., after the evening service: W. E. Minors 1, J. Sedgley 2, A. S. Roberts 3, A. F. Knight 4, R. A. Watts 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, W. H. Southard (conductor) 7, R. C. James 8.

At All Saints', Farmborough, Somerset, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, on Sunday, July 7th: A. Cantle 1, A. E. Gould 2, E. Flower 3, W. Shore 4, W. Rosewell (conductor) 5, F. Humphreys 6.

At St. Peter's Church, South Weald, on Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 44 mins.: E. C. B. Sharplin 1, J. Harridge 2, F. Wood 3, G. Miles (conductor) 4, A. Benbow 5, F. Everitt 6.

At St. Peter's, Newdigate, Surrey, after thanksgiving service, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins.: G. A. Brett 1, Mrs. W. Spooner 2, W. Spooner 3, Miss H. Darville (first 720), 4, C. Mitchell 5, R. Brett (conductor) 6.

At Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, before the service, 340 Wells Surprise Minor, and after service 720 of London Surprise Minor, the following taking part: R. Busby, J. T. Titt, E. W. Gay, G. W. Park, W. N. Park, R. Park, and W. H. Porter, conducted by G. W. Park. For evensong, 840 York Surprise Minor: R. Busby 1, R. W. Gay (first extent of York) 2, G. W. Park 3, R. Park 4, W. N. Park (conductor) 5, W. H. Porter 6.

At Beenham, Berkshire, for thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: F. Wigmore 1, *W. Churchill 2, E. Richardson 3, *B. Churchill 4, A. Arlott (conductor) 5, *G. Hizzey 6. * First quarter-peal. This is thought to be the first quarter-peal for 32 years at this church.

At St. Mary's Church, Newmarket, Suffolk, 720 Bob Minor: O. A. Moody 1, R. Heath 2, M. White (first 720 on an inside bell) 3, L. Moon 4, L. Warner (first 720 as conductor) 5, R. Sharp 6.

At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Eltham, Kent, on Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: H. Flower 1, F. J. Hurrell 2, T. Groombridge, sen., 3, R. Brett Smith 4, T. Emsden 5, J. Hurrell 6, H. Wood 7, C. A. Bines (conductor) 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A highly successful meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held in delightful weather at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Saturday, July 13th, and was attended by upwards of thirty members, representative of towers at Yoole, Hawden, Hull, Hemmingbrough, Thorne, Pontefract, Selby, Eastington, and members of the local band. A short service was held in the Parish Church, an address being delivered by the Vicar (Rev. J. Haythornthwaite), who took as his text the last verse of the last Psalm. He commented that the average age of ringers was much higher than formerly, and deplored the fact that the younger men did not offer themselves for ringing as previously, owing to the greater number of attractions which now abounded.

Tea was afterwards served in the Victoria Hall, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding. Apologies for absence were received from the vice-president, Mr. F. Crier (Selby), and Mr. F. W. Dale (Hull). An invitation received from the Vicar of St. Augustine's, Hedon, near Hull, to hold the next meeting at that place, was unanimously accepted. The peal of six, at present under restoration, will be augmented to eight, and it is hoped will be ready for the meeting.—The Vicar was elected an hon. member, and Messrs. H. Crowe and G. Wilburn ringing members of the association.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for service and address, to the organist, to the ladies who served tea, and to Mr. H. Crowe and the local band for their excellent arrangements.

A few short touches in the tower brought to a close another delightful meeting.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

MEMBERS, NOT DELEGATES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Through the kindness of Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who sent me a cutting from the 'Daily Mail' of 4th inst. (a paper which I do not usually see), containing an article by Viscount Brentford (Sir W. Joynton Hicks), entitled 'Advice to a Young M.P.', I am enabled to quote from it a passage which my friend, Mr. Guise, and any others whom it may concern, would do well to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest.

He says: 'There is one point in regard to which I am increasingly anxious as years go on. . . . When every constituent roads what you have said the next morning, and writes to warn you that you mustn't say it again, there is a tendency to become a delegate and not a representative. Burke was right when, in returning thanks for his election at Bristol in 1774, he said: "Your representative owes you not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving, you if he sacrifices it to your opinion. . . . When you have chosen a member, he is not a member of Bristol, but he is a member of Parliament." I am satisfied that we should all try more and more to realise this point. We are not members for Twickenham or for Manchester; we are members of the great Parliament of Great Britain, with the interests of the whole nation in our hands, and with a responsibility to the whole of it.'

I commend not only what Lord Brentford says, but the voice of Burke, coming, as it did, from Bristol, to Mr. Guise, himself a Bristol man, and to any of his friends who hitherto have thought as he does.

The Central Council consists, not of delegates, but of members, each supposed to do his best, not necessarily for the association that sends him, but for the Exercise as a whole.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

DULY CONSTITUTED RULES WANTED.

Sir,—Where is the consistency of a body whose position should be above even criticism?

Rev. Canon Coleridge, president of the Central Council, to a member, May 29th, 1928: 'You are not here as a delegate but as a member of the Council.'

Rev. C. D. P. Davies: 'That these words of the president do not, and neither the president nor anyone can, prevent a member of the Council from considering himself, and acting in all respects as if he were, a delegate. By doing so, he merely lowers his own status gratuitously.'

I think Mr. Guise is right. We want duly constituted rules to understand our position, not haphazard methods which result as above.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH GOULD.

Shirehampton, Bristol.

APSLEY AND HEMPSTEAD RINGERS' OUTING.

The Apsley and Hempstead ringers, with a few visitors, had an enjoyable day among the bells on June 15th. Leaving Apsley at 7.15, and picking up at the Ringers' Rest, and Boxmoor, the journey was made to Monks Risborough, where hangs a peal of six. These were rung to various methods for nearly an hour, in spite of the old jars and brooms that were continually getting mixed up with the ringers' feet! After a raid on the postcard shop, a move was made to Watlington, where the peal of eight were soon going. Lowering the bells about 12 o'clock, the next thought was dinner, arranged at Henley, so another move was made, some real 'giant mushrooms' being encountered on the way. If the dinner did not provide great thrills, it did one thing, and that was to supply 'ball bearings' for the bells. Henley Parish Church was then visited for an hour, and the journey resumed to Bray, with its 27½ cwt. tenor on the end of six. Here the greatest ambition, in at least one person's life, was accomplished in due course, when the tenor was turned in, in a masterly manner, without 'stopping.' However, after just over an hour's stay, this nice bell had to be left behind, and the journey resumed to Windsor, stopping by the roadside for the 'annual camera parade.' After tea, an hour's ringing was enjoyed at St. John's Church, finishing the day with a splendid touch of Stedman. The rest of the evening was spent in various ways, some with the local ringers, until 9.30, when a move was made for home, the journey being enlivened, as ringers know how, with songs old and new. The party take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and the vergers and ringers who met them during the day, thus making the outing a success. Touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Oxford Bob Minor and Oxford Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Stedman Triples, a method known locally as 'Leverstock Green Surprise,' and Little Bob Major.

LEWISHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 18th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: *H. Warnett, jun., 1, H. Warnett, sen., 2, J. Lamb 3, *J. Dafter 4, C. W. Roberts 5, E. Garrard 6, J. Bennett 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8. * Longest length in method.

IN THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND.

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After the peal at Harrietsham a homely tea was enjoyed at the Bell Inn, kept by Mr. Owen Hodges, who was formerly one of the Biddenden band. Mr. Hodges saved the ringing book, once the property of John Ferman, an old hand at Harrietsham, who died about eight years ago, aged 82 years. In this book in Ferman's handwriting were some doggerel lines, probably copied by him from the original in 1781, describing a peal of 5,040 of Bob Major and the ringers thereof. Here are some of the verses:—

In seventeen hundred and eighty and one,
To begin the new year, as the old one was gone,
Eight sprightly young striplings were met in Leeds steeple,
All ringers of fame, and I'll tell you the people.

CHORUS:

Hi, Derry down, ring away, Derry down day.
These active Leeds youths who accomplished this peal,
Went to it like lions, with hearts true as steel;
In measure and time made the clappers to beat,
Five thousand and forty—Bob Major complete.

To each ringer is devoted a verse, giving his name, age and occupation. One of these runs:—

The seventh, a Barham, of very great fame,
A noted bob-caller, and James is his name;
His age, fifty-five, and he bobs them about,
And keeps his bell right till the peal is rung out.

Such a noble performance has never been done,
Their ages four hundred and ninety and one;
You will ne'er find their equal I venture to tell,
If you search the world through they will still bear the bell.
So, now, brother ringers of every degree,
With your bells and your bottles be merry and free;
Then fill up your glasses, for here my song ends,
Drink a health to brave Fairfax and Martin and friends.

Hi, Derry down, ring away, Derry down day.

The Hon. Robert Fairfax was owner of Leeds Castle, and gave the treble bells to Leeds Parish Church in 1751.

A beautiful May morning gave good heart to the company on their way by road from Ashford to Appledore, where two attempts for Superlative and a change to Cambridge Surprise met with success for the 'third time of asking.' The Vicar kindly met the party at the church, and Mr. F. White, of Cranbrook, spliced a faulty rope. At the churchyard gate stands a heavy oak settle, newly made, which has just been installed for the use of the parishioners—it needs the words 'Rest and be thankful' carved upon it, and the date, similar to such a seat in Twyford parish. It may be noted here that the ringers were the first (probably) really to make use of it. A cold lunch at the adjoining inn, with reduced 'malt' allowance, was partaken of before departing for the 'big job' on hand for the afternoon.

Tenterden Parish Church, sometimes called the 'Cathedral of the Marshes,' stands upon a rising plateau and forms with its handsome tower a landmark for miles around. The oldest record of the building dates from the reign of Henry II. In 1180, the Archbishop of Canterbury instituted Hugh Norman, and as late as 1240 it was found that he was still Rector. Henry de Wyngham was nominated to the living in 1252, the parishioners objecting to his appointment. An affair took place in the church in which one Henry de la Smaleide (Henry of Smallhythe) was so wounded that he died. Wyngham was a native of the parish of that name near Canterbury, and was a man of some merit: the King not only pardoned him and others (about 20 names are given), but eventually he became Bishop of London, and died in 1282.

The earlier registers have been lost, and not until 1311 does the name of a Vicar of Tenterden appear in the existing records. The dedication of St. Mildred is very uncommon. There are only three other churches in the whole county which have the same name—Greston, Nurstead and Canterbury—and it first appears in the registers of 1479. In the Abbey registers of St. Augustine's it is recorded that Tenterden belongs to the manor of Minster, in Thanet, and as St. Mildred was very closely connected with that Abbey (being second abbess), her name follows ownership. The architecture of the oldest portion is Early English and Lancet, the ceiling of the nave is wagon shaped, panelled and handsomely carved, but the period is unknown. The roof is covered with shingle, an unusual method of roofing. These were renewed at the last restoration, but their first use goes back to 1584. The porch and doorway appear to be 14th century work, also the font, which is decorated style. In 1798 a dreadful hailstorm broke every pane of glass in the south and south-west sides of the church.

The tourists arrived at the church at three o'clock, and were met by the vergers and head ringer with 'Right away,' and the bells were raised. The ringers were instructed not to take notice of anyone going up and down the staircase, as the place was open for any visitors to ascend to the top of the tower to get a view of the dis-

tant scenery. However, someone during the peal got into the clock room and interfered with the ropes; several tried the belfry door and called to the ringers, but still the changes rolled up in regular sequence until the conductor called 'That's all.' Tenterden bells form the heaviest octave in the county, and few peals of Major have been rung upon them since Philip Hodgkin first turned in the tenor single-handed in 1912. On the present occasion the band realised that the honours of the afternoon were due to the excellent compass of the three 'backenders' throughout the peal.

How the party enjoyed a Tenterden tea, and rode lightheartedly 'on air'—mentally and physically—back to Ashford, and parted hastily at the station for their respective homes, is a Kent recollection that will stand for some time in their ringing memory. There is an excellent little booklet describing the church, by A. H. T., 1927, of which a copy was sent the writer by James Hayward, and here are some extracts of the chapters on 'The Tower' and 'The Bells,' but the author does not disclose the fact that a ring of eight bells was provided by voluntary subscriptions in 1769, and the whole were cast by Pack and Chapman at Whitechapel.

Another fact which appears to have no record left to tell the tale is the visit to Tenterden of the Leeds Youths in 1771—on May 20th, too, by a coincidence, when they rang 5,184 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3hrs. 27mins., conducted by James Barham, who rang the 7th. The tenor bell of that time weighed 33 cwt., and Thomas Lacy, who rang it, had to have a little help to complete the peal. How many ringers are there to-day who remember Tenterden tenor as a 'handful' that wants ringing?

W. H. F.

(To be continued.)

LONDONERS IN BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild spent their annual outing in the neighbourhood of Birmingham on Saturday, July 7th, and some 24 enthusiastic members of the Exercise took part in the excursion, which was favoured with fine weather. Birmingham was reached at 11.15, and the party was welcomed at the platform by the 'Grand Old Man,' Mr. James George, who acted as guide to the Bull Ring. Here they found Mr. Albert Walker in his usual humorous form, and soon everyone was listening to the glorious peal of twelve that 'Brum' is now able to boast of. Touches of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve were brought round, and everyone was delighted with these beautiful bells, and was of opinion that great credit is due to the Whitechapel Foundry for this excellent piece of work, and many congratulations were showered on Mr. A. A. Hughes, who was a guest of the Guild. A splendid repast was served at the Nelson, and the party went on by train to King's Norton. The train was packed, and some very neat 'dodging' and 'place making' caused a few exclamations when members of the Metropolitan Police, who played their part by looking after the 'heavy end,' forced themselves and the rest of the party into the compartments. On the very musical ring of ten at King's Norton methods ranging from Grand-sire Caters to Cambridge Royal and London Major were rung in good style, during which time several games of bowls were enjoyed on the lawn 'across the road,' where, later, all sat down to a meat tea, which was greatly appreciated, especially as the company included several ringers from Birmingham and district. The social which followed was commenced by tunes on the handbells by J. Bulloch, E. Russell and J. Hawkins. Piano selections and songs were rendered by J. Bulloch, A. Walker and G. Dowding, a most entertaining item being handbell tunes by the afore-mentioned, accompanied by Mr. A. Walker at the piano.

Mr. Choet proposed a vote of thanks to all the Birmingham and King's Norton gentlemen who had assisted to make the outing a happy one. This was seconded by Mr. J. Bulloch.—In reply, Mr. A. Walker mentioned that the Birmingham men themselves had had a delightful day, and he would look forward to the time when they would come again. The ringing had been first class, which proved that London had several bands of experts. Mr. Walker went on to say that although Mr. Reeves, the secretary, was unable to be present owing to a ringing meeting of St. Martin's Guild, they had present Mr. Smallwood and his 'better half,' also Mr. A. Ward, of Derby, who joined with him in extending best wishes and prosperity to the Holborn Guild.

Returning to Birmingham, a further social hour wound up the happy proceedings, and a toast was drunk to the health of St. Martin's ringers and to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Editor of 'The Ringing World,' to whom a card, autographed by all present, was sent. Happy farewells were the parting gifts as the Londoners steamed out on the homeward journey. A final toast to Mr. J. Hawkins, the secretary, for his wonderful organisation of the outing, and the general management of the ringing, which was the last word in excellence, followed by cheers, and 'For he's a jolly good fellow.' Paddington was reached just after ten o'clock, after a most successful day.

THE F. G. NEWMAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £21 5s. 8d.; Mr. Thomas Faulkner, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Cornelius Charge, 5s.; total, £21 13s.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. ANNUAL MEETING.

A large company assembled at Tenby on Saturday, July 20th, to participate in the sixth annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild. The weather was delightful, and ringers attended from Brecon, Llanelly, Aberavon, Llanstephan, Llandilo, Gorseinon, Morriston, and Neath, and, with the local ringers, kept the bells of St. Mary's Church (eight) going from 10 a.m. onwards, the Rector of Tenby (Canon B. C. Edwards) having kindly given permission for the bells to be rung.

Service was held in St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m., the Rector officiating, whilst the Rev. F. A. Oswald presided at the organ. The festival sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, from the text, 'God loveth a cheerful giver.' The members afterwards adjourned to the Church House, where a sumptuous tea was provided at the kind invitation of Mr. Oswald and a band of lady helpers. The ladies were warmly thanked on the motion of Minor Canon H. Gomer Davies (Brecon). The Rector of Tenby was present, and the Lord Bishop afterwards joined the party to preside over the annual meeting which followed tea.

The Lord Bishop spoke in appreciative terms of the interest taken in the Guild by the late Rev. David Williams, B.A., Vicar of Talgarth, and it was resolved that the sympathy of the Guild be conveyed to Mrs. Williams in her bereavement. The motion was carried by the members standing in silence.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. Charles Powell) presented the accounts for the past year, and, subject to their being audited, they were adopted. The Hon. Treasurer asked for the meeting's opinion as to the desirability of investing some of the balance at present in hand, and it was decided that he be empowered to invest a sum of £15 in Savings Certificates.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and on the proposition of Mr. E. Stitch, seconded by Mr. J. T. Williams, the following were re-elected en bloc: President, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; vice-presidents, the Archdeacon of Brecon, the Archdeacon of Gower, Rev. Canon E. A. T. Roberts (Sub-Dean), Rev. Canon H. J. Stewart (Sketty), Rev. R. M. Cole-Hamilton (Llangatock), Rev. John Simon, R.D. (St. David's, Brecon), Rev. W. J. Thomas (Gorseinon), and Rev. W. D. G. Wilkinson (diocesan missionary).

The Master of the Guild (Mr. A. J. Pitman) asked to be relieved of his duties, as it was, in his opinion, an honour which should be passed to some other members, but he was prevailed upon to continue in office on the proposition of Mr. Charles Powell, seconded by Mr. D. J. Williams.

Mr. Charles Powell, 3, North Road, Brecon, was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. W. R. Howells, N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath, was re-elected hon. secretary.

The following committee members were re-elected: Morriston, Mr. George Lewis; Builth Wells, Mr. R. E. Sparkes; Llangatock, Mr. Charles Powell; Talgarth, Mr. W. D. Griffiths; Sketty, Mr. Charles Morse; Gorseinon, Mr. D. J. Williams; Aberavon, Mr. E. Stitch; Glasbury, Mr. James P. Hyett; Llanstephan, Mr. George Morris; Cadoxton, Mr. D. J. Lewis; Llanelly, Breck, Mr. S. T. Rackham; St. Mary's, Brecon, Mr. F. E. Thomas; Tenby, Rev. F. A. Oswald; Baglan, Miss Lucy Thomas; St. David's, Brecon, Mr. Wm. Williams; Neath, Mr. Harry Boyce; Swansea, Mr. Fred Curtis; Llandilo, Mr. Marcus Davies; Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, Mr. Chris Hawkins; with Mr. A. Hunt, the new member for Cefn Coed, and the Rev. T. R. Jones, Cwmduddwr.

Mr. Jack Coombe and Mr. Leo Havard were elected hon. auditors.

The Lord Bishop extended the Guild a hearty invitation to hold the 1930 festival at Brecon, with an invitation to tea at Ely tower (the Lord Bishop's residence).

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had received communications from several towers as to the advisability of changing the date of the ringing competition in 1930 owing to the difficulty of several ringers being unable to obtain permission to leave their work, and it was afterwards resolved, on the proposition of Mr. E. Stitch, seconded by Mr. John T. Williams, that the competition be held on the first Saturday in May.

The hon. secretary was asked to enquire whether an invitation could be extended to the Guild to hold the competition at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire.

At a committee meeting held after the annual meeting it was decided that the rules of the competition be the same as in previous years, with the addition that the ringers taking part must be Sunday service ringers.

DISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICT FUNDS.

Arising out of the minutes, the Hon. Secretary also reported that at a committee meeting held at Brecon on May 25th, to consider the question of the distribution of the balance of district funds, it was resolved that the resolution as now appearing in the minute book should be amended to read as follows: 'That two-thirds of the balance in the hands of districts at the end of a year, after paying all expenses, etc., but excluding the balance in hand at the commencement of the year, be transferred to the general fund of the Guild.'

After reading a notice of motion by the Northern District, that 'half of all subscriptions for the year be paid to the general fund,' and a motion by the Southern District, that 'two-thirds of the balance in hand at the end of year be paid to the general fund,' it was resolved that the committee's proposal be confirmed.

Mr. E. Stitch raised the question of the Northern District having anticipated the meeting's confirmation of the committee's decision, by bringing into the balance sheet such money as would be due to the general fund under the new resolution, and the district was requested to adhere to the original resolution for the year ended June 30th last. The new resolution will take effect from July 1st, 1939.

The meeting's attention was drawn to the fact that Mr. Pitman's term of office as the Guild's representative on the Central Council had now expired. It was unanimously resolved that he be re-elected for a further period of three years.

Mr. Pitman gave the meeting a very full report on his visit to the meeting of the Central Council held recently, and he was heartily thanked by the chairman.

The Hon. Secretary reported as follows. Peals rung for the Guild up to the period ending December 31st, 1938, were: 1923, 2; 1924, 1; 1925, 3; 1926, 10; 1927, 14; 1928, 12; total, 42. Methods rung were: Doubles 21 (Grandsire 19, 2 methods 1, 7 methods 1), Minor 10 (Plain Bob 8, Kent Treble Bob 2), Triples 7 (Grandsire 5, Stedman 2), Major 4 (Plain Bob 1, Double Norwich 1, Cambridge Superlative 1, Superlative Surprise 1). The ringing competition was held at St. David's, Brecon, in May last, and resulted as follows (maximum points 240): Llanelly, Breck, 215; Cefn Coed, 208; Brecon, St. Mary's 'B', 192; Llangatock, 195; Cadoxton, 232; Baglan, 217; and Brecon, St. Mary's 'A', 208 positions, 3, 4, 7, 6, 1, 2, and 5 respectively. Cadoxton were entitled to an additional 5 points for ringing Stedman, bringing their total to 237.

A suggestion was made at the meeting that the hon. secretary should receive some honorarium for having acted in the capacity for five years (since the formation of the Guild), but the official concerned refused to entertain the suggestion.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Rector of Tenby for the use of the bells and Church House, and also the Lord Bishop for his address and for presiding over the annual meeting.

BEDFORDSHIRE & HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

A very enjoyable meeting of the Luton and St. Albans Districts of the above associations was held at Dunstable on Saturday last, the fine ring of bells being enjoyed by several ringers for the first time. A short service was held, conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. S. Dye (curate). The service was very bright and brief, and appreciated by all, the singing of several well-known hymns being the feature.

A short address was given by Canon W. W. C. Baker, president of the Beds Association.

In giving a hearty welcome to the ringers, he praised the idea of the two associations meeting together, saying that although they were separate bodies they were both members of one diocese.

Tea was provided by local churchworkers in the Parish Hall.

No business was transacted, but several excellent speeches were made. The Rector (the Rev. G. C. Rolfe) was in the chair, supported by Canon Baker and Mr. H. Golding (president of the Herts Association), and Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary.

Canon Baker gave a warm welcome to the visitors, and Mr. Cartmel replied in a cordial speech of thanks.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the tower again visited.

This was the first joint meeting in Bedfordshire, but from expressions heard on all sides it was hoped it would not be the last.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Shropshire Association was held at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, July 20th, in ideal weather. About forty members were present from Market Drayton, Malinslee, Wem, Coalbrookdale, Ruyton-eleven-Towns, Clive, Prees, Sheriffhales, Stanton, Whitchurch, Alberbury, Shrewsbury, and the local company. The members were also very pleased to see Mr. Faulkner, who now lives at Dawlish, Devonshire. He formerly resided at Ightfield, near Whitchurch, and was a regular attendant at the meetings of the association.

Ringings on the fine peal of six bells commenced at three o'clock, and while some were ringing, others inspected the beautiful grounds of the Vicarage and played bowls on the lawn.

At the business meeting, with Mr. W. Saunders presiding, seven new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Whitchurch in October.

Tea, which had been generously provided by the Rector, was served on the lawn, in front of the church. At the conclusion, Mr. Hewitt proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, who is away from home at present, for his hospitality. This was seconded by the Rev. F. Tennison, and carried with applause.

Some of the members then returned to the tower for further ringing, while others walked around the gardens and played games on the lawn. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

LADIES' FIRST PEAL OF MAJOR. COMMEMORATIVE TABLET DEDICATED.

An event of outstanding interest took place at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, when a handsome white marble tablet, recording the first peal of Major ever rung by ladies, was unveiled and dedicated at a meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild. The tablet, which is mounted on a black marble base, is beautifully inscribed in gold and black. Mrs. Baker, wife of the Vicar, performed the ceremony of unveiling, while the Rev. Baker solemnly dedicated it 'To the Glory of God and the inspiration of all whose eyes may rest upon it.' The service was continued in the church, to which the ringers descended, and the Vicar gave a most interesting address.

Shortly afterwards a very happy company sat down to tea in the schoolroom, the tables being tastefully decorated with flowers. The presence of the late secretary of the district, Mrs. Powell, and the Rev. E. S. Powell, added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

Two or three items of business made it necessary to hold a short meeting, over which the Vicar's wife presided, while the gentlemen returned to the tower, but not before the most sincere and hearty thanks had been expressed to the Vicar and Mrs. Baker for their valuable assistance.

The time and place of the September meeting was discussed, and it was finally decided to hold a combined meeting with the Peak District, details of which will be notified later.

The next item was the resignation of the secretary (Mrs. Jacques), and the election of Miss Cawthorne to fill the vacancy was unanimously carried.

The meeting wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the local company for their great interest and generous assistance, which played so great a part in making the meeting such a success. Special reference might here be made to Mr. Fred Watkinson, without whose untiring efforts that object could not have been attained.

Some very good ringing in methods ranging from Cambridge to Plain Bob, was thoroughly enjoyed during the evening, a touch of the latter being rung entirely by ladies.

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, and members attended from various parts. The ten bells were made good use of with the aid of the gentlemen on the heavy end. At the business meeting, which followed tea, two new members were elected. The date and place of the next meeting were left open. Votes of thanks to the local band for having everything in readiness, and rendering the necessary assistance, were unanimously passed. Further ringing during the evening brought a happy meeting to a close.

GRANDSIRE CATERS BY FATHER AND SONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent, re the peal of Grandsire Caters at Dudley, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's, Reigate, Surrey, by the Reigate Society on Saturday, September 23rd, 1899. The band included a father and two sons, viz., F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), F. T. Hoad, jun., and G. F. Hoad. It was the first peal on the bells after rehanging, with two new trebles added, it was rung at the first attempt, and was the first attempt on ten bells by all the band.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE THOMPSON.

PORTSMOUTH RINGERS' OUTING.

The St. Mary's, Portsmouth, ringers and friends held their annual outing on June 15th. Leaving headquarters shortly after 1 p.m., they journeyed via Fareham (where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bayley) to Twyford. Here they were in time to witness a freman's wedding, complete with fire engine, firemen and other equipment. As soon as the ceremony was over, a visit was paid to the tower, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise were rung. During the ringing one of the company met with an accident in the churchyard, which necessitated removal to Winchester Hospital, and this unfortunate incident rather spoilt the enjoyment for the remainder of the trip. However, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, who had met the party here, continued the journey with them to Whitchurch, where a very pleasant ring of eight was found, and some very nice touches were brought round. At Basingstoke, an excellent meat tea was partaken of at the Crown Restaurant. Mr. H. Horne kindly conducted the party to All Saints' Church, where there is an excellent, but rather noisy, peal of eight. Strictly speaking, there is a ring of nine here, the other bell enabling a ring of eight in the minor key to be constituted. Some good touches of Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Yorkshire Surprise were rung, after which Mr. and Mrs. Williams left the party, and the journey was continued to Alton. The Vicar kindly met the visitors. The bells here are indeed a magnificent peal, recently recast by the Croydon Bell Foundry, and after touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise had been rung, they were lowered in peal. Home was eventually reached about 11 p.m., after a most successful trip, save for the unfortunate accident earlier in the afternoon. The company wish, through these columns, to thank the clergy and ringers who kindly met them en route, and helped to contribute so largely to the success of the outing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The report of a peal at Marcham has been sent without the name of the conductor.

Joseph Henry Daynes, youngest son of Mr. G. H. Daynes, Greenwich, has graduated as B.Sc. with honours, and has been recommended for the diploma of associate of the City and Guilds Institute, Imperial College, London University, in the Faculty of Engineering. He was the youngest student to sit for this examination, and came seventh for the whole college.

In reference to the footnote to peal of Stedman Triples rung at Thurcaston, Leicestershire, on Sunday, July 14th, which read that eight towers were represented, we are asked to point out that Edmonton was not represented by any member of that tower.

There is to be a ringers' opening of the bells at Tideswell Church, Derbyshire, known as the 'Cathedral of the Peak,' on August Bank Holiday. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have recast the tenor (12½ cwt.), put in a new 6th in place of the old 4th (a pre-Reformation bell now placed in the church), and added two bells to complete the octave.

Something like a 'week' of Taylor reopenings has just taken place. On Monday, the 15th, the recast peal of six (tenor 13 cwt.) in a new frame was opened at Navenby, Lincs. On Tuesday, the 16th, a recast ring of six (tenor 9 cwt.) in a new frame at Horbling, Lincs. On Saturday, the ringers' opening of a recast peal of eight (tenor 10½ cwt.) at Halewood, Lincs, and the opening of a recast peal of eight (tenor 20 cwt.) in a new frame at Eccles, Lincs. On Sunday there was the consecration by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool of a carillon at St. Helens, Lincs.

A peal board has been unveiled in the tower of St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, commemorating a peal of Bob Major, rung on May 18th last, on the occasion of the dedication of a new lych gate, erected at the western entrance to St. Peter's churchyard, by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. B. Giddins, in memory of their son, William Craven Giddins, who died in 1911.

The ring of eight at Waterford Cathedral were opened on July 26th, 1872, and the first peal on them, which was the first peal in Ireland, was rung on the following day.

A peal of 7,552 Grandsire Major was rung at Aston on August 30th, 1793.

CRANLEIGH RINGER'S FUNERAL.

The tragic death of Mr. Alwyn Charman, which was reported in our last issue, has made a sad breach in the ranks of the ringers at Cranleigh, Surrey, where he was the conductor of the Parish Church company. He was the type of man who could always be relied upon to be in his place both for service and practice ringing, and although not keen on peal ringing was wholeheartedly attached to the tower and the duties devolving upon him. His father had been a ringer at Cranleigh before him; his brother, who preceded him as conductor, and two nephews are also members of the band.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, and a considerable number of parishioners and workmates of deceased attended. The family mourners included the widow, the deceased's four daughters, his brother and other relatives. The Guildford Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, and Messrs. Tidy and L. Warner, of the Cranleigh band, Messrs. C. Hazleden, A. H. Pulling and W. Melville (Guildford) and J. S. Goldsmith, hon. secretary. The first part of the service was said by the Rector in the Church, and the interment took place at the cemetery, where, over the open grave, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells. Afterwards a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells with half-muffled clappers. Among the many wreaths was one sent by the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Charman was 57 years of age.

AN ANNIVERSARY PEAL.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on Saturday at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, on the sixth anniversary of the record peal in the method (17,280 changes), rung at Over, Cheshire, in 1923. The band was the same as that which rang the long peal, and they stood in the same order. The composition was specially arranged by Mr. J. W. Parker, the last eleven courses being the fifth part of the 17,280. This was the first occasion on which the band had been able to meet for a peal since their record performance, and this commemoration was the 100th peal which Messrs. R. Sperring and John Hayes have rung together.

MR. E. V. RODENHURST'S 200 PEALS.

Doubles (1 to 4 methods) 7, on handbells 1, Minor (1 to 4 methods) 7, Grandsire Triples 38 (conducted 13), on handbells 1, Stedman Triples 30, Bob Major 18 (conducted 1), Oxford Treble Bob Major 6, *Kent Treble Bob Major 32 (conducted 1), Double Norwich Court Bob Major 36, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Grandsire Caters 3, Stedman Caters 7, Bob Royal 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal 5, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Cinques 2. * Including 7,488, 9,344, 10,400 (longest peal in Wales), and 17,280 (Kent Treble Bob Record). Rung in 80 towers, in 13 counties and for 13 associations.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

Oxford, even on a broiling hot day, has many attractions, and on Saturday the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild showed in no uncertain fashion that the city still appeals to the majority of them as the best of all places for the annual festival. There have been persistent endeavours in recent years to move the festival to other places, but on every such occasion Oxford received an overwhelming preponderance of votes. The meeting on Saturday attracted nearly two hundred members, and despite the tropical conditions, most of them spent a thoroughly enjoyable day. The heat did not deter a great deal of ringing on the many peals of bells which the city possesses, both in the parish churches and colleges, and there were few who did not have as much exercise in this direction as they desired. Chief interest in ringing in the morning centred in the twelve at Christ Church and the ten at Magdalen College, while later in the day the ten at New College, the light rings of eight at St. Ebbe's, All Saints' and St. Giles', and the bells at St. Aldgate's, Holywell, St. Mary Magdalene's, St. Thomas' and Carfax, were all available, as were Merton College eight, but the reputation of the last-named deterred any attempt, under the atmospheric conditions, to ring them.

The festival service was held as usual in Christ Church Cathedral, where the Vicar of St. Laurence's, Reading (Rev. R. H. A. Bullock) preached an eloquent sermon.

The business meeting, attended by members from many towers of the widespread diocese, was held in the Chapter House, the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) presiding, supported by Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary), and Canon G. F. Coleridge, while among the numerous visitors were Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

RESTORATION WORK GOES ON APACE.

The first business after the disposal of the minutes was the officers' reports. The Master's report referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, who had served for many years in the capacities of secretary and treasurer, and who, though not a ringer himself, had at heart the welfare of the ringer and the success of the Guild. The peal total was a better one than last year, and it would be interesting to know how many peals had been attempted and well nigh rung. He had personal knowledge of a good many. It was, however, hardly possible to now attribute failure to the bad 'going' of the bells, and the work of restoration was still going on. The Master had visited to report and advise at Banbury, Steeple Claydon, Fawley, Goring, Nettlebed, Newbury, Oakley, Radley, Reading St. Mary, Somerton, Stoke Mandeville and Winslow. Work has been carried out successfully at Ambroseden, Aston Tirrold, Bray, Henley, Hinton Waldrist, Maids Moreton, Nettlebed, Stoke Mandeville, and Sunningwell. At Caversfield a new bell replaces the famous early 13th century bell, which is now hung down in the church. Two trebles have been added at Ambroseden, and the tenor has been recast, and a fine ring of eight replaces an indifferent ring of six. Stoke Mandeville also rejoice in two new trebles and a nice little ring of eight. The work of tuning and re-hanging the rings at St. Mary's, Reading, and St. Nicholas', Newbury, is now in hand, and before the year is out there is promise of a great work being done at Banbury. Not the least encouraging sign of the times is the way in which the more experienced ringers in many branches are co-operating with their secretaries in real educational work in different towers, and are not resting content with their regular meetings and peal attempts. In conclusion, the Master referred with gratification to the recovery of Canon Coleridge, and expressed the hope that he might long be spared to be what he is—not only to the Oxford Guild, but to the whole ringing fraternity.

The Master added to his report that they had lost an old friend and a great helper of the Guild, Mr. A. H. Cocks, of Marlow, who had passed away. Many of the older members of the Guild would remember the excellent work Mr. Cocks did in the towers at Marlow and Hughenden. He was treasurer of the Guild for a time, and was festival secretary for some years, and in those capacities he served the Guild well. But perhaps Mr. Cocks was best known to ringers as the author of 'Church Bells of Buckinghamshire.' Whenever he (the speaker) referred to that volume, as he often did, he paused in admiration of the man who in those days, when locomotion was not easy, travelled all over the country and made an analysis of the bells of Buckinghamshire, and gave such wonderful information of the bell founders all over the country. It was not until about six months after Mr. Cocks died that he (the Master) knew he had passed away, and he took that opportunity of making good what had been omitted from his report.

The Master said, further, that there had been handed to him through the Misses Hart Davis a peal of handbells, left to him, to do with them as he thought best for the good of the Guild. The committee agreed with him that he should get the bells put into decent order, and that they should be lent out to towers who wanted to borrow them for a time for the instruction of young members. Those who wanted the use of the bells should write to him.

FLOURISHING FUNDS.

The Master's report was adopted, as was also that of the treasurer, who said the statement of accounts showed a balance of £145

19s. 5d., as compared with £138 7s. 8d. the previous year. The income was £118 8s. 5d., a decrease of £2 10s. 3d. This was accounted for by a reduction in the donations to the Restoration Fund, a smaller number of reports sold, and a smaller collection at the festival. The net cost for the year was £90 14s. 8d. This was £14 less than last year. The amount received from the branches was £24 3s. 6d. This was the largest sum received in the history of the Guild, and it was a good testimonial to the excellent work done by the branch treasurers. There was also an increase in the number of hon. members. The balance in the hands of all the branches amounted to £193 7s. 4d. There were still some branches which had not opened a banking account. He hoped before next year they would have done so. The balance sheets showed that the money appeared to have been expended very wisely. He expressed a hope that more money would be spent on instruction. Some balance sheets had not been audited, and he asked all treasurers to see that all their accounts are certified as correct by an auditor. During the year two grants had been made from the Restoration Fund amounting to £6. At the last annual meeting it was decided to transfer 25 per cent. of the amount received from hon. members to this fund. He estimated that this would be £25, and the actual amount was £24 15s. The amount transferred was £26, which just paid the two grants. There was now a balance in hand of £36 19s. 3d. Grants had been promised to Deddington and Banbury.

Mr. Wright added that the report did not show the exact position, as in addition to the balance in hand they actually had £70 more than shown, this being the sum invested in Government stock, which appeared in a separate account. Since the end of the year they had purchased another £30 of stock, so that next year they would have a clear interest of £5 to place to the restoration fund.

The report was adopted.

'AN EXCELLENT SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD.'

In his report, the Secretary said a review of the year 1928 could not bring any thoughts but of thankfulness that progression was the trend of the Guild. The general tone was good and sound in all districts, and most of the branches were growing. Sunday service ringing was well maintained, peal ringing had been more successful. Although the total was but 57 peals, it would bear analysis; London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Major were scored by the stalwarts of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, and two peals of Cambridge Minor were rung, making 12 Surprise peals in all. Stedman, from Cinques to Doubles, numbered 16. The remaining 29 peals embraced Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Major and Grand sire Triples and Doubles. A great many peals were attempted and lost towards the end. The membership had increased slightly: Hon. members 209, ringing members 1,806—total 2,015. The towers affiliated were more than the Guild had ever had before, 201. This was due to the energy of branch secretaries. Restoration work had been carried out in several towers with great success and satisfaction. He had visited most of the branches during the year, and had found, as before, an excellent spirit of brotherhood, which was the great thing if the objects of the Guild were to be reached and maintained. He again tendered his thanks to all branch secretaries for the help they gave him during the year.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was re-elected Master by acclamation, his name being proposed by Canon Coleridge and seconded by Mr. W. P. Routh.

Mr. A. H. Wright was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert hon. secretary, with thanks for their services.

Mr. E. Humphrey resigned from the committee, having gone to live outside the diocese. The other eleven elected members were re-appointed en bloc, viz., Miss V. Robinson, Messrs. J. F. Barlow, J. Evans, G. Caudwell, G. Holifield, W. Hibbert, sen., G. Martin, R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear and J. W. Wilkins. Miss Stella Davis (Newbury Branch) was elected to fill the vacancy.

The four representatives of the Guild on the Central Council were re-elected, viz., the Master, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. F. W. Hopgood and Mr. John Evans.

The meeting was asked to confirm the election of 166 new members, who had been admitted during the year. The Hon. Secretary, in making the proposal, said this did not mean that the Guild had grown to that extent, neither was the whole of the difference accounted for by members who had died.

The Master: We don't want members to die, but we wish more would stick.

The committee recommended that the festival in 1930 be held at Oxford. They suggested, if an alternative was desired, that Slough should be chosen.

Mr. Hopgood thought it would be a fine thing if they made a change and visited some other place than Oxford. That was an Oxford Diocesan Guild, and not an Oxford District Guild, and he claimed they should go all over the diocese with their festival. There was no better way than to follow their former custom of visiting the three counties in succession. He proposed that next year's festival be held at Slough.—Mr. A. D. Barker seconded.

On being put to the meeting, Slough received 15 votes and Oxford 61. Oxford will therefore be the venue in 1930.

On the motion of the Master, the Rev. Dr. Archer Houbian, formerly Archdeacon of Berkshire, was elected a vice-president of the Guild.

RESTORATION GRANTS VOTED.

The Hon. Treasurer brought forward the committee's recommendations as to restoration grants. He said he was proud of the Restoration Fund. It was a child of his. They had spent close on £50 in grants, and they now had £42 19s. 3d. in the fund. They were already committed to grants at Banbury and Geddington, and if they made the grants recommended that day the balance would be reduced to £13. He was, however, going to move later on that they continue for this year to take 25 per cent. of the hon. members' subscriptions, which would mean £6 for the fund, and this with £5 16s. from interest would increase the balance upon which they would be able to draw next year. He proposed the following grants be made: Ambrosden £5 5s., Newbury £5 5s., St. Laurence's, Reading, £5 5s., Thatcham £5 5s., Hampstead Norris £3 3s. Similar grants had been made in each case by the branches concerned.

The Master said this was a tremendous change compared with what it was when he joined the Guild, when they used to deal with two guineas here and thirty shillings there. He thought the work they were now doing was perfectly splendid.

Mr. Hopgood proposed that the grant to St. Laurence's, Reading, should be ten guineas.—This was seconded by Miss Robinson, who said help was badly needed.

Canon Coleridge suggested that St. Laurence's should have five guineas for the restoration, but if they embarked on a twelve-bell scheme then let them have their ten guineas.—This proposal, seconded by Mr. A. D. Cullum, was carried with only one dissident, and, with this amendment, the treasurer's list was adopted.

It was also resolved that 25 per cent. of the hon. members' subscriptions which came in to the treasurer should be devoted to the Restoration Fund.

A proposal that all applications for restoration grants should be in the hands of the general secretary by March 31st each year, in order that they might be considered first by the committee, was defeated by 24 votes to 14.

Canon Coleridge gave, as usual, an interesting account of the proceedings of the Central Council at Chelmsford. He remarked, however, that it ought not to be necessary, as everyone should have read the very full report of the meeting in the pages of 'The Ringing World.'

The Master said they were very much privileged in that Guild to have the report from the president himself. The Central Council was presided over in a most efficient manner, and difficult situations which at times arose were carried through by the well-known personality of Canon Coleridge. He proposed a vote of thanks to him for his report (applause).

The Master also proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for granting the use of the Cathedral, the Chapter House, and the dining hall for lunch; also to the preacher and to the organist.

Mr. Fowler, in seconding, suggested that the key of some of the exceptionally high-pitched hymns might be transposed for their services.

The motion was replied to by the Rev. R. H. A. Bullock.

Mr. Barker mentioned the loss to the Guild by death of Mr. G. Alder, and also that Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, who was one of their vice-presidents, had recently been bereaved by the death of his wife, and since then had met with an accident, having been knocked down by a motor-car.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding.

The company then adjourned to the handsome and historic dining hall of Christ Church for lunch, at the conclusion of which, on the call of the Master, the toast of 'Church and King' was honoured.

An informal vote on the question of the hymn tunes revealed that the majority were satisfied with the settings used.

Afterwards the members dispersed for ringing at the various towers.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Stoke, Coventry, on Saturday, July 20th, in delightful weather, members attending from Allesley, Bedworth, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton and Shilton. During the afternoon ringing was interspersed with long and frequent periods of rest, and everyone was pleased when it was time to adjourn to St. Andrew's Hall for tea, kindly arranged by ladies of the parish.

The Rector (Rev. Frank Burnett) gave the members a cordial welcome, and sat down to tea with them. Afterwards, the Rector having another meeting to attend, Mr. T. W. Chapman (Ringing Master) presided at the business meeting.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Coleshill, the August meeting to be held at Fillongley, and the September one at Brinklow. Seventeen new members were elected, including twelve ringing members (nine from Bedworth and three from Bulkington), one honorary member and four non-resident members.

After the meeting, the members returned to the tower, where the standard methods up to Double Norwich Major were rung.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Bourn, on Saturday, in ideal weather. Members were present from Barley, Herts, Cambridge, Dry Drayton, Great Staughton, Hemingford Abbots, Long Stanton, Newton, Melbourn, Over, Royston, Stapleford, St. Neots, Trumpington, Willingham, and local tower. Messrs. H. Barrett and Shephard were also there from Gloucestershire. The service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. Jas. Duffill).

The Vicar kindly entertained the company to tea, 27 sitting down. He also presided at the business meeting.

Willingham was voted as the place of next meeting.

It was noticed that several prominent ringers were absent from the meeting, and the secretary wishes to state that he cannot arrange meetings on free Saturdays without knowing the fixtures of neighbouring associations.

The ringing was well up to standard, Superlative, Cambridge, Kent, Oxford Double Norwich and Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung during the day.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for taking the service and for his hospitality, and to Mr. H. J. Hazell, A.L.C.M., as organist, brought a happy meeting to a close.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. THE NEED FOR MORE YOUNG MEN.

A successful meeting of the Western Branch was held at Suckley on Saturday, July 13th. An hour's ringing in the afternoon was followed by service conducted by the Rector, Rev. C. H. Heather, who gave an interesting address, in the course of which he spoke of bells and their messages. The association's form of service was used.

An excellent tea was served in the school, about 60 sitting down. The business meeting followed, with the Rector in the chair, supported by Mr. R. G. Knowles (Association Master), Mr. S. T. Holt (Branch Master), and Mr. J. Rowlett (branch secretary). The towers represented were St. Peter's, Droitwich, Hanley Castle, Madresfield, Upton-on-Severn, Worcester Cathedral, St. John's, Worcester, Claines, Leigh, Upton Snodsbury, Crowle, Malvern Link, Hallow and Grimley. There were also several visitors present. The Rector welcomed the ringers.

Mr. W. Lewis reported that the quarterly peal had been rung at Kempsey. Mr. W. Ranford was appointed conductor of the next quarterly peal, to be rung at Suckley.—Hanley Castle was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, with Madresfield as alternative.

Several new members were elected, and a collection for Madresfield Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 1s.

Mr. Knowles urged the younger ringers to come forward and do their best to encourage other young men to ring, as the future of change ringing lay in their hands.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to Mr. Ranford for providing an excellent tea, and to the Misses Ranford and Miss Mitton for preparing tea and attending to the needs of everyone.

The meeting concluded, the ringers returned to the tower for further ringing. London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, were among the methods rung during the day.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

A meeting of the South and West District was held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 13th. Although the temperature was rather high, over forty ringers and friends attended. Methods from Grandsire Triples up to and including Cambridge Surprise Major, were practised during the meeting.

A short service was held, conducted by the Rev. Canon E. Cornwell Jones (Vicar), who gave the association a most hearty welcome to Ruislip.

After the service the company adjourned to Fabb's Restaurant for a refreshing cup of tea. The vice-president (Mr. C. S. Bird) presided over a merry party, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier) and other well-known ringers, Messrs. G. R. Fardon, C. Hunt, W. E. Taylor, E. H. Godfrey, H. Wingrove, J. W. Kelley and F. Kelley, and representatives from Acton, Ealing, Isleworth, Heston, and Ruislip, Beaconsfield, etc. The ladies present were the Misses Fletcher, Miss Lidbetter and Mrs. Taylor.

Two new members were elected for the local band. A vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, the respected 'father' of the Devon Guild.

A vote of congratulation to the King on his recovery from his long illness was passed, and at the request of the meeting was forwarded to His Majesty. It was duly acknowledged in the following terms: 'Buckingham Palace. The Private Secretary is commanded to convey an expression of the King's thanks to the members of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers for the kind and loyal terms of their message. July 13th, 1929.'

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the vice-president, Messrs. W. Bunce and A. Hunter, of the local band, and to all members and friends for their hearty support. Ringing took place again in the evening.

THE 'RALLY' AT NEWCASTLE.

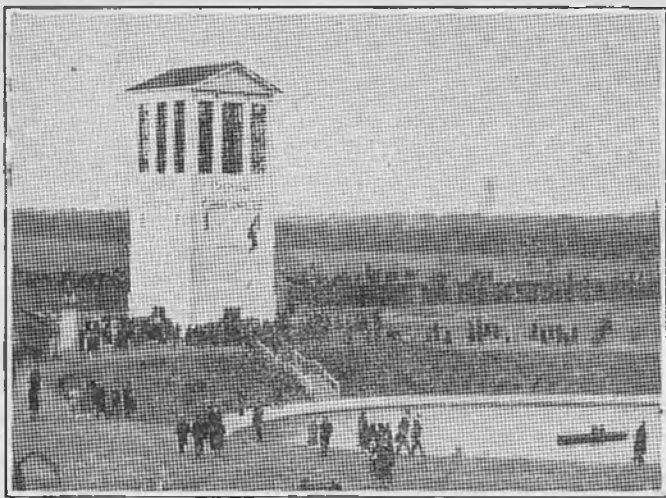
GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS ENTERTAINED.
THE WELLINGTON CARILLON ON VIEW.

The great 'rally' of ringers at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday week brought together the largest gathering of ringers which has ever assembled in the North of England. The object of the visit was to hear and inspect the Wellington (New Zealand) carillon installed by the enterprise of the Newcastle 'Evening Chronicle' in a specially erected campanile in the North-East Coast Exhibition grounds, and ringers and their friends foregathered from places as far apart as Selby and Edinburgh and Paisley. The visit was on the invitation of the proprietors of the 'Evening Chronicle' and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the founders of the now famous bells, and the 500 ringers who accepted invitations spent a thoroughly interesting and enjoyable day.

The beauty and charm of the bells was impressively revealed to the critical visitors during a special demonstration given by Miss Nora Johnston, now one of the foremost of carillonneurs, and unquestionably the most skilful woman carillonneur in the world.

The recital was composed of the well-known numbers which have become so popular with the crowds which collect regularly in the Exhibition grounds and on the adjacent Town Moor, and the bell-ringers were thrilled with the musical splendour of the bells and the consummate skill of the expert lady who manipulated them.

It was with the simplest melodies that the carillonneur cast the assembled hundreds under the irresistible spell of the bells. The impression created by numbers like 'Londonderry Air,' 'Old Folks at Home,' 'Home, Sweet Home,' and 'Little Grey Home in the West' was portrayed in the crowd's attentiveness.



THE BELL TOWER AT THE EXHIBITION.

Miss Johnston proceeded to illustrate the scope of the bells by rendering items of such a diversity of character as 'Chanson Triste,' 'Here's a Health unto His Majesty,' 'Drink to Me Only,' and 'Little Bo Peep.' The heat made Miss Johnston's job much more fatiguing than usual.

The visitors were conducted into the bell tower in batches for an inspection.

One of the most interested of them was 17-year-old Ephraim Wennington, of Gateshead, who, paralysed and only able to get about with the aid of crutches, had to be carried up the steep steps on a man's back.

The recital concluded, the visitors adjourned to Carrick's pavilion in the Exhibition grounds, and, after partaking of tea on the invitation of the proprietors of the 'Evening Chronicle' and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, they were accorded a welcome by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle (Colr. A. W. Lambert) and the Assistant Bishop of Newcastle (Dr. Cecil J. Wood).

A USEFUL COMMUNITY.

The Lord Mayor said he esteemed bell-ringers as members of a most useful community engaged in rendering an inspiring service to their fellows from the bellfries of the country's churches. 'We in Newcastle,' he proceeded, 'greatly appreciate the Wellington carillon as one of the greatest attractions we have here, and I am very proud of the fact that the Lady Mayoress herself was the first lady to play the bells. I would express the hope that it may be possible to obtain the services of some of those great carillonneurs from Belgium while the wonderful bells are still on Tyneside; and I feel that a hint to the "Newcastle Chronicle," who have rendered us such great services in securing the bells for the Exhibition, may result in the further treat I have mentioned being provided us.'

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, said he believed that afternoon's gathering was the largest meeting of bell-ringers ever organised in the North.

An assurance that the 'Newcastle Chronicle' would do their utmost to carry out the suggestion of the Lord Mayor to secure the services of a series of eminent Belgian carillonneurs was given by Mr. C. L. White, publicity manager, representing the directors of the 'Newcastle Chronicle.'

At the request of the change ringers, Mrs. A. W. Lambert, the Lady Mayoress, gave a recital on the carillon on Saturday night.

For ten minutes she sat at the keyboard by which the bells are manipulated by the electro-pneumatic system, and, without music, gave a skilful rendering of several airs which the carillon has made popular on Tyneside.

When the pressman suggested to the Lord Mayor that the city should have a carillon of its own, after the Wellington bells are removed, he observed, 'I wish some generous citizen would provide the money to buy one.'

The day closed with a social and concert in the Chronicle Hall, Pudding Chare. An excellent musical programme, organised by Mr. C. L. Routledge, was provided by a number of popular local artistes.

In the absence of Mr. Edward Tebbutt, managing director of Newcastle Chronicle, Ltd., Mr. Routledge took the chair, and was supported by Mr. E. Ferry, president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. On behalf of the proprietors of the 'Chronicle,' Mr. C. L. White welcomed the members and their ladies, and explained that refreshments were to be had at any time in the vaults below the hall.

Quartets and solos were given by the Cathedral Quartette, Messrs. J. J. Gibson, J. T. Gillespy, W. Haydn Hobkirk and Mr. Henry Frater, Mr. Edward Newton acting as accompanist. Miss Nora Johnston gave a surprise turn, 'Never Mind,' introducing a most amusing verse about the carillon and herself. One of the most entertaining numbers was that of Mr. Martin Henderson, the blind concertina player, whose efforts were greeted with a chorus of applause. Mr. Cyril Johnston had also brought his 'carillon' of 23 handbells, from which he tapped delightful melody—all popular airs, even including the Tyneside anthem, 'Blaydon Races.'

A course each of Stedman and Grandsire Caters was given by mixed bands, and tunes on the handbells by Messrs. Tom and James Gofton were also enthusiastically encored. At eleven o'clock the National Anthem was sung, after votes of thanks had been carried by storms of applause to the hosts of the evening, and to the artistes, which went to prove that all had a very happy and entertaining day, with the Exhibition thrown in as a distinct asset to a day of glorious weather.

A TOWER BUILDING RECORD.

The carillon which was on view was that which attracted considerable attention a few months ago at Croydon Bell Foundry, and is to form the memorial to the men and women of Wellington, New Zealand, who died in the service of the Empire. The complete carillon consists of 49 bells, the largest weighing 5 tons, the total weight of bells being 31½ tons, but owing to considerations of space it was not found practicable to instal the two largest bells at Newcastle. The Wellington War Memorial Carillon Committee, through the kind intervention of Sir James Parr, K.C.M.G., High Commissioner for New Zealand, arranged for the loan of 47 of the bells (to which two trebles were added in order to give four complete octaves) to the North-East Coast Exhibition during the summer of 1929. The largest of the 47 bells weighs 3½ tons, and its note is B flat.

When it was found that there was no suitable building for these bells in the Exhibition grounds, the Newcastle 'Evening Chronicle,' with the characteristic enterprise which marks the conduct of this great journal, at once instructed Messrs. Mauchlen and Weightman, architects, of Newcastle, to design a special campanile, the erection of which was entrusted to Messrs. Henry Kelly, Ltd., contractors.

Within three weeks the tower was designed, the foundations prepared, the steelwork fabricated in the yards of Messrs. Wright, Anderson and Co., Ltd., Gateshead, the bells and mechanism dismantled in the Croydon foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, despatched by sea, erected in place and inaugurated on the opening day of the Exhibition by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in the presence of the High Commissioner for New Zealand, the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, the Duke of Northumberland, and the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry.

The inaugural recitals, given by Mr. Clifford E. Ball, Mus.Bac., of Bournemouth, aroused the greatest enthusiasm, audiences of more than 100,000 people collecting on the Town Moor to hear the bells.

The bells are tuned on the five tone harmonic principle to equal temperament and to international pitch. The clavier for hand operation by a carillonneur has a range of 4½ chromatic octaves, the lowest 25 keys being attached to pedals as well as to the manuals.

Each bell has an inscription bearing the name of some battle or engagement, whose names have now become household words: 'The Somme,' 'Jutland,' 'Gallipoli,' 'Ypres,' etc. Five of the bells have badges or symbols—No. 34, the badge of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade; No. 35, the New Zealand Army Nursing Service Symbol; No. 36, Special Medical Service Symbol; No. 44, the Arms of the

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TO WINDSOR AND STOKE POGES.

The annual outing of the bellringers of All Saints' Church, Maldon, Essex, took place on Saturday, June 22nd. Twenty-one people left Maldon at 7 a.m. upon what proved to be a most interesting excursion, though a little rain met with early in the day necessitated the hood of the charabanc being put up. As was the case last year, each member was provided with a programme and guide, which gave a short history of all the places to be visited, with a time-table. A few courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung en route to Waltham Abbey. At Forest Lodge, in this parish, a call was made for breakfast, where, amid scenes of ideal natural beauty, on the edge of the forest, a hearty and substantial meal was enjoyed by the company. A short journey then brought the party to Waltham Abbey Church, where arrangements had been made to inspect the grand old building. With the help of an official guide, a comprehensive tour was made. Though probably still the grandest ecclesiastical building in Essex, the church is little in comparison with the magnificence of the Abbey in the days of the monks. A long ride through Enfield, Barnet, Elstree, Harrow and Slough brought the party to Windsor, the main objective of the day. So much of interest was to be seen here that little hope was entertained of including everything. The rich and majestic loveliness of St. George's Chapel was the first attraction, and the party was taken round the interior by a guide, whose explanations were of much interest to all. Another guide then took a section of the company up the curfew tower, where hang eight heavy bells, the tenor of which is the curfew bell that Gray used to hear from Stoke Poges, a few miles out. A chiming apparatus, which has been functioning for many years, then played some hymn tunes, rounds, and Queens on the bells, which are also occasionally rung. After a walk round the balcony of the castle, a move was made for the Parish Church (St. John-the-Baptist), where some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and also some Bob Minor. Mr. T. Smith, the steeple-keeper, who had fixed up tea for the company, then led the way to the tea rooms, where the party was joined by Mr. J. Amos, who, before moving to the London district, was an enthusiastic member of the Maldon band of ringers. After tea, a move was made for Stoke Poges. Here the Vicar, the Rev. Mervin-Clare, and the steeple-keeper, Mr. T. G. Hawkins, welcomed the ringers. An unusual straight staircase outside the tower is the way to the ringing chamber of this heltry, and when some good touches of Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles had been rung on this delightful and musical peal, the Vicar guided the party round the church, fully explaining the many interests of the beautiful building, where Gray used to worship, where he is buried, and in the churchyard of which he is supposed to have written his immortal elegy. A very fitting final ceremony was performed by Mr. W. Chalk, when, 'far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife' and 'neath . . . that yew tree's shade, where heaves the turf in many a mould'ring heap,' he ably recited Gray's Elegy, the members of the party grouped among the tombstones of which Gray wrote, the church forming a colourful background, and the quiet evening calm making the scene impressive. The homeward route was through the city, and during the journey some course of Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on handbells. Home was reached at about 11.30 p.m., after sixteen and a half hours of real pleasure. The incumbents at the places of ringing will be written to and privately thanked, for it greatly adds to the day's enjoyment to have welcomes such as were received on this trip.

APPEAL FOR ECKINGTON RINGER.

The following further subscriptions have been received in response to the appeal for help for Mr. Alfred West, of Eckington, who is totally incapacitated: Previously acknowledged, £2 6s. 6d.; J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), 10s.; W. Idle (Dewsbury), 2s.; R. K. Knight (Laytonstone), 2s. 6d.; Bakewell (All Saints') ringers, 13s.; total, £3 14s. Contributions to help this deserving case should be sent to Mr. T. A. Howes Smith, Eckington, near Sheffield.

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Royal Navy; and No. 49, the Bourdon, is ornamented with the fern leaf from the badge of the New Zealand Contingents, and also the leaf of the New Zealand flax, a staple product of the province of Wellington.

The frame weighs 34 tons, and is constructed to carry 53 bells eventually, as the intention is to add four lower bells, the largest to weigh 10 tons.

The clappers of the big bells are counterbalanced to ease the work of the carillonneur on the 'heavy end,' and the tracker work of rollers and intermediate cranks is of the latest design, embodying improvements to ensure accurate striking of the bells and delicacy of touch on the little trebles.

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CHURCH OFFICIALS LIVE LONG IN NORTON.

On Saturday, July 6th, the parishioners of Norton, in Derbyshire (the birthplace and the last resting-place of Chantrey, the greatest of English sculptors), gave a parochial welcome to their newly-appointed Rector, Rev. J. Stanton Peffe, M.A. In celebration, the ringers, under the conductorship of Mr. A. P. Knights, rang on the bells of the ancient Church of St. James, a peal of Bob Major (5,024 changes) in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

After a public tea in the schoolroom, adjournment was made to the Oakes Park, where exhibitions of dancing were given by the scholars of Norton and Greenhill Schools, other games and sports were indulged in, and community singing, concluding with the National Anthem, brought to a close a red-letter day in the annals of Norton Church history.

How rarely such occasions can have offered is revealed by the fact that the span of years from 1763 to 1929 has been covered by four incumbents only. Speaking of long tenure of office, it is interesting to note that the people's warden, Mr. Ernest Hunstone, has served in this capacity for 32 continuous years, the recent death of the parish clerk, Mr. J. Shaw, terminated 40 years' service, while the leader of the ringers, Mr. Wm. Biggin, has completed 50 years of service as a ringer at this church.

Norton Church was built about 1180 by Robert FitzRanulph, the Reformation of Beauchief Abbey (nearby), and up to the time of the Reformation was served by the Canons of Beauchief.

Its parish registers commence with the year 1559, the first year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Originally the tower held six bells only, but in 1896 these were recast by Taylor's, of Loughborough, and opportunity was taken to bring the peal up to eight in number, the tenor being 15½ cwt. The ringers at this church are also skilled exponents in handbell ringing.

AMONG ESSEX TOWERS.

The Foxearth ringers, augmented by friends from Glensford and Long Melford, had a short ringing tour, arranged by Mr. Evans with his usual organising ability. Great Tey was the first halt, and this nice peal of eight were soon going to Treble Bob and appreciated by all at Kelvedon. Mr. Elliot met the ringers, and a treat on these heavy six was essayed. The heavy end man of the party, Mr. T. Slater, found no opposition for the tenor, and he just revelled in it. After a lough or two, the party made for the Rectory, where, as guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Croft, tea was partaken of. Feering was the next tower visited, and here the party had the pleasure of meeting and ringing with Mr. W. Keeble. A pull at Earls Colne terminated the ringing part of the programme. The thanks of the party are due to all those who helped to make the trip successful by having bells ready for ringing, and especially are they indebted to the Rev. and Mrs. Croft, of Kelvedon, for their kindness in providing tea.

HASTINGS RINGERS' TRIP TO ROCHESTER.

On Saturday, June 29th, the bellringers, members and friends of the Borough Church of Hastings assembled for their annual outing. The bells of St. Clement's were rung, and the company, numbering forty, left in the 'Village Belle' motor coaches shortly after 8.30 a.m. for Rochester. Passing through Cranbrook, the party arrived at Maidstone well on time. Here a very enjoyable time was spent for about an hour in boating on the Medway. The company then made their way to Rochester, which was reached after a glorious hour's run. Some of the party visited the Castle ruins, whilst the ringers made their way to the Cathedral, where they tramped up the old steps under the oak beams supporting the roof, and arrived in the ringing room. Here at one o'clock they rang the Cathedral bells, the Dean having kindly granted permission. Leaving Rochester at 3.30, they made their way to Tunbridge Wells, where tea was partaken of, and, later, they proceeded to Colemans Hatch, where they were welcomed by their late Rector (Rev. H. B. Foyster). The Rector conducted a party over the Vicarage and surroundings, and during this time the ringers enjoyed a fine ring on this very light peal. Hastings was reached at 11.15, after a brief stop at Uckfield. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents and secretaries of the above-mentioned towers and any others who helped them to enjoy a splendid day.

MEMORIAL TOUCHES.

At St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, on Sunday, July 14th, for evensong, 1,157 Stedman Caters in 47 mins.: D. Wright (conductor) 1, E. J. Trimmer 2, A. J. Trappitt 3, W. J. Joiner 4, W. Bulpitt 5, W. S. Smith 6, A. W. Clarke 7, E. Denham 8, F. E. Collins 9, R. H. Dove 10. Rung to mark the anniversary of the fatal accident to Mr. C. H. Austin, of the Croydon Bell Foundry.

In commemoration of those who fell in the Great War, and especially of the men of the local battalion who were killed in the Battle of Somme, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes) was rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, on July 1st by: F. Cardwell 1, Miss E. Hopkin 2, Miss N. Cawthorne 3, J. Garth 4, J. C. Taylor 5, H. Taylor 6, F. Watkinson (conductor) 7, A. Pashley 8.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Nominations for vice-president, treasurer, secretary and Central Council representatives. The Bolton Borough Police have placed their bowling green at the disposal of ringers and their friends on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Usual arrangements. Names, please, by Aug. 6th. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203 Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. & E. District) AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District).—Joint meeting at Hadley, July 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Barnet bells available during evening. Members and friends of both associations are cordially invited. — C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4; Wm. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Surfleet (10 bells) on Saturday, July 27th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. — Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Elloe Deaneries and Eastern Branches will be held at Surfleet (10 bells) on Saturday, July 27th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 4.30.—Geo. Ladd, Pinchbeck.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Marshland Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Marsham on Saturday, July 27th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Tea, 1s. 6d. each to members and friends.—W. G. Cross, Hon. Sec., 16, St. James' Road, King's Lynn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bathampton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Sturry, where the six bells have recently been rehung, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—P. W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Shoreham, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at Ye Olde George Inn at 1s. 4d. per head. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 27th (by kind invitation of W. E. Neuth, Esq. and the Vicar). Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. — R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Also Henlow, if able to arrange. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Chesterfield Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Crich, Derbyshire, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 4.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers and friends welcome. Tea may be obtained in the village.—Geo. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, John P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, Local Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at North Curry on Saturday, July 27th. Service 4.30. Tea and business after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramshott on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) in the adjoining grounds. All ringers heartily welcomed.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Newington on Saturday, July 27th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (by kind invitation) and business meeting afterwards.—Stanley J. T. Shelloek, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Preshute, half-mile from Marlborough. Ringers requiring tea kindly notify the secretary.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—IMPORTANT NOTICE. The meeting, advertised for Saturday next, July 27th, at Farnborough, will now be held at Aldershot. Sickness temporarily prevents ringing at Farnborough.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, July 27th. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Service 6.30. — C. Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, July 27th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, St. John's and Holy Trinity will be available after 2.30. No committee meeting. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) at 4.45 at Hunter's Café, Prebend Row.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—Wm. Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey Todmorden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Lane End, near High Wycombe (6 bells), on Saturday, July 27th, at 4 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, at 5.30 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Buses leave Leeds every hour and 40 minutes past each hour.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting will be held at Bebington on Saturday, July 27th. Service 4 p.m., followed by meeting and tea.—Edward W. Elwell, Sec., Capenhurst.

CHANGES ARE GOOD.—Try a 'see' trip to Aldenham, a 'pull' on the eight, and tea Saturday, July 27th. Cheap tickets from all stations to Bushey (nearest station). Buses stop at the church. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30 (Village Club).—C. H. Horton, Bushey. Tel.: City 4270.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 1st, 15th and 29th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, Southwark Cathedral on the 8th, *Coffee Pot or St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 20th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—The dedication of the 8 bells (1 recast, 1 replaced and the other 6 rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) will take place on Thursday, Aug. 1st, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells available at both the Parish and St. Mary's (R.C.) Churches from 2.30. Tea, 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 31st. A good attendance is earnestly requested. —Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Keevil on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Steeple Ashton bells (6) also available from 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. —F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Bedford District will be held at Elstow on Aug. 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5.—J. T. Newington, Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District. —A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Ewyas Harold on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than July 29th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A ringing day will be held at Milnrow, on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. These bells, which have just been re-hung in a new frame, on ball bearings, will be available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at a reasonable charge for all those who send in their names to Mr. J. H. C. Massey, 40, Buckley Hill Lane, Milnrow, not later than Wed., July 31st. —Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Glenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. —The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough on Monday, Aug. 5th. Service in St. John's Church at 4 p.m. Tea, 5 o'clock, at Woodcock Café. Business meeting afterwards. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's and Wood-

ston will be available during the day. Tea will only be provided for those who let me know by Tuesday, July 30th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

NORFOLK GUILD.—General meeting will be held at North Elmham on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 5th. The ring of bells at the Parish Church (8) will be available. Dinner at the George and Dragon (2s. 6d. per head) at 1.30 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Members requiring dinner please notify the secretary not later than Thursday, Aug. 1st. —Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Wortley, Bank Holiday Monday, Aug. 5th. Will intending visitors please notify Mr. Ed. Booth, Wortley Arms Hotel, Wortley, near Sheffield for tea before Aug. 1st. All visitors will be welcome.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

TIDESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.—Ringers' opening on Monday, Aug. 5th, of the restored and augmented ring of eight by Taylor. Bells available 10 a.m., short service 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. G. Chapman, Belmont House, Tideswell, near Buxton, by Thursday, Aug. 1st.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Monday, Aug. 5th (Bank Holiday). Ringing at St. Leonard's (8) and St. Mary's (6) from 2 to 4 p.m. Service at St. Leonard's 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the King's Head (free to Guild members, non-members 1s. 6d.). Those requiring tea please write by Aug. 1st to Mr. H. O. Baker, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Whitburn Street, Bridgnorth.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association (South and West District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey District) will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea send card to 29, Duke Road, W.4, not later than Thursday, the 7th?—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey, Hon. District Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, can be arranged for all those who notify me before Tuesday, Aug. 6th. Last chance for paying annual subscriptions for current year. Business: Election of branch secretary and committee representatives.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

APARTMENTS.

BOARD RESIDENCE or Bed-Sitting Rooms, vacant now onwards.—Mrs. Birch, 9, Vale Road, Ramsgate.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MONKS KIRBY, RUGBY.—At St. Edith's, on Sunday, July 21st, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 7.8 covering, as a farewell to Mr. Hunt, of Withy Brook, who is leaving the parish, by: *E. Pittham 1, E. Oakes 2, W. Rhead 3, W. Southam 4, F. Harrison 5, *T. Pittham (first 720 as conductor) 6, *L. Lowe 7, F. Rhead 8. * First 720.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, July 21st, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, C. J. Tricker 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, R. Worthy 4, S. Stilwell 5, R. Martin 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, H. Gash 8.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 20th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. Woodman 1, S. Vince 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, F. Hinds 4, G. Feist 5, R. Langridge 6. First 720 of Grandsire Doubles by S. Vince.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Sunday, July 14th, before evensong, at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. R. Cooper 1, H. J. Balcombe 2, C. H. Exon 3, W. G. Davies 4, J. Nobes 5, R. G. Rice (conductor) 6, W. Hutton 7, C. H. Atkins 8.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, on July 14th, for the anniversary service, 1,260 Bob Minor in 40 mins.: A. Milson 1, W. Weetman 2, G. R. Jones 3, H. Cousins 4, J. Benyon, jun., 5, A. Newall (conductor) 6.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 14th, after evening service, 702 Bob Minor in 23 mins.: Miss B. Cox 1, H. Giles 2, F. C. Tysoe 3, F. Hanks 4, C. W. Smith 5, S. Foskett (first 720 as conductor) 6. Arranged for Mr. F. C. Tysoe, of Bromham, Beds.

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