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There are in these days all too many bands of ringers who are content with indifferent striking. Even in broadcasting, as a recent letter in 'The Ringing World' reminded us, the standard is frequently far below what it should be. When bells are 'on the air' it is most important that the ringing should be as near perfection as possible, by reason of the vastness of the circle of listeners. But whether the bells are being broadcast or not, ringers should have a care over their striking. There is no justification for inflicting the noise of bad ringing even upon those only within earshot of the tower, but unfortunately there are many places where the public have to suffer, albeit they may suffer in silence. All this, of course, has been said many times before, but perhaps it cannot be said too often. There is no real excuse for a band of poor strikers if they never improve their ringing, but it may sometimes be an explanation that they do not actually know how bad their ringing is. Such bands really require the help of a thoroughly competent instructor, and we are convinced that in the hands of the right man great improvement could generally be effected. The difficulty that lies in this matter is the delicacy of suggesting to a company that they need an instructor for such a purpose, but in view of the growing sensitiveness of the public this is a problem which ringing associations ought to face.

We know that many ringers are averse to anything in the nature of competition in ringing. Their opposition has grown out of the abuses of prize ringing in the bad old days,' but we are not certain that contests between bands for the credit of doing the best ringing might not be one of the ways by which the general standard of ringing could be raised. The spirit in which ringing is carried out nowadays is totally different to that prevailing when prize ringing was a 'sporting' event, and we cannot but think that properly organised ringing competitions could be run without any lack of reverence for the buildings in which they much necessarily take place and with every prospect of improving the standard of the ringing of those who take part. Such contests are already run in a few centres and the interest which they engender among the competitors and the practice which they involve lead to some fine performances, which are, of course, reflected in the service ringing. To be of general use, however, the competitions would have to be graded, and some classes might have to consist purely of round ringing. For the more expert there would be method ringing, but, whatever the class, the inducement to improve would be stimulated. In Yorkshire, Brecon, Devon and elsewhere where such competitions now (Continued on page 530.)

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take place the experts have the full recognition of the Church authorities and there is no reason to suppose that it would be otherwise elsewhere if this means of improving ringing were more widely extended, always, of course, under proper safeguards to ensure the ringing and other arrangements being carried out with proper regard to the position which ringers should occupy in the Church.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes, AT THE CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor so ewt

STAFFORD H. GREEN	7	reble	ROLAND PARK	*** 7
HARRY HOSKINS		2	DEREK M. SHARP	8
FREDERICK G. BRETT		3	FREDERICK WHITE	,,, O
*MISS MARIE R. CROSS	***	4	RAYMOND G. COUSINS	42- 10
"TOM SAUNDERS		5	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	are (11.1
THOMAS E. SONE		6	JACK A. WAUGH	Tonar
0 11 1 77			0 1 11 77 11	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Maximus on tower bells,
A birthday peal for Miss Marie Cross. Mr. R. Park is from Durlington.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE,

THE WORGESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minates,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

			. 2 qr. 22 lb	
ROBERT MATTHEWS	 T	reble	GROFFREY J. LEWIS	2
WILLIAM SHORT	 ***	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	· 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT	 	3	WILLIAM LEWIS	411 G
JOHN BASS			THOMAS W. LEWIS	
KEITH SALTER	 **1	5	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY	
ROBERT G. KNOWLES	 	6	CHARLES CAMM	Toney

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by SIDNRY T. HOLT. First peal of Bob Maximus on the bells and by all the band except

ringers of treble, 2nd and 4th.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. On Siturd v. July 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES

Tenor 24 cwt.	
WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble C. ERNEST SMIT	н 0
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2 WILLIAM H. PAS	SMORE 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 3 FREDERICK W. 1	
KENNETH SNELLING 4 RICHARD F. DE	
HENRY G. MILES 5 HERBERT LANGI	оомТ епог

Conducted by FREDK, W. ROGERS Composed by F. Danch. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. John W. V. Hesse and Miss D. W. James, which took place at this church the same day.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 31, 1937, in 1 hree Hours and Twilve Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

	-	SHOT !	ZU CWE.			
"George H. Edge	 7	roble	HARRY OVERTON		***	6
ROBERT SPERRING			JAMES H. RIDING	444	400	7
FRED HARTMAN			†Percy Swindley	***		8.9
GEORGE PACKER			WILLIAM EDGE			
HARRY F. HOLDING	 	6	RICHARD D. LANGE	ORD	7	enor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by RICHARD D. LANGFORD.

CHARLES W. LOOME Treble STANLEY W. COPLING 5
ERNEST WHITING 2
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 3
'BARNABAS G. KEY 4
WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Charles W. Loome.

* First peal of Kent Major.

NEWBURY, BERKS.	CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.	THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,	On Sunday, August 1, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,	At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 21 2 cwt.	A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
FREDERICK W. ROGERS Treble DANIEL COOPER 6	Tenor 13% cwt.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 2 ERNEST BRETT 7	JACK M. CRIPPS Treble C. ERNEST SMITE 5
KENNETH SNELLING 3 C. ERNEST SMITH 8	NELSON ELLIOTT 2 KENNETH SNELLING 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 4 ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 9 WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor	FRANK E. DARBY 3 WILLIAM T. BESON 7 FREDERICK W. ROGERS 4 WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor
Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by WILLEAMS.	Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILLIAMS,
First peal of Royal on the bells.	
SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.	This peal contains 2,240 Loudon, 1,728 Bristol, 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative with 116 changes of method.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.	
On Wednesday, August 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,	CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE, THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,	On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE-VIRGIN,
Tenor 22½ cwt.	A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
LEONARD KNOTT Treble LOUIS]. LOCKYER 6	
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2 FRANK BENNETT 7	PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 CW1, CHARLES L. SADLER Treble Alfred T. Poulton 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3 REGINALD W. RIX 8	H. ERNEST COX 2 JAMES P. HYETT 6
FREDERICK GREENWOOD 4 FREDERICK G. COLE 9	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 3 WILLIAM POSTON 7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART 5 REGINALD A. RZED Tenor Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Frank Bennett.	WILLIAM T. POSTON 4 JOHN J. WEBB Tenor
First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.	Conducted by W. Poston.
BEDDINGTON, SURREY.	KING'S SUTTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.	THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,	On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,	AT THE CEURCE OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
& PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES:	A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt, 1 gr. 20 lb, in E flat.	C.C.C. No. 45 Tenor 141 cwt. in G.
FRANK JENNINGS Treble WILLIAM H. HEWETT 6	HERBERT C. EDWARDS Treble ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2 FRANK E. DARBY 7	Frank J. Green 2 JOHN A. GREEN 6
MRS. CEAS. H. KIPPIN 3 GEORGE W. STEERE 8	WILLIAM G. WHITEBRAD 3 THOMAS E. ROBERTS 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 4 FREDERICK E. COLLINS 9	A. NUNNELEY WOOD 4 ALBERT J. GREEN Temor
The Teomas G. Bannister 5 Charles H. Kippin Tenor Composed by J. A. Burford. Conducted by Frank E. Darby.	Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. J. Green.
	PULHAM, NORFOLK.
FICHT DELL DEALS	THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EIGHT BELL PEALS.	On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
GREASLEY, NOTTS.	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.	A PEAL OF BOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,	Tenor 14 cwt.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,	WILLIAM J. FLATT Treble FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS 5 STANLEY W. COPLING 2 FREDERICK C. GUNTON 6
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 OHANGES;	CHARLES BAKER 3 CHARLES W. LOOME 7
Tenor 14% cwt.	*BARNABAS G. KEY 4 ERNEST WHITING Tenor
Rederick A. Salter Treble Kenneth R. Makin 5 Roger D. St. J. Smith 2 William Thornley 6	Composed by JAMES HONT. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
TOM STORER 3 RALPH NARBOROUGH 7	* First peal in the method.
E. FRED GOBRY 4 NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor	LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
Composed by J. H. TUCKER. Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.	THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LONDON,	On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.	A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
On Saturday, July 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,	Tenor 134 cwt. in F sharp.
AT THE CHURCE OF ST. LEONARD, STREATHAM, S.W.,	MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE Treble WILLIAM C. PORTER 5
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 144 cwt.	GEORGE LEE 2 RICHARD W. R. COATES 6
ERNEST E. BISH Treble "EDWIN L. MILES 5	R, WILLIAM BARBER 3 ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2 THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 6	GODFREY G. WALPOLE 4 FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor
AMES W. CHAPMAN 3 PHILIP A. CORBY 7	Composed by York Green. Conducted by Francis W. Naunton.
ERNEST J. KING 4 EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor	ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.	THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'	On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
	AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
BELL ROPES	A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES)
DEFE UOLES	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.
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NORWICE THE NORWICH DIOCESE On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Three I AT THE CHURCH OF ST. I A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOE Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr.	AN ASSOCIATION. Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes, Peter, Mancroft, Handon, 1688 Changen	THE SUFFO On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in At the Church of S	CT, SUFFOLK. DLK GUILD. Three Hours and Pifteen Minutes, SS. PEIER AND MARY, BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; 24 Cwt.
GEORGE MAYERS Treble CR. ALBERT G. WARNES 2 NO WALLACE W. COUSINS 3 JOHN A. GODFREY 4 TO Composed by A. KNIGETS. MARSHAM, NO THE NORWICH DIOCESA On Tuesday, August 3, 1937, in Two I AT THE CHURCH OF A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BO Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.	CIL V. EBBERSON 5 LAN GOLDEN 6 AUDE COUSINS 7 NY PRICE Tenor orducted by Nolan Golden. RFOLK. AN ASSOCIATION. Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes, ALL SAINTS, B MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; 5 lb. in B.	JAMES CHINERY 2 SHELFORD SPARROW 3 GEORGE W. ABLITT 4 Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Birthday compliment to Mr. S. S. HINCKLEY, LE THE MIDLAND COUL (HINCKLEY On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in AT THE CHURCH	HORAGE W. FOULGER 7 ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tens Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER. parrow, secretary of the local band ICESTERSHIRE. NTIES ASSOCIATION. DISTRICT.) Three Hours and Seven Minutes, I OF St. Mary,
	RIB J. HOWCHIN Tenor	PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. "NATHANIEL W. LUCAS Treble WILLIAM A. WOOD 2 GRORGE THOMPSON 3	BERT RIDGWAY 6 FRANK K. MEASURES 7
CRAYFORD, I THE KENT COUNTY On Tuesday, August 3, 1937, in Two Ho At the Church of S A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIP THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	ASSOCIATION. ours and Forty-Eight Minutes, t. Paulinus,	* First peal and first attempt, . G. Thompson.	ANK K. MEASORES. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr AMPSHIRE. TSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
	L. GILBERT	AT THE ABBBY CHURCH OF A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COL Tenor 24 CM	SS. MARY AND ETBELFLEDA, JRT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES A. 8 lb. in D. REGINALD W. REX 5 FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5 FREDERICK W. BURNETT 7 REGINALD A. REED Total
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. 3	PETER AND PAUL,	SIX AND FIVE	BELL PEALS.
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRI J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 6. CHARLES YOUNG Treble WERNEST WILSON 2 EDWARD MAUND 3 VICTOR G. H. HEMUS 4 Conducted by CHAR * First peal in the method. CODSALL, ST. THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHUR	Tenor 17½ cwt. ILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 5 CGINALD WOODYATT 6 HARLES CAMM 7 HOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor LES CAMM. AFFS.	AT THE CHURCH A PEAL OF DOUBL Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob an HAROLD MALIBYTreble WILLIAM DAKIN2 JOHN W. BOOTH	NTIES ASSOCIATION. wo Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, of All Saints, ES, 5040 CHANGES; d 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwi. "Charles Towers
On Wednesday, August 4, 1937, in Two is AT THE CHURCH OF ST A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRI PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7) ALBERT G. RICHARDS	Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, r. Nicholas, PLES, 5040 CHANGES; th observation), suglas Turner 5 crnabas G. Key 6 arold Smith 7 cril Taberner Tenor Smith.	* First peal. Rung after the we E. Bridge. Believed to be the first HOLBROOK, THE SUFFO	dding of Mr. R. Du Cane and Missipeal on the bells. SUFFOLK. LLK GUILD. O Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes. OF ALL SAINTS, R, 5049 CHANGES; and Kent Treble Bob and three of Tenor 8 cwt.
* First peal away from tenor. † First	st peal on eight bells.	EDWARD E, DAVEY 2	

EDWARD E. DAVRY ... 2 | HORACE A. WRIGHT ... 5 | JAMES W. JENNINGS ... 3 | URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN, A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES!

Tenor 134 cwt. in F.

First peal of Oxford by all except ringers of 3rd and 6th. First peal in the method on the bells.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS. HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On July 31st, after a peal attempt had failed, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major: H. Wingrove 1, P. Newton (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, Miss D. Fletcher 3, R. Biggs 4, W. H. Fussell 5, C. C. Mayne 6, G. Martin (conductor) 7, W.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, July 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes): V. Shorter 1, S. Goodwin 2, T. Chinery 3, R. Knights 4, P. Taylor 5, C. Smith 6, R. Lathbury 7, J. Quinney (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE. THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; One extent each of Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. THOMAS LEBCH Treble | WILLIAM J. CHESTER 4 FREDERICK PRICE... ... 5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor WALTER LYCETT 2 THOMAS PRICE 3 ARTHUR PRITCHAR Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD. First peal in four methods by all the band. OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes, AT THE CHURCE OF ST. LEODEGARIUS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Tenor 15 cwt. MISS KATH BURCHNALL ... Treble Frank Vernon 4

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2 RICHARD M. HARVEY 5

HAROLD DENMAR... ... 3 CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

BROCKWORTH, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GRORGE, A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

It ing 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. MELVILLE JORDAN 7 reble ERNEST J. MAITERWS ... 4
REGINALD DANIELS 2
HARRY WORKALL 5
CHARLES HODGES Fenor Conducted by Tom WORRALL.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Wednesday, August 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents Kent Treble Bob and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. Tenor 12 cwt. G. CHAMBERS Treble | G. T. BUNNING 4 E. S. NAYLOR 2 J. A. GODERBY ... 5 F. R. WILLBY 3 A. J. E. SMALLS 7 cno Conducted by ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS.

First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor. First peal in three methods on the hells.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wedn.sday, August 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 11 cwt.

Douglas Wayson, jun. ... Treble James Blair 4
LESTER L. GRAY 2
GEORGE R. NEWION... ... 3
FRANK VARTY Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by F. VARTY. * First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

ST. IPPOLLITTS, HERTS. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Wednesday, August 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

> AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS, A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven extents each called differently. Tegor 12 cwt. WILLIAM SYMONDS Treble | *EDGAR WINTERS 4
LEWIS H. BYWATERS 2 | PERCY TOMPRINS 5
ALBERT SYMONDS 3 | FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT ... Tenor Conducted by FRANCIS S. BEADMONT.

* First peal at first attempt. Rung on the occasion of H.M. the Queen's birthday.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 94 cwt. Seven 720's. *HUGH HARDING Treble C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 4
*C. HENRY HARDING ... 2
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... ... 3
FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of London.

COPDOCK, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, August 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fo ty-Four Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Trolle Boli and three of Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD W. SIEWARD ... Trebls | CHARLES A. ANDREWS 4
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2 | GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
JAMES W. JENNINGS ... 3 | URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK, THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Friday, August 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13\frac{3}{4} \cdot cwt. in F.

JOHN A. GODFREY Treble | WALLACE COUSINS 4
GEORGE MAYERS 2 | CLAUDE COUSINS 5 WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 3 TONY PRICE Tenor Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

MARCH, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

JOHN A. GODFREY GEORGE MAYERS 2
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 3

Conducted by Tony Price. First peal on the bells since retuning and rehanging by John Taylor

HANDBELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes, AT 95, SINCIL BANK,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 15 in B.

*MICHAEL FREEMAN1-2 | †JOHN A. FREEMAN3-4 †JOHN FREEMAN5-6 Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Witness-J. Walden.

* First peal. † First peal 'in hand.' First peal as conductor on

SOUTHGATE. — On Tuesday, June 29th, at Christ Church, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 63 minutes: S. Wade 1, J. G. Nash 2, Mrs. E. H. King 3, W. J. Bowden 4, E. H. King 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, H. Miller 8, J. Miller 9, A. G. Crane 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. C. F. Peploe, Vicar of Southgate, who was interred in Southgate Cemetery in the afternoon.

PEAL NOTES.

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A hand of College Youths on July 31st rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Clement Danes, London, in honour of the wedding of Mr. John W. V. Hesse (son of Major J. H. B. Hesse, of Haslemerc, a Surrey, a popular member of the society and Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) and Miss Doris Winifred James, which took place at St. Clement's earlier in the day.

Several of those who took part in this peal had further successes on the two following days. On Sunday, August 1st, they rang a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods at Crawley, Sussex, and on Monday a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Newbury, Berks.

An interesting family handbell peal was rung at Lincoln on August 4th, when Mr. John A. Freeman and his two sons rang seven different 720's of Bob Minor. One son, John, called the peal from 3-4, and mouther, Michael, who was a week under 12 years old, rang his first peal. It was the first peal 'in hand' for the other two.

After meeting short for a peal of Double Norwich Major at Old Basford, Notts, a peal in seven Minor methods was rung by members of the North Notts Association. It was Harold Denman's fiftieth peal with the Misses K. and G. Burchnall, twin sisters, who have never rung a peal apart.

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Mr. Thomas E. Sone has called peals on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus, completing this achievement with a peal of Treble Twelve at Canterbury Cathedral on August Bank Holiday. Arthur Knights' composition No. 80 was rung for the first time.

A peal of Bob Minor rung at Holmer, Herefordshire, on July 26th, was in honour of the visit of Queen Mary to Hereford. It was also the quarterly peal for the Hereford District of the Guild and rung by a hand of Sunday services ringers at Holmer Church. In addition it a band of Sunday service ringers at Holmer Church. In addition, it was a farewell to Arthur J. Gough, a member of the band, who is taking up residence at Goodrich.

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Mr. J. A. Burford's round 5,000 of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Beddington on Saturday, the first time this number has been rung in the method in Surrey.

For 49 years Mr. George Thompson has been a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Hinckley, Leicestershire, and in honour of his 70th birthday a peal of Grandsire Triples, in which he took part, was rung on Saturday.

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The ten bells at Christ Church, Crewe, have come into the peal news time cines the previous neal was rung there. TONY'S 'DOUBLE.'

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Mr. Tony Price (one of the lightweights) turned in St. Peter Mancroft tenor, nearly a 33 cwt, bell, to Kent Treble Bob Major on August Bank Holiday.

The bells at Saham Toncy, Norfolk, have recently been relung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and last Friday the first peal was rung on them, conducted, appropriately enough, by Mr. 'Tony' Price.

By returning, the bells of St. Wendreda's Church, March, Cambs., have been turned into a glorious six by Messrs, John Taylor and Co. The tenor is 16½ cwt. in E and the whole ring has been rehung. The first peal on the restored bells was rung on Saturday in seven methods. The previous peal on them was Bob Minor, rung in 1819!

The peal of Stedman Caters (the first on the bells) at St. Mary's, Southampton, on August 4th, and the peal of Double Norwich Major at Romsey Abbey on Saturday, were arranged for Mr. R. W. Rex, who was on holiday in the district.

The Wicken (Northants) ringers and their friends, who rang a peal of Double Norwich at King's Sutton on August Bank Holiday, will be glad if any of our 'readers will inform them of any peals which may have been rung at this church. A peal board in the tower records two peals rung in 1799 and 1802.

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The Worcestershire men are not wasting their opportunities with the twelve bells at Kidderminster. They are introducing variety into the peals there, and have now rung the first of Bob Maximus on the hells. Incidentally it was the first peal of 'Plain Twelve' by ten of the band, only those old 'war horses,' Bill Short and John Bass, having rung a peal of Bob Maximus before, although most of them have rung Cambridge Maximus. Bob Maximus provides better music than some of the methods that have been rung on twelve bells.

A band meeting short for a peal in seven Minor methods at Copdock, Suffolk, on Triday, 'roped in' Mr. C. A. Andrews at short notice and rung a peal in three methods finstead. 'They proposed Mr. Andrews as a member of the Suffolk Guild before starting.

As a birthday compliment to George and Alan Andrews and Urban Wildney, a peal in seven methods, the first in this number by five of the band, was rung at Thorington, Essex, on Saturday.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob at Marsham, Norfolk, on August 3rd, was arranged for Mr. Henry W. Gayton, of Harrold, Beds.

The first peal on the bells since 1928 and the first in three methods was rung at Shipdham, Norfolk, on Angust 4th. It was conducted by Mr. A. J. E. Smalls, who was on holiday in his native parish. He wishes to thank the Rev. C. H. V. Evs for the use of the bells, and the band, especially Mr. J. A. Godfrey, for making the arrangements.

Our comment last week on the peal of Bob Triples at Grundisburgh, the first in the method on the bells and by the Suffolk Guild, that 'it's would probably be the last for a good long time,' has led Mr. Geeil Pipe to ask what we really mean by the remark.

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'A HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S 'GARDEN PARTY.'

The Shropshire Association meeting at Moreton Corbet on July 24th The Suropsinre Association meeting at Moreton Corbet on July 24th resembled a garden party as much as a ringing meeting. Over 60 ringers, together with a number of ladies, enjoyed the hospitality of the association treasurer, the Rev. E. C. Pigott. In the intervals of taking a turn in the diminutive belfry the 'guests' played howls, deck tennis, etc., in the beautiful vicarage gardens which adjoin the church. Among those present were ringers from Chester, Wem, Wellington, Berrington, Clive, Shrewsbury, Coalbrookdale, Malins Lee, Hodnet, Montford, Great Ness and Standon, Bilston and Norton (Staffs). (Staffs).

The secretary found it impossible to hold a business meeting, but all united in the service, conducted by the Rector, at which the Rev. T. N. Orowther-Green (Malius Lec) addressed the congregation.

A touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Caters on Mr. William Saunders' handbells were much appreciated, especially by the ladies.

The methods rung included London, Ipswich, Wells and Cambridge Surprise Minor, as well as the standard six-bell methods.

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It means just what it says, that it will probably be a good long time before another peal of Bob Triples is rung for the Suffolk Guild. Bob Triples is not the best or the most popular of methods, and, except as a curiosity, no one ever rings it now. All of which ringers well know. It was just these facts that made us surmise that it will, perhaps, be some time before another peal of it is rung for the Guild, but, after this, some band will probably ring another in Suffolk on surmose to prove that we are wrong. purpose to prove that we are wrong.

MARRIAGE OF MISS DOROTHY SAUNDERS

MUCH RINGING IN HONOUR OF COALBROOKDALE BRIDE.

The wedding took place at St. Chad's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Birmingham, on Saturday, July 31st, of Miss Dorothy Saunders, only child of Mr. and Mrs. William Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, and Mr. James Joseph Salley, youngest son of the late Conneillor and Mrs. Robert Salley, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Joseph Boland.

The bride is well known to many ringing friends. 'Doss' has always been a good critic when bands of 'rhythm wreckers' have visited Coalbrookdale, where her father is the popular leader of the ringers.

Coalbrookdale, where her father is the popular leader of the ringers. A great compliment was paid to her on the occasion of her wedding by ringers of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Special permission had been granted by the Rev. Father Canon Roskell (priest in charge of the Cathedral) for the bells to be rung, and it is interesting to note that among those who took part were Mr. James George (aged 83), Mr. John Jagger (aged 76), also Walter Lago and Alfred S. Bayley, Coalbrookdale, with Mr. George E. Fearn and several other members of St. Martin's.

Afterwards the ringers gathered at the Beehive Hotel. It was here that the bride and bridegroom and the bride's parents and several other friends looked in to thank them, only to find that 'William' had dared to come without his famous handbells. Good wishes were expressed to the happy couple.

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In the afternoon the bride and bridegroom left Snow Hill Station en route to St. Anne's-on-Sea, where the honeymoon is being spent. Their new home will be at Sheldon, near Birmingham.

On Monday, August 2nd, a few Birmingham and district and Shropshire friends met at Coalbrookdale, where a peal of Grandsire Caters had been arranged as a further wedding compliment. The holiday made it very difficult to get a band together, with the result that a peal of Bob Major was suggested, but after an hour's good ringing something happened which made the conductor call 'Stand.' It was a pity, for it would have been his 350th peal.

After refreshments and handbells at headquarters a move was made in St. Michael's, Madeley. The party arrived just in time for a wedding. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were very well rung. The visitors then went on to Shifnal for tea, after which Mr. Percy Baker (local captain) arrived and gave the party a very hearty welcome. The grand old eight by Pack and Chapman were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. A fine run down with the usual 1, 2, 3 and Coalbrookdale Queen's made a good finish. The usual social hour, 'spent at Shifnal with Billy's handbells, completed a very happy day.

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CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Stovold 1, W. Falconer 2, T. A. Doick 3, J. T. Newington 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, C. Marshall 6, J. H. Blake 7, A. Carver 8. This quarter-peal, with the 5th at home every three leads, contains twelve 6-7's. It was arranged for Mr. J. T. Newington, of Spalding, Lines.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A party of holiday ringers, several of them actively connected with the Central Council, spent last week in Somerset. A rumour has reached us that they were 'pinched' for exceeding the speed limit in a built-up area, or some equally serious offence. That may be the explanation of the fact that, at the time of writing, we have heard nothing officially of the ringing results of their tour.

One peal they rang, however, was at Wedmore, where the bells were recently restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Mrs. G. W. Flotcher rang the 30 cwt. tenor, which, we believe, is the heaviest bell yet rung to a peal by a lady.

A bachelors' party, with a limited number of benedicts to chaperone them, begin a week's peal ringing in Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Oxfordshire and Worcestershire on September 4th. They travel together by motor-coach. Is this to prevent any slipping away when other attractions call?

In the following week another party are to tour Cheshire and North Wales.

There were 152 changes of method in the peal of Minor in 20 methods rung at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts, for the North Notts Association,

on June 5th.

The number of changes in the peal of Cambridge Surprise (composed by Mr. C. H. Kippin), rung at Coleman's Hatch on July 28th, was 5,688 and not 5,655 as published.

At Bourn, Cambs, on Thursday, August 5th, an attempt for a peal of London Surprise Major came to grief in the 5th course, but good practice resulted. If the peal had been successful it would have been the first ever by all residents in Ely diocese. The band was Miss V. Shorter, Miss K. Willers, A. E. Austin, C. W. Cook, E. G. Hibbins.

F. G. Gleaves, T. R. Dennis and F. Warrington.

A halfpenny stamp only need be affixed to the addressed enveloped sent to Mr. W. A. Cave, 29, Victoria Street, Bristol, 1, by applicants for his booklet of touches of Stedman Caters and Cinques.

There were two errors in the names given beneath the picture of the Friezeland ringers in our last issue. The fourth from the left was Alfred and not Wiffred Bennett, and on the extreme right was Joseph Burgess and not Bennett.

Burgess and not Bennett.
Frederick G. Cole rang the 4th in the peal of Superlative at Sherfield English, Hants, on July 31st.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' TERCENTENARY.

EARLY MASTER'S TOMB TO BE RESTORED.

One Lord Mayor of London was also Master of the College Youths during his year of office. This was Sir Heury Tulse, who died in 1689 and was buried at St. Dyonis-Backehurch, in the City of London. He was Master in 1684.

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The stone which marked his vault is one which, with others, was preserved when the Church of St. Dyonis-Backchurch was demolished in 1878. It lies on the north side of the old burial ground, which is off Lime Street in the City, and it reads as under:—

In a Vault Under-neath
this Stone Lyes Buried the Body
of Sr HENRY TULSE, who Departed
this life the 31st day of

August, 1689.

It is proposed to touch up the inscription where visible and recut it where lost. Below this inscription is a considerable space; in the lower

where lost. Below this inscription is a considerable space; in the lower portion it is proposed to add:—

SIR HENRY TULSE was a Benefactor of the Church of St. DYONIS BACKCHURCH, formerly adjoining. He was also

Grocer, Alderman and Lord Mayor of This City.

This Stone was rectored by

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This Stone was restored by
THE ANCHENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,
August 31st, 1937, during the 300th
year of the Society's Foundation, as a
Memorial to the above who was Master
during the year of his Mayoralty in 1684.
The unveiling is provisionally fixed for the afternoon of August 31st
(the anniversary of his death) about 4 p.m., and it is hoped there
will be a good muster of members of the society. Any members who
may be visiting London on that day will be specially welcome.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

SIXTEEN TOWERS REPRESENTED AT DISTRICT MEETING. A very pleasant meeting of the Wisbech Branch was held at Upwell on Saturday, no fewer than 16 towers being represented. The ringing included Double Notwich, Cambridge and London Surprise. Among the visitors were Mr. G. Mayers, of Norwich, Mr. A. E. Austin, of Newmarket, and Mr. Tony Price, of Feltham, Middlesex.

The general secretary (Miss K. Willers) presided at the business meeting, at which Mr. G. Mayers was elected a non-resident life member of the association.

The secretary (Mr. W. W. Cousins) extended a welcome to the visitors, and Mr. Tony Price (who is a native of the district), in reply, said how pleased he was to be present and to find the branch in such a flourishing condition.

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The next meeting is to be held at Denver.

LONDON RINGER HONOURED

IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL FOR MR. T. H. TAFFENDER,

Recipient of the King's Coronation Medal last May, Mr. Thomas Recipient of the King's Coronation Medal last May, Mr. Thomas H. Taffender, one of London's best known ringers, has just been decorated with the medal of the Imperial Service Order, on his retirement from the Postal Service. Reaching the age of 60 on July 25th, Mr. Taffender relinquished his duties on the previous day, when a peal in honour of the occasion was rung at Streatham.

rising to the supervising grades, his promotion in recent years has been very rapid. He enjoyed the complete confidence the Department and has theid appointments as officer in charge of some of the largest postal areas in London.

Many speeches have been made and much regret expressed at his departure and the loss of his services to the department. Reference has also been made as to Mr. Taffrandry's would be loss of the loss fender's youthful appearance, and even to cast suspicion on the validity of his birth certifi-cate. His reply has been that the youthfulness is due to his

the youthfulness is due to his activity in campanology.

At the recent Coronation of King George, Mr. Taffender was honoured by the King by being decorated with the Coronation Medal. At his retirement, for his meritorious services in the Post Office, he received further recognition, and His Majesty has decorated him with the medal of the Imperial Service Order. The Postmaster-General also has sent him a personally signed emblem expressing his apprecia-

also has sent him a personally signed emblem expressing his appreciation of his faithful service to the State for nearly 47 years.

On Sunday, July 25th, at St. Giles,' Camberwell, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Mr. T. H. Taffender's birth. It was rung by W. D. Grainger 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, B. R. Harris 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, A. S. Richards 5, T. W. Taffender 6, F. D. Bishop 7, N. W. Manning 8, E. J. King 9, P. Hopgood (first quarter-peal on ten bells) 10.

Mr. Talfender has long been one of the most active ringers in London, and throughout a career extending over 45 years his interest in the art has never flagged. He began his ringing towards the end of 1892 at the Church of St. George the Martyt, Southwark, and continued a little later at Holy Trinity. Newington. He joined the Ancient Society of College Youths in December, 1893, and rang his lirst peal with them the same month. He was elected Master in the tear 1911. Prior to that he was appointed an official member of the St. Paul's Cathedral Company and is still one of the hand. St. Paul's Cathedral Company, and is still one of the band.

As a member of the old St. James' Society, Mr. Taffender took a leading part in widening its sphere of activity and in changing its name to the London County Association. This was carried out during his secretaryship and for many years now Mr. Taffender has filled the office of Master. Under his guidance the association has achieved much success. His son, Mr. T. Wilfred Taffender, is now the hon. secretary.

It is unnecessary here to refer to Mr. Taffender's achievements in It is innecessary here to refer to Mr. Taffender's achievements in the helfry He is among the foremost conductors and has taken part in many notable peals, among them the first Surprise peal (Superlative) in the city of London in 1901, the first peal on the hells of the Imperial Institute, rung for the Coronation of King Edward VII., the 17,104 Double Norwich Major at South Wigston, Leicestershire, in 1904, and in the fathers' and sons' peal of Stedmau Cinques at Shoreditch in 1909.

But Mr. Taffender's ringing activities have by no means centred in peals. He has always shared energetically in Sunday service ringing, and, in addition to his duties at St. Paul's Cathedral, has organised and helped to maintain Sunday ringing in a number of churches. In the leisure which, we hope, long lies before him, he will doubtless continue to devote his energies to this useful end.

THE LATE MR. J. BATTERS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—The ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley, Kent, would like to express, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' their very deep sympathy with the relatives and also with the Merstham ringers in the loss they have sustained by the death of Mr. James Batters. Whenever he was in the neighbourhood of Bromley Mr. Batters was a very welcome, enthusiastic and useful ringer.



TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW MEMBERSHIP BADGE ISSUED.

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The annual festival of Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Truro on August Bank Holiday, when the bells of the Cathedral (10), Kea (8), Kenwyn (8) and St. Erme (6) were used. Rounds, call changes, Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Royal and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

Among those present were Dr. Symons (president), Miss Symons. Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Ringing Master), H. Dunstan (treasurer), W. Sleeman (Ringing Master of the Oathedral tower), the Rev. F. F. Gilbert (secretary of the Mid-Cornwall Association), ringers from the Cathedral, Bridgerule, Callington, Calstock, Cury, Gwennap, Kea, Manacean, Perranzabuloe, St. Anthony-in-Meneage, Towedinck, Zeenor and visitors from Barking, Coventry, Loughborough, London, Oxford and Plymouth.

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The new Guild membership badge was issued and the ringers attended evensorg in the Cathedral, at which simple chants and the hynn, 'O worship the King,' were sung. The service was conducted by Canon Sedgwick, the sub-dean, and the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, secretary of the Guild.

In his address, the Canon, having welcomed the ringers to the Mother Church of the Diocese, said that while on the Continent bells were merely clashed and clanged, in England the bells were rung to produce music, and in the Dictionary of Music many pages were devoted to the science of English bellringing.

Tea, provided by members of the Cathedral company of ringers, followed the service, and ringing in the four towers continued until about 8.30 p.m.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TWENTY-TWO NEW MEMBERS ELECTED AT DISTRICT MEETING.

MEETING.

The Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association held a most enjoyable meeting at Norton on Saturday, August 7th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Lloyd), and the collection, in aid of the Belfry Repair Fund, amounted to 17s.

The ringers were afterwards the guests of the Vicar, and about 45 members, visitors and friends sat down to tea on the Vicarage lawn. The business meeting which followed was also held in the open air. Twenty-two new members, ten from Ridford-on-Avon, six from Hampton and six from Norton, were elected. This number constitutes a record for the Southern Branch.

Mr. J. W. Heath, Branch Master, renyeved a kind invitation from

Mr. J. W. Heath, Branch Master, conveyed a kind invitation from the Rev. R. R. Brown to hold the next meeting at Willersey. This will probably take place the third Saturday in October. The general secretary reminded those present of the annual dinner

to be held at Worcester on the last Saturday in September, and asked for names to be sent to the branch screetary so that a conveyance could be ordered if numbers warranted it.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, proposed by Mr. J. Hem-

ming and carried with appleuse.

The members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor.

RINGERS WED AT FOLKINGHAM.

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MR. J. H. BOTHAM AND MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY.

In the presence of many friends and relations, the wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, Folkingham, on July 31st, of Mr. John H. Botham, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Botham, of Willeden, and Miss Frances Humphrey, eldest daughter of the late Mr. F. Humphrey and Mrs. Phyllis Humphrey, of Kensington, London. Both the bride and her mother started their ringing career at Folkingham, it was also in this tower that the first peal was accomplished in which mother and daughter took part. In her early 'teens the bride took part in several peals of Surprise Minor and Major.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rector (the Rev. F. V. Heath, R.D.) and was fully choral. The bride wore a dress of white silk cloque, and her lovely old embroidered veil was kept in place by a halo headdress of orange blossom. She was given in marriage by her cousin, Mr. George Mason, and attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Pat Humphrey (sister) and Miss A. Bostleman, who were dresses of mauve flowered crepe-de-chine and carried bouquets of mauve sweet peas. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. T. McNally.

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After the ceremony, as the bridal party left the church, the bells were 'fired' followed by a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob.

The reception was held at the Village Hall, about 50 guests, including many ringers, attending. The bride was presented with a suitably inscribed silver bell inkstand by Mr. C. T. H. Bradley on behalf of her many ringing friends in South Lincohshire. Among the many presents received by the bride was a canteen of cutlery in an oak case from the St. Many Abbot's Guild, Kensington, of which she and her mother are members. and her mother are members

As the happy couple left for their honeymoon the bells were again ringing, and last Saturday a peal in honour of the event was rung. The future address of Mr. and Mrs. Botham will be 3, Bush Hill Road, Kenton, Middlesex.

P. SPICE.

RINGING EXCURSIONS.

WELSH RINGERS TRIP THROUGH FOUR COUNTIES.

The Talgarth Church bellringers held their seventh annual outing on August Bank Holiday, August 2nd, the venue being Worcester. Leaving home at 8 a.m. and travelling down the Wye valley via Leominster, the first stop was made at Stoke Prior, Herefordshire, where is a very handy ring of five bells, which hang in a steel frame. Some of the younger ringers found them a little difficult to handle, but some sixscores of Grandsire were rung and the bells lowered in peal. Whitscores of Grandsire were rung and the hells lowered in peal. Whitbourne, just over the Worcestershire border, was next visited, and
here the party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. Stanner), who gave
them a very hearty welcome. The bells are a good ring of six with a
very nice tone and 'go.' After some six-scores and a vote of thauks,
passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his welcome, the
party moved off through beautiful country to Clifton-on-Teme, which
was reached at 12.30. They arrived while a wedding was in progress
and were able to ring a 'wedding peal.' A vote of thanks was
accorded to the Vicar and a move made to Martley, where the party
were met by the Rev. J. M. Hastings, who is a well-known Worcestershire ringer. A hearty welcome was extended to the visitors, who were
very pleased to be able to ring on the oldest original peal of six bells in were met by the hor, or shire ringer. A hearty welcome was extended to the visitors, who were very pleased to be able to ring on the oldest original peal of six bells in England. The Vicar explained that all the bells were cast close to the church in 1673, each bell bearing that date. The excursionists finally reached Worcester at 3.15 p.m., where the party broke up to look round the city, but most made for the Cathedral, where a long time was spent inspecting the beautiful edifice. Some made the long climb up the tower. Leaving Worcester at 9.15 p.m., home was safely reached about midnight after a long but pleasant day.

D. H. B.

HALF DAY IN EAST KENT YOUTHS WITH NO COMPLAINTS.

Willesborough and District Youths set off on their seventh annual half-day run on July 17th. At Eythorne the locals were there to meet the party, but the Youths were looking for the other one. After ringing on the little peal of five bells, they went on to Northbourne, with its beautiful church and good bells. The way up to the ringing chamber, however, caused one of the ringers to do some pretty hard thinking before making the attents. thinking before making the attempt. He was not to be beaten, how-ever, and, although the last one up, had his reward for the struggle— for struggle it was and no doubt about it.

Great Mongeham, the next call, provided a better ascent with some-ing to 'plant'em on.' Another nice little six was set going. One thing to 'plant'em on.' Another nice little six was set going. One rope looked a bit queer, but this was soon put right and an enjoyable hour was spent. Then away to the Parish Hall, Upper Deal, for tea. This proved a lovely 'touch.' No matter whether full work front, or back places, in or out, it was beautifully struck. Next, across the road to St. Leonard's Church, up the roundabout, another hour of good ringing and away to Wingham. All too soon came the time for departure, and home was reached after another enjoyable run round. of 70 miles, in beautiful weather through lovely country. With five towers, 12 methods attempted and nine coming home, there were no complaints.

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The Youths, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, the towerkeepers and local ringers for meeting them, to Mr. and Mrs. Verrier and lady friends for their splendid arrangements for tea, not forgetting the little maid with dustpan and brush.

E.S. R.

TWO DAYS IN HERTS AND ESSEX.

PUTNEY RINGERS' EXCURSION.

St. Mary's, Putney, ringers spent a couple of days on their annual outing. They started at 3.15 a.m. on Saturday, July 24th, travelling in a small coach. The record of the excursion is told in the following story: Bowling through Middlesex, we picked up two 'cads' on the way. 'Hullo, cads,' said we, nice work to be punctual. Without mishap and only one error we reached Broxbourne at 9.30, the first call. A welcome from the Vicar and a local ringer, and a nice peal, call. A welcome from the Vicar and a local ringer, and a nice peal, of about a ton, was soon giving tongue to Stedman and Bob Major. These bells were much appreciated, and some were loth to leave, but the new 'O.S.,' like the 'old 'un,' must push us on to the next tower, soon reached, to wit Hoddesdon, where hang a Warner eight of about 12 cwt. Justice was done here for a while, the young lady in charge finding opportunity to ring her first touches of Grandsur Triples. Speaking of 'firsts,' Mrs. Twickenham here enjoyed her first pull (on the stairs). There being now time in hand before lunch, Mr. E., well known at Heston, took us on a mystery tour, objective Hunsdon, but

the stairs). There being now time in hand before lunch, Mr. E., well known at Heston, took us on a mystery tour, objective Hunsdon, but there was 'nothing doing.' We'd passed the Vicarage two miles back, so a 'place' was found where the unwise 'chaps' cleared Mr. and Mrs. Boniface out of all eatables. Some others had brought 'Pie.' Braughing was the next stop, a bit late on account of the mystery tour, and here was found a good eight of very old style, about 19½ cwt. and going well. Passing through Little Hadham, we soon reached Bishop's Stortford, where we were met by the Vicar with a hearty welcome. The writer noticed a great change here since his last visit (breathe it not!) 37 years ago. There is a very nice ring of ten, about

 $16\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., which some years ago were reconditioned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and on which Stedman and Grandsire Caters were accomplished off our own bat.

Twas now nearing late afternoon, so Felstead was aimed at. Here another Warner peal in a church dating from 1140 A.D. was much appreciated, as was the tea which followed nearby. Witham was the next objective, and here we were met by several of the local band, and with their help were able to 'knock off' a couple of courses of Double Norwich in clinking style; also some novel Bob Minor on handbells at the instigation of the late O.S.

Hendquarters at Chelmsford was reached in good time for a look round, and then supper and bed. The usual 'late bird' arrived about midnight, and was duly consoled with supper and bottle complete.

midnight, and was duly consoled with supper and notice complete. After breakfast next morning, we made our way to Great Baddow, where there was a welcome by the Vicar and Dr. Speucer Phillips. Splendid service ringing was done on a fine peal of eight, including Double Norwich with local help. The O.S. gave leave of absence till teatime (bar dinner), and we felt we were free men once again. After tea we were 'on the dot' at Writtle for service ringing. We were met and welcomed, found good bells and satisfaction. Later goodtea we were 'on the dot' at Writtle for service ringing. We were met and welcomed, found good bells and satisfaction. Later good-byes were said, and we were definitely on the homeward trek. Bur, 'ah! we stop at Loughton to ring out,' says Mr. O.S., and so we did right merrily, being welcomed by the Vicar and a local lady and gentleman ringer. Shadows were falling on Epping Forest as we left, and reached Putney safely at about 10.30 p.m., having dropped the cads ' en route.

We should like to thank all who met and welcomed us and the clergy who kindly gave permission to ring, also Mr. Elson, who so well organised the trip. During the tour conducting was shared by Messrs. Ellingham, Elson, Malins, Cassell, Wicks and J. H.

A JAUNT IN BUCKS AND HERTS.

TOO MANY 'DICTATORS.'

The Heston, Middlesex, ringers had their second outing this year on August 7th, when they had a short Saturday afternoon jaunt by motor-coach.

The first call was at Stoke Mandeville (Bucks) and 6ft. ringers had blistered hands in ringing the second on account of a very low sally. However, four methods were rung, including Oxford Bob Triples with out the diagram.

A move was then made to the Woolpack, where an 'al fresco' tea was enjoyed and group photographs taken,

Out of Bucks into Herts, the ringers arrived at Northchurch, where there is a recent Taylor augmentation to eight. Four methods were rung, a pleasing feature being a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Then on to Hemel Hempstead, where the party was met by the veteran Mr. Golding and heavier bells found. Oxford Treble Bob also went very well here as the last touch.

The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob, but some of the touches of Stedman were failures, owing to the bob-caller not being a conductor in the strict sense, and when 'dictators' disagree trouble ensues. Perhaps it was due to the excessive heat of the afternoon?

The president of the Tower Grabbers Union was an honoured (and noisy) guest, and he was able to announce to all and sundry that Hemel Hempstead was his 600th tower: Ho drank to his own health in 'grape fruit.' Arrangements for the afternoon and evening were in the capable hands of Mr. E. R. Gladman.

A SUSSEX EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 17th, the Twineham (Sussex) company with their wives and friends had their annual outing. Travelling by motor-coach in lovely weather, the party went through Burgess Hill, Ditchling and in lovely weather, the party went through Burgess Bill, Ditching and Lewes to Alfriston, where an hour was enjoyed ringing on the bells of St. Andrew's Church. After tea at the Tudor they went on to Pevensey, where more ringing was done on the bells of the Parish Church. A long drive home ended a most enjoyable and ideal half-day's outing to the strains of 'Old Father Bowles' bus keeps rolling rolling on.' Warmest thanks are tendered to the respective Vicars for the use of their bells and to the ringers concerned for having eventhing in readiness. everything in readiness.

CYCLING TRIP TO SUFFOLK.

As a result of an overnight cycling expedition to Suffolk from Woodford, Essex, two quarter-peals were rung. The first at St. Mary's. Woodbridge, for 10 a.m. service on Sunday, August 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. Weaver I. A. S. Woodard 2, F. G. Woodruffe 5, William A. Woode 4, F. W. Corney 5, F. L. Fisher (conductor) 6, C. J. Trotman 7, R. Malster 8. For evensong at St. Margaret's, Leiston, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): B. Weaver 1, Mrs. J. E. Bailey 2, E. S. Bailey 3, C. Whiting 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, F. W. Corney 6, J. M. Bailey 7, J. E. Bailey (conductor) 8. Messrs. Weaver and Corney wish to thank the ringers in both towers for naking this a memorable Sunday for them. The former returned home the same night. making this a memorable Sunday for them. home the same night.

FOR BEGINNERS.

OBSERVING COURSING ORDER.

Every young ringer is a potential conductor, but not all reach the stage of competency in this direction, nor even try to do so. Many ringers are content to go on just 'ringing' and leaving 'calling' to others. Whether or not they desire to assume responsibilities as conductors, however, we think every ringer should know something about conducting, even if only because it helps to give him a closer insight into method ringing.

To slick to one's own job and mind one's business is as meritorious in ringing as in other walks of life, but there are times when some knowledge and a little interest in the other man's job comes in very useful. It helps a ringer to keep himself right when trouble occurs

and may help him to help others.

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The man who knows how to conduct a touch or peal must of necessity know more about the method than the man who just does his ringing by rule of thumb. For instance, the man who only knows where to dodge in Bob Minor by the place he passes the troble or by recollecting where he dodged last time is not as safe a ringer as the man who, in addition, knows the coursing order of the bells and how a bob is going to affect them, but these are things which every conductor studies if he is worthy of the name.

Even if a young ringer has no immediate prospect of becoming the bob caller in his tower, he should lose no opportunity of watching what is happening among the other bells while he is ringing, as soon as he can begin to think of something else besides finding his way through the method. Above all, there is no reason why he should not study these things on paper, at home, for this is the one road to success in the tower.

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Despite dodging and place-making, the bells in these simple methods keep to a fixed cycle until they are disturbed by a bob (or single). Coursing order is, generally speaking, the order in which the bells come to lead, or follow each other out behind. It also keeps them to a regular succession in the 'work' of the method, and if the conductor knows the coursing order, he not only can tell the bells when to lead, or the order in which they should come away from behind, but by the position of one or more he can tell a ringer who has gone askivay exactly what piece of work he has to do next, and thus set him fairly quickly on his feet again—unless the delinquent happens to be one of those unfortunate ringers who, when they get out, have not the capacity to get right again without infinite trouble.

A knowledge of coursing order is, therefore, a first essential for those who wish to study anything more than the merest elementary phase of ringing. Indeed, the power to observe and memorise the order in which bells are coursing is the greatest aid to hunting. If you know the coursing order, there is no need to look about to find the next bell to strike over, with the possibility of missing it altegether; the ringer knows exactly which bell to look for.

Suppose it is Plain Bob we are ringing. Let us look at the coursing order first from the troble, when all the working bells come up without interruption. As you hunt out you have them in the order 2.4.6.5.3, and you take them back in precisely the same order. Then, when you lead, the last bell the treble struck over makes 2nd's place and takes the treble from lead. In hunting out and back next time, therefore, you put the last first and keep the others in the same order 3.2.4.6.5. In the next lead this order becomes 5.3.2.4.6 and so on until the end of the course o

note the order in which the bells come up behind and come to lead.

Then write out three leads in which hobs are made and observe in these how the coursing order is changed. It will enable you to grasp it much more clearly when you go into the beifry.

FIRST LADY TO RING 300 PEALS.

MRS. G. W. FLETCHER'S RECORD.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher is the first lady to reach a total of 300 peals, and her performances, from their great variety as well as their high standard, form an extremely interesting record. No fewer than 77 of the peals were on handbells and she conducted 110.

The following is the list:-

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ı	Grandsire' Cinques			2	
ı	Cambridge Surprise Royal		8		2
ı	Forward Royal		1		
	Double Norwich Court Bob Royal		2		
ı	Spliced Yorkshire, Pudsey and Cambridge S. Ro	val	1		
ı	Kent Treble Bob Royal			2	
ı	Bob Royal			6	
ı	Little Bob Royal			1	
ı	Spliced Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters			1	
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	Kent Treble Bob Major		1	3	-
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ı	Canterbury Pleasure Major			1	
ľ	Little Bob Major			2	
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* 1 peal of Stedman and 3 Grandsire on handbells.

WEDDING BELLS.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. E. Whittaker and Miss B. James, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes) in eleven methods was rung at Evershot, Dorset, on Thursday, August 5th. The methods were one extent each of Place Bob. Chase, New Doubles, St. Dunstan's, St. Bartholomew, Reading, St. Simon's, Stedman Slow Course, Reverse Cauterbury and Plain Bob and 60 changes of Grandsire: Mrs. H. D. W. Bishop 1, H. Smith 2, H. D. W. Bishop (conductor) 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, A. G. Chubb 5, W. Ruttley 6. This was also a compliment to W. Ruttley on his 65th birthday.

For the wedding of the Rev. J. K. Mitchelson, Vicar of Strensul, Yorkshire, and Miss R. A. Foster, of Pontlands, Great Baddow, Essex, on July 1st, at Great Baddow, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by G. Green 1, H. Devenish 2, E. Clark 3, S. Everett 4, H. Carter 5, C. Pennack 6, H. Pennack 7, P. Green (conductor) 8. The wedding ceremony was conducted by the Archbishop of York, assisted by the Rev. R. H. Holmes, Vicar of Great Baddow. Later, as the bride and bridegroom left the parish, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by G. Green.

At St. Mary's, Chatham, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Belsey 1, D. T. Hills 2, F. Southgate 3, H. Springate 4, C. Belsey 5, W. Walker (conductor) 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8.

TWIN BROTHERS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY.

At the Parish Church, Swaffham, Norfelk, on Sunday, June 27th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Boh Major (1,264 changes) was rung as a birthday compliment to the twin brothers A. and W. Houghton: S. Flint 1, W. Buckenham 2, A. Houghton 3, W. Houghton 4, J. Buckenham 5, H. Tuttle 6, E. Barker 7, L. Houghton (con-

Rung by brothers

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

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A BANK HOLIDAY MEETING.

Bank Holiday meetings of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association had not been held for some years until the practice was revived last week at Sunderland, when it seemed to be the unanimous opinion of those present that this should be an annual function.

The meeting place was St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, where several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent and Double Norwich Major were rung. Unfortunately, the ringers were only 15 in number, so were unable to make up a band for Holy Trimity Church.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Marshall) and also the president of the association (Councillor Arthur Payne, of Gateshead) joined the gathering at tea at St. Ignatius' Institute. The Rectors of St. Michael's and Holy Trinity and the Vicar of St. Ignatius' Church were thanked for the use of their bells, and thanks were accorded also to the ladies who had provided the tea.

An invitation had been received from the Rector of South Church,

An invitation had been received from the Rector of South Church, Bishop Auckland, to hold a meeting there, on the occasion of the unveiling of a Coronation peal board, and it was decided to accept this offer, the arrangements being left in the hands of the secretary. Further ringing on the bells of St. Ignatius' brought a very pleasant

and helpful meeting to a close.

RINGING TOUR IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

PEAL ATTEMPTS AT 16 TOWERS.

A peal ringing tour in Libcolnshire, organised by Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, begins to-day. An ambitious programme has been planned, which covers 16 attempts in all, with two 12, three 10 and eleven eight bell towers at the visitors' disposal. The party is made up of well-known ringers, and their headquarters will be at Spalding, where the first peal attempt is to be made this evening. The other towers in the tour are: towers in the tour are :-

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Saturday: Ewerby (10) and Heckington (8).
Sunday: Pinchbeck (8).
Monday: Wisbech (10) and Long Sutton (8).
Tuesday: Holbeach (8) and Fulney (8).
Wednesday: Walesby (8) and Lincoln (12).
Thursday: Swineshead (8) and Boston (10).
Friday: Caythorpe (8) and Edenham (8).
Saturday: Sutterton (8) and Surfleet (12).

JOINT MEETING IN SURREY.

In spite of the stormy-looking clouds, the weather behaved itself and kept fine for the annual joint meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the North-Western Branch of the Surrey Association at Ranmore Common on Saturday, July 24th. The threatening skies, however, had an effect on the attendance. Among the first arrivals were those who had been touring the wilds of Deron and the holls were kent going uptil 5 clock. attendance. Allong the first arrivals were those who had been touring the wilds of Devou, and the bells were kept going until 5 o'clock, when the ringers' short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. R. Crichton). After welcoming the ringers to Ranmore once again, he gave a short applicable address on 'Humble ye yourselves to serve

one another.'

In spite of only 27 sitting down to tea when nearly 40 were expected, there was not much left on the tables when everyone had

finished.

As usual there was no real business to transact, but it was fitting that those present should observe a few moments' silence on the death of Col. T. F. Parkinson, of Banstead, a member of both societies and of the College Youths. He was donor of the bells at Holy Trinity, of Col. T. F. Parkinson, of Bansteau, a member of both solutions of the College Youths. He was donor of the bells at Holy Trinity, Wandsworth, and was also responsible for several improvements at Banstead since his association with that tower.

Mr. F. G. Woodiss (Surrey district secretary) mentioned that the next meeting was at Egham and Staines on August 28th, and, as it was a joint meeting of four associations, he hoped to see his district

represented there.

well represented there.

After a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to the Rector, the organist and Mr. Dobinson for their part in making the meeting possible, and to Mr. A. H. Smith (Leatherhead district secretary) for making the necessary arrangements, the hells were once again made full use of under the mastership of Mr. Dan Cooper in a variety of methods until they were finally lowered in peal at 9 o'clock.

FIRST QUARTER PEALS

HILLINGDON.—On June 24th, at St. John the Baptist's, Hillingdon, for the patronal festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Miss G. Thetford 1, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, E. Hartley 3, A. R. G. Twinn 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, J. J. Pratt 6, F. G. Boldwin 7, R. W. Darvill 8, F. Corke 9, C. A. Over 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by Miss Thetford (iver) and Eric Hartley (Willesdon) (Willesden).

A 'FIRST' IN SHROPSHIRE,

The first quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by a resident Shropshire band was rung at Wellington on June 24th: G. L. Hewitt 1. T. Price 2, R. W. Chesters 3, F. Price 4, W. J. Chester 5, A. M. Hickman 6. A. Pritchard (conductor) 7, W. Weatherby 8. First quarter-peal of Cambridge Minor on the bells and by ringers of 1 and 7.

MR. J. M. BAILEY'S INTERESTING RECORD.

OVER EIGHTY PEALS RUNG BY BROTHERS.

When Mr. J. M. Bailey, of Leiston, rang his 400th peal in celebration of his son's wedding, he completed a list which is in many ways remarkable, not least from the fact that so many of his performances were rung entirely by he and his brothers.

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Kent Treble Bob Royal	2	8	6 in hand	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	3	3 in hand	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	12	5	4 in hand	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal		3	3 in hand	
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All the handbell peals and 218 of the tower-bell peals were rung at Leiston, Suffolk, and only one, the 400th, away from East Anglia. Included in the peals of London and Bristol were the first in the method by all, in both cases rung at St. Margaret's, Leiston, Suffolk. Mr. Bailey rang 50 consecutive Surprise peals on Leiston bells and has 'circled' the tower in each of the 'standard' Surprise methods the took part in the first of each of the following Surprise Major methods: Suffolk, Dublin, Rochester, Camden, Essex, Waveney and Ediphurgh. Edinburgh,

5.088 CAMBRIDGE MAJOR.

23456 Rung at Coleman's Hatch on July 28th, 1937, conducted by the composer, and believed to be the first with the 6th six courses at home.

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NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Repton on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Ringers and friends welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Coddenham on Aug. 14th. Ringing on tower bells (8) afternoon and evening. Tea in Rectory garden, 4.30, at 9d. each.—Harold G. Herbert, Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sud-

bury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON-DON DIOCESAN GUILD .- North and East District .-A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Willesden, on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, in the Church Hall at 5.30 p.m., 15. each. All ringers welcomed. Special method: Edmonton Bob Major. — C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. Larks-

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch will hold summer meeting at Bradfield on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, and tea at 5 (9d.). Ringing during the evening. Please notify T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 128, Halls Road, Tile-

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.-The next meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Ossett bells (10) are also available, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. A hearty welcome to all.—Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.-A meeting will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, Aug. 14th. The fine heavy peal of 8 (tenor 26 cwt.) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to come please notify Mr. R. H. Vigor, Sherburn-in-Elmet?—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade

District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends will be welcome. Please come and let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD .-The next meeting will be held at Buxted (St. Margaret's, in Buxted Park) on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea, free, 5 p.m. Everybody welcome, but please notify for tea, if possible.—B. Saunders, 18, New

Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION .-Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Latton and Cricklade on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Both five bell towers. Latton available 3.30 to 5 p.m. Cricklade 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at Cricklade about 5.15. Please advise if possible. On railway and Bristol bus route.-W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, St. Mary-le-Bow on the 31st. *Business meeting afterwards.-Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- A combined practice is arranged at North Minims on Thursday, August 19th, at 7.30 p.m.-W. Nash and H. V. Frost.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION .- Bristol City Branch .- A joint meeting of this Branch, in conjunction with the Chew Deanery, Bath & Wells will be held at Clevedon Parish Church, Somerset, on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who advise Mr. H. W. Knight, Woolmers, Cleve, Somerset, or myself not later than Tuesday, August 17th.—W. H. Thomas, 45 Clyde Road, Bristol, 6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hilton on Saturday, August 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Kindly notify for tea by 17th instant. A hearty welcome given to this delightful countryside adjoining Milton Abbey. - C. H. Jennings, 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Grittleton on Saturday, August 21st. Belis from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea after. By kind permission of Sir Audley D. Neeld, the gardens will be open to the ringers. Visitors welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38 Downing Street, Chippen. ham, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— -Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at STREET on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4, tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. RICKARDS, 3, GREAT STANHOPE STREET, BATH.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION ... A meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, August 18th? All visitors welcome -Andrew Thompson, 37. Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.— A meeting will be held at Stanground on Saturday, August 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.-H.

J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. - A monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 21st, at Arley. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/- Midland Red buses run direct from Coventry and Nuneaton. - Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Secretary, Exhall, Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- A joint meeting of the Preston and Fylde Branches will be held at Preston Parish Church on Aug. 21st. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m.—A. Blogg and C. Sharples, Branch Secs.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milford on Sea on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 on the Vicarage lawn.—G, Preston, 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

—A ringing meeting will be held at South Normanton on Saturday, August 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please notify me how many require tea by Thursday, August 19th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan and

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Soar on August 21st, Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. Dakin, Kingston-on-Soar, nr. Derby, for tea by August 18th latest.—H. C. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Elmore on Saturday, August 21st (usual procedure). Bus from Commercial Road 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than August 17th?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Westerleigh on Sat., August 21st. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow, members being the guests of the Vicar. Please advise for tea R. C. Gifford, Frampton Cotterell, nr. Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Mossley, Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Rev. J. F. Southworth, B.D., will officiate and extends a hearty welcome to the Bolton branch. — J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.

The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, April St., Blackburn.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Quex Park on Saturday,
August 28th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. A picnic tea has been arranged, and will be provided free to members who send in their names to Mr. Harrison Smith,
The Green, Wickhambreaux, near Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, August 25th. Permission has been obtained whereby members will be shown over the Museum, at 4.30 Please note, only one entrance to the tower, by the farm gate, and thence by the tradesmen's road.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held Great Waltham on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting after. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, August 25th, certain?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The Branch Outing will be held on Saturday. August 28th. Start from Kettering at 1.45 p.m. prompt, arriving at Liecester for tea. Please notify me by Saturday, August 21st, at latest. Members of other branches welcome.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

A JOINT MEETING of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey Dist.), the Middlesex County Association (S. & W. District), the Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Brauch) and the Surrey Association (N.W. District) will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 28th. Service at 4-45, preacher, Rev. A. C. Tranter, Vicar of Egham. Tea at 5.15 in Church Hall, price 9d. each. Names for tea to district secretaries or Mr. G. Walmsley, 13, Commercial Road, Staines, not later than Tuesday, August 24th. Ringing arrangements: St. Peter's, Staines, 3.30 to 4.45, 6.30 to 7.30; St. Mary's, Staines, 7.30 to 9; Egham, 3 to 4.15, 7 to 8.30; Wray-bury, 3 to 4.15. All ringers and friends welcome. District Hon. Secs.:— F. E. Hawthorne (Guildford Guild), A. D. Barker (Oxford Guild), F. G. Woodiss (Surrey Association), and F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Ivar Heath, Bucks (Middlesex Association).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Buxted bells not being available, the next meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Ringmer on Saturday. Sept. 18th. Tower open 3 p m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., price 1/-.—S. E. Armstrong. Div. Hon. Secretary, 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.— The annual dinner will be held in Worcester on Saturday, September 25th. You are assured of an enjoyable evening. Full details later. Tickets are now available and may be obtained from branch officers, dinner committee, or :—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A souvenir invitation to the 300th dinner on November 6th has been prepared. Copies of this will be sent in due course, together with an admission ticket, to members who apply with remittances (10s. for members, 12s. 6d. for non-members) to any of the following:—Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, L. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young. Members are reminded that seating accommodation at the Cannon Street Hotel is limited to 400.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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